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SLV Today

Fire ban lifted

ALAMOSA- With recent, heavy rains, Alamosa County Sheriff Robert Jackson has lifted the Stage One fire ban for the county.

Rio Grande National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management are expected to lessen or lift fire bans on federal lands later this week.

Community Convening

ALAMOSA — SLV Health invites interested parties to participate in a community convening on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. This meeting provides an opportunity to review the health priorities established during SLVH's 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment. Please call 719-589-1209 or email donna.wehe@slvrmc.org before August 7th for a link to the virtual meeting.

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Update on Ski Hi Renovation

MONTEVISTA—"The San Luis Valley Ski Hi Regional Event and Conference Center is moving forward," said co-chairs Karla Shriver and Kathy Woods. "This is an exciting time, yet scary at the same time. There is no going back at this point as the building is down."

The Friends of Ski Hi committee have been working with Spencer Architecture Studio and Alcon Construction on the project design. Alcon and Spencers' put together the team of Burggraaf Associates, Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing Engineers, Summit Engineering, Civil & Structural Engineers, and Sowden Associates, Acoustical & Sound and Video Engineers to also consult on the endeavor.

The metal building has been ordered, and will require multiple deliveries to get all of the material to the site. The first section of the building is tentatively scheduled for delivery at the end of September with the final delivery scheduled in the first part of November.

The plan is to have the Event portion of the complex finished and

completed by the end of February, in time for the Southern Colorado Agriculture Conference and the Crane Festival. The conference center structure will be up, but it is not anticipated to be finished until June 2021.

"The former Ski Hi Multi-Purpose building and the old swimming pool have given us all very fond memories to cherish," said Woods, "but it is time to move forward and create new memories in the new building." Shriver stated, "I totally agree as I have some great memories in both areas. The swimming pool area had not been used since 2005, and the multi-purpose building was starting to really show its age. The new building will be wonderful for the whole San Luis Valley."

Courtesy photos

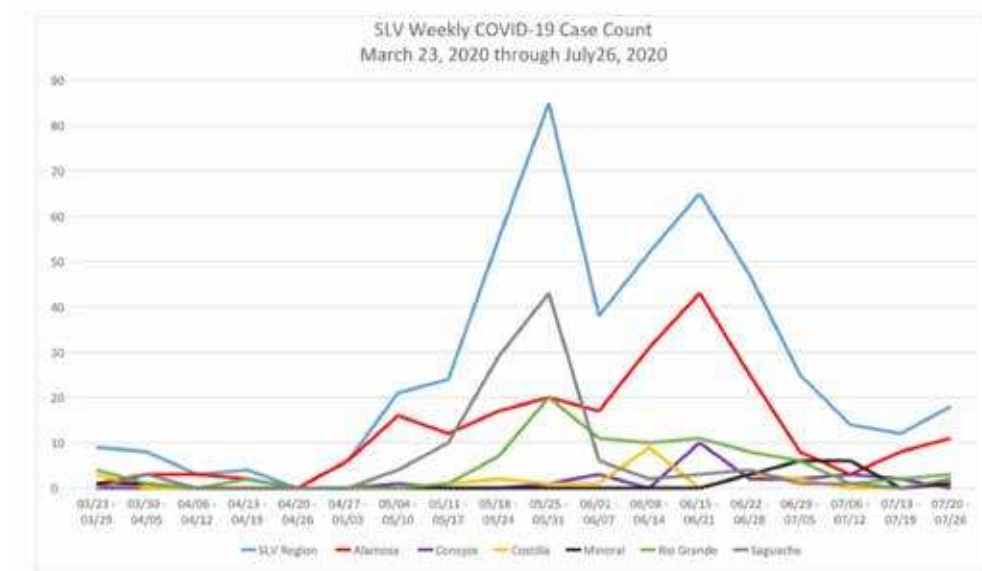
The designs are by Spencer Architecture Studio in Alamosa. These are visuals rendered by Andreea Bachman, Associate, & Intern Architect with the Spencer Studio, and there could still be some changes made to the final product.



Public Health's transition in reporting methods

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Public Health is making a change in how COVID-19 numbers are being reported through SLV Emergency to align with the state reporting system this week. This will enhance our ability to account for SLV community testing results, regardless of where test samples are taken. It also allows more time for internal corrections, so when the numbers are reported, they are more accurate. Yesterday's update contained

some data errors that we intend to avoid in the future by making this change. Local Public Health Agencies will continue to monitor local developments internally to ensure accuracy and guide local public health follow up and response. Day-to-day changes as well as county-by-county data can be viewed at the State website here: https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-data. Note that since there is a lag time, it will take a few days for the numbers on



the State website to catch up with numbers we have reported recently.

Currently, the SLV has 26 active cases. See the chart below for an updated visual representation of positive test results over the course of COVID response in the SLV.

For testing of symptomatic individuals only, call: Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990

SLV Health Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext. 9

For symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals who have had contact with a confirmed COVID-19

positive individual, call Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9 (M-F), 719-589-2562 (Sa/Su)

For general (non-medical) SLV COVID-19 related questions: slvpr@alamosacounty.org, 719-480-8719

BLM rolls back fire restrictions in five San Luis Valley counties

MONTE VISTA- In response to recent and forecasted precipitation across the region, the Bureau of Land Management's San Luis Valley Field Office is lifting fire restrictions on BLM-managed lands in five counties in southern Colorado. Fire restrictions will be lifted on BLM lands in Alamosa, Rio Grande, Conejos, Costilla, and Saguache counties effective 6 a.m. on July 29, 2020.

The rescinded Stage 1 restrictions were enacted on BLM lands in the San Luis Valley on May 12 after a prolonged period of drier and warmer weather. While fire danger is lower with the recent and anticipated change in weather,



fire officials still urge the public to be cautious with fire on BLM-managed lands.

"Lower fire danger doesn't mean no fire danger," said San Luis Valley Field Office Manager Melissa Garcia. "Conditions can vary by day and by

location, so we urge the public to be careful with fire and use common sense when having fires on public land."

Fire officials remind visitors to practice fire safety:

- Keep campfires small and under control.
• Ensure that campfires are dead out. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.
• Keep a shovel and water nearby to douse escaped embers.
• Do not park or idle vehicles in tall dry grass. The heat from the vehicle's exhaust can spark a wildfire.
• Do not allow chains to drag from vehicles or towed trailers.
• Fireworks are never allowed

on federally managed lands.

For more information about fire restrictions in the San Luis Valley Field Office, please visit the Rocky Mountain District Fire Restrictions page (go.usa.gov/xvhGj) or call the San Luis Valley Field Office at (719) 852-7074.

The Rio Grande National Forest is also lifting fire restrictions on US Forest Service lands. Additional information on US Forest Service fire restrictions can be found at the Rio Grande National Forest website (https://www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande) or by calling the Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor's office at (719) 852-5941.

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BIRTHS

Charley Diane Turner

ALAMOSA — Charley Diane Turner was born on July 10, 2020 at San Luis Valley Health in Alamosa to Joni and James Turner of Alamosa. Charley weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 19 inches and one quarter inch at birth. She has three sisters; Emma Jaimey and Payton Turner. Maternal grandparents are Janet and John McColm of Alamosa. Paternal grandparents are Charlie Turner and Sandra Martin of Montana and Arizona respectively. Great-grandparents are Rosalie Brewer of Alamosa and Alzera Gunter of Blanca.

OBITUARIES

Lana Adelle Carbutt

ALAMOSA — Lana Adelle Carbutt, 37, passed away on July 24, 2020.

She was born on September 3, 1982, in Alamosa, Colorado to Clarence Edward and Lana Kay (Morgan) Holland.

Adelle was quite an athlete in her younger years. She was diagnosed with Diabetes in her youth and she never let that slow her down.

She always had a great sense of humor and a quick wit. She heroically fought diabetes and all of the dialysis for over 20 years, never losing her zest for life. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Alamosa.

She is survived by her Children; Jaelynn, Jesse and Gabe Carbutt, her



mother Lana Holland of Alamosa, her brothers, Eric (Marcie) Holland of Pueblo, Kent (Lita) Holland of Amarillo, Texas and Paul (Gretchen) Holland of Fort Collins, her aunts and uncles, Mariam and Ric Reynolds, Marilyn and Rick Hillery and Jolene and Jay Reynolds as well as fourteen nieces

and nephews and numerous other beloved family members.

Adelle was preceded in death by her father, her brother Allen Holland, sisters Tracie Holland and Jan Holland as well as her dear maternal grandparents Quinn and Pauline Morgan and her paternal grandparents Clarence and Mavis Holland.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2020, at 11:00 am at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa.

A graveside service will follow around 12:00 pm at the Alamosa Cemetery. To express condolences, please visit www.rogers-funerals.com

Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

Marcella A. Dominguez

ALAMOSA — Marcella A. Dominguez, went to her eternal rest on July 28, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center with her loving family by her side. Marcella was welcomed into the world on March 12, 1952, in Taos, New Mexico, the daughter of Jose P. Sandoval and Emelina Lelia Vigil Sandoval. Marcella loved to keep herself very active in many different jobs, hobbies and lines of work. She was an exceptional and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother sister, aunt, cousin and friend who loved to go fishing, listening to music, cook-



ing, baking and going to casinos. She was a compassionate and caring person who will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her loving husband Adolfo Dominguez of Alamosa,

CO; sons Ben (Sally) Lucero, Danny Lucero, Salvador Lucero all of Alamosa, CO; 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, numerous great-great-grandchildren, sisters Mary (Salomon) Silva, Diane Maestas (Raymond Flores) both of Alamosa, CO; sister-in-law Darlene Sandoval of Las Lunas, NM; brothers Samuel (Darlene) Sandoval, Max (Mary) Sandoval both of Alamosa, CO. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Marcella was preceded in death by her parents Jose and Emelina Sandoval, brothers Leroy Sandoval, Gilbert Sandoval and

Albert Cordova

DEL NORTE — Albert Cordova passed away on July 16, 2020. He went to meet his Heavenly Father surrounded by his loving family.

Albert was born on May 3, 1942 in La Garita, CO. Born to John Cordova and Josephine (Pacheco) Cordova.

Albert was a very passionate worker, he spent many years working in the mining industry in Summitville and Nevada and he knew the value of hard work. He never gave less than his full effort for anything he was doing. He was a very devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and uncle. He was very proud of all his children. He loved fishing, camping, hunting, his macaroni twisters, spaghetti benders, cake and ice cream. When asked what kind of ice cream he wanted, he would say strawberry,



lemon and lilac. Albert had a great sense of humor and had nicknames for everyone.

He is survived by his children, Rose Marie (Ron) Vanderpool, Monte Vista, CO, Joey (Danita) Sanchez, Colorado Springs, CO, Dolores (Paul) Atencio, Del Norte, CO, Racael (Wally) Gonzales, Monte Vista, CO, son-in-law Michael Hales of Ogden, Utah, 17 grandchildren, and 30 great grandchildren, sisters, Corrine Gallegos and Nadine Cordova as well

as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Josephine Cordova, wife Gertrude Cordova, Daughters Anita Duran and Joanne Hales, siblings, Margaret Woody, Christine Sanchez, Dolores Martinez, Sally Martinez and Stevie Cordova.

Cremation was chosen and a Rosary service will be held Friday July 31, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday August 1, 2020 also at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista. Contributions are suggested to The Rio Grande Hospital and may be made in care of the funeral home office. To express condolences, please visit www.rogers-funerals.com

Rogers Family mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Epi Jaramillo Sr.

FORT GARLAND — Epi Jaramillo Sr., 92, passed away July 28, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

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In the event the newspaper errors in publishing an obit, corrections will be made and the obit will be rerun. If the errors are on the part of the submitting party, an additional fee will be assessed.

Census Bureau to email households to encourage Coloradans to respond to the 2020 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau will begin emailing households in low-responding areas to encourage them to respond to the 2020 Census.

Millions of emails will be sent this week and continue into September. The emails supplement a campaign reminding people to respond to the 2020 Census on their own, as census takers begin following up with Colorado households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census.

Email Alerts

The messages alert households in low-response areas that time is running out and their response to the 2020 Census is important for their communities. The email messages will invite Coloradans to respond online at 2020census.gov. Coloradans who receive the email and haven't already responded should click on the link provided (in the email) and complete the census online. It's easy, safe and important.

The emails will go to households that the Census Bureau has contact information for in census block groups with a response rate lower than 50%. This will include households that may have already responded. In total, the Census Bureau expects to email more than 20 million households, nationwide, in these low-responding areas.

The email messages will come from 2020census@subscriptions.census.gov

and will give recipients the option to opt out of receiving future messages. The Census Bureau is also considering sending text messages to areas that have low response.

The Census Bureau's recent success with contacting households by email to participate in the Household Pulse Survey prompted the agency to add these methods to support the 2020 Census. This contact method will help increase response rates and reduce the need for in-person follow-up.

Additional Outreach Efforts

In addition to emailing households, the Census Bureau is increasing other outreach efforts during one last push to encourage everyone to respond to the census online, by phone or by mail. The Census Bureau is currently reviewing the use of text messages.

The Census Bureau recently announced that it has launched Mobile Questionnaire Assistance, a program that offers assistance with responding at locations such as grocery stores and pharmacies in low-responding areas.

Additionally, the Census Bureau has expanded its paid advertising—launching a series of new advertisements aimed at increasing online response and expanding to a total of 45 non-English languages receiving some level of paid media support.

Households have until

October 31 to respond to the 2020 Census. However, census takers have begun following up with households that haven't responded yet in select areas and will begin following up with households nationwide in August.

Why the 2020 Census is Important

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The 2020 Census counts everyone who lives in the United States as of April 1, 2020 (Census Day).

Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Census statistics inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years.

About the 2020 Census

The Census Bureau strongly encourages the public to respond online at 2020census.gov.

Households can respond by phone in English or 12 other languages.

Households can also respond by mail using the paper questionnaire mailed to non-responding addresses.

For more information, call 844-330-2020 or visit 2020census.gov.

To see a revised timeline for the census, visit the 2020 Census operational adjustments page.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Military Family Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Alamosa. For more info call Vicki Jones at 852-3123.

ALAMOSA — Sierra Blanca Chapter #43, Order of The Eastern Star, meets on the first and third Mondays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Alamosa Masonic Hall, 512 San Juan Ave. Call Sharon at 589-4320.

ALAMOSA — La Leche League of the San Luis Valley holds its monthly meetings on the fourth Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hospice del Valle, 524 Main St. in Alamosa. Pregnant and nursing women are welcome to attend with their children and babies. Please call 587-3657.

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email amanda@alamosastatebank.com

ALAMOSA — The Optimist Club of Alamosa meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Contact the club at alamosaoptimistclub@gmail.com or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors are welcome.

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-3499 or dean@deanswiftseed.com

SOUTH FORK — Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email mkmiller-mink@aol.com

ALAMOSA — The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. at the Alamosa Public Library, 300 Hunt Ave. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-544-5720, ext. 304.

ALAMOSA — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a non-profit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the College Heights Baptist Church at 2035 Church Avenue in Alamosa. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. with an informative meeting at 6:15. Anyone interested in having weight loss support is welcome to attend a free meeting or call Doris at 589-6396 for more information.

ALAMOSA — Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday at the Alamosa County Sheriff Office, 1315 17th St., at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome. Call Suzi at 719-588-9236.

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Photography Club meets the first Wednesday at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at 379-0001 or slvphotostephen@gmail.com

ALAMOSA — Families Healing Families is a community-based organization that provides support and resources for families affected by the impact of substance abuse. They meet on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center at 92 Rio Grande Ave. (on the north end of Cole Park) in Alamosa.

ALAMOSA — Peace Meditation at the Campus Ministry Office, Adam State University, Alamosa, is held on Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Candace

Knowlan 805-886-6959.

ALAMOSA — American Legion Auxiliary Unit #113, Alamosa, holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday at the American Legion Building at 514 Fourth Street, Alamosa. Call Evelyn Espinola at 719-313-1466 or Alice Robinson at 589-0543.

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth, is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Kriya, Meditation & Lamplighting School. Contact Martin at 575-758-5876 or talentolocal@live.com

ALAMOSA — Youngsters are invited to the Alamosa Public Library Story Room every Friday morning to sing, color, dance, read, enjoy adventures, share with friends and giggle. Babies and toddlers are welcome at 9:30 a.m. and preschoolers at 11 a.m.

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Valley News

Governor Polis Provides Update on State's Response to COVID-19

DENVER — Governor Jared Polis Tuesday provided an update on Colorado's response to COVID-19.

"The key to our success continues to be a strong response at the individual and community level. In order to avoid unnecessary loss of life and more economic pain, we are looking to our local governments to lead during this time," said Governor Jared Polis. "No one wants a major setback and I implore our local health agencies and local governments to use the tools that have been provided to them and take more ownership of the local response. We are all in this together and we're going to have to work together to get through it, and the state will be a strong partner."

The Governor and the state's top public health experts look at four metrics when thinking about next steps:

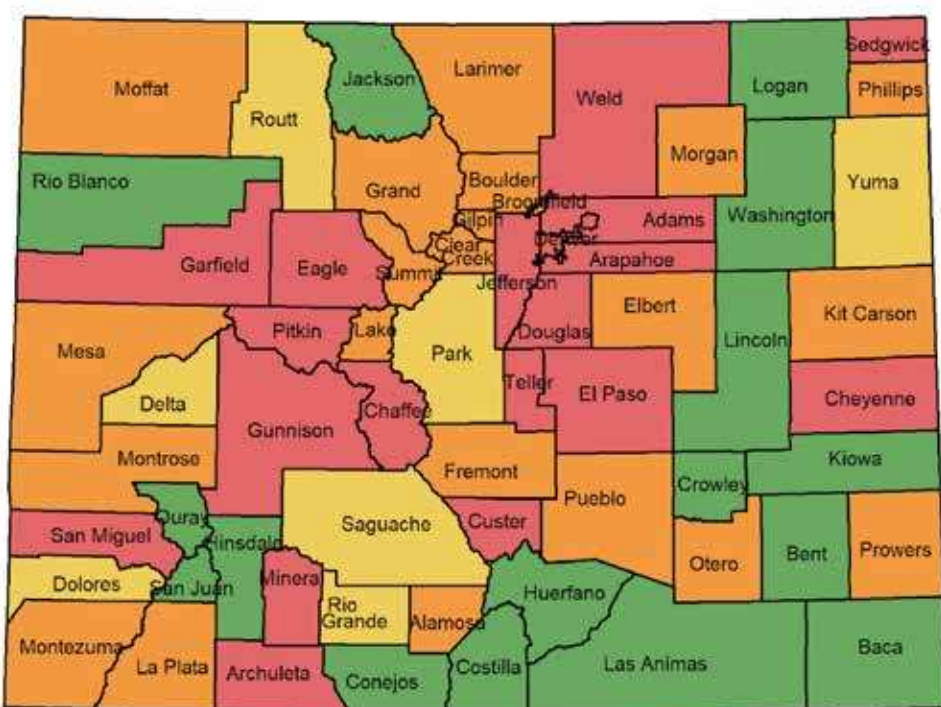
- Predictive Model from the CU School of Public Health
 - Hospital Capacity
 - Growth in Cases
 - Testing Results
- The University of Colorado's predictive model shows that social distancing is needed at a level of at least 55%, preferably 65%, to avoid overwhelming our hospital system. Colorado is seeing hospitalizations tick back up, and as of July 16, 2020, the state's ICU bed capacity is stabilizing at 22-30%. Currently, Colorado's new case average has exceeded 500 each day. Several days last week showed new case counts of more than 600, close to what the state

saw in April. These are all critical factors that are considered when making decisions about what Colorado needs to do to mitigate the spread of this virus.

Governor Polis urged municipalities and local public health agencies to take swift, targeted action to address rising case numbers and avoid drastic action at the statewide level.

Colorado has granted variances to a number of counties, but those with higher case counts will lose their variance if they are unable to reverse these trends within two weeks. To reverse these trends, the Governor encourages counties to follow their mitigation plans. These plans include strategies such as social distancing orders, increased testing and contact tracing, enforcement of social distancing and mask wearing, and increased education. So far, 15 counties have been notified that they have exceeded the threshold, and they have two weeks to reverse their disease trend in order to keep their variance. If they are not able to reverse the trend, the variance may be revoked and the county will have to follow the Safer at Home order.

Gov. Polis also announced that Coloradans with school-enrolled children will begin to receive food benefits through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program, which began last week. More than 360,000 Colorado children are eligible for P-EBT benefits, which will reimburse families for the free and reduced-price meals that students missed while



Two-week incidence per 100,000 (July 12 - July 25)



schools were closed in March, April, and May because of COVID-19.

Governor Polis also extended an Executive Order suspending certain statutes concerning taxpayer filing

requirements for certain taxable property, as well as one that allows food trucks to operate at Colorado's rest areas to support the movement of commercial vehicle activities.

Governor Polis, Forest Service Celebrate U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree from Colorado

DELTA – Governor Jared Polis with USDA Forest Service Acting Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region, Jennifer Eberlien, Director of Communications and Sponsorship, Jodi Massey and Director Cathy Ritter from the Colorado Tourism Office, announced the kick-off of the 2020 Capitol Christmas Tree project. Governor Polis and special guests encouraged Coloradans to "Experience Your Nature", the theme of this year's tree, and get involved with making an ornament for the tree.

"I'm thrilled that one of Colorado's magnificent Engelmann Spruce is heading to Washington D.C. to represent our state at the U.S. Capitol during the holidays this year," said Governor Jared Polis. "Coloradans are proud of our state's natural beauty, forests, and incredible outdoor spaces, and I'm glad the rest of the country will be able to see a small piece of the majesty that Colorado offers. While this is a difficult time for people across our state and across the country, I hope that Colorado's contribution to the national Christmas spirit can help bring us all together."

Every year since 1970, USDA Forest Service has provided the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree. Several smaller, companion trees will also be sent to Washington, D.C., to decorate government buildings and public spaces. Providing

the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, also known as "The People's Tree," is a great honor for the State of Colorado and the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests. It provides an opportunity to highlight the state's breathtaking cultural and natural resources and Colorado's world-class recreational settings and activities. The tree will be displayed on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., with a public tree-lighting ceremony in early December 2020.

"The GMUG is honored and excited to be providing the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree. The GMUG plays an important role in Experiencing Your Nature and we look forward to highlighting all that the GMUG has to offer. We are thrilled about the opportunity to work with and showcase the great state of Colorado" said Acting Regional Forester, Jennifer Eberlien.

"We sincerely hope the gift of this towering tree from Colorado for the Capitol lawn helps inspire deep pride in America the Beautiful and happiness throughout the holidays, while showcasing the splendor of Colorado's Mountains and Mesas region," said Colorado Tourism Director Cathy Ritter.

The U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree initiative is made possible with cash and in-kind contributions from companies large and small as well as volunteers locally and across America, who provide vital support of time and resources.

Sponsors include Kenworth Truck Company, Apex Transportation, Spireon, Inc., Hale Trailer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Truckload Carriers Association, Great West Casualty Company**, LexisNexis VitalChek Network, Inc., Travel Centers of America, Montrose County Event Center and Bass Pro Shops.

The Forest will be working closely with Choose Outdoors for the project along with a host of other partners, sponsors and volunteers who will contribute funding and thousands of hours to help make ornaments and transport the tree from Colorado to Washington, D.C.

"The annual journey is only possible with the help of strong community partnerships throughout Colorado and beyond state lines," said Bruce Ward, President of Choose Outdoors. "We're grateful for the time and resources that are generously provided to celebrate our public lands and help bring hope and joy to the nation."

Communities will be encouraged to share the experience of caring for, decorating and transporting this gift from Colorado to Washington D.C. For more information on how to get involved and follow the excitement visit the Capitol Christmas Tree website at <https://www.uscapitolchristmastree.com>



Colorado Parks and Wildlife leftover license sales begin August 4

Leftover licenses for Colorado's big game seasons will go on sale on-line, by phone and at Colorado Parks and Wildlife offices at 9 a.m., Tuesday (Aug. 4). A list of the licenses remaining will be available on the CPW web site on Monday.

CPW officials explained that there is no advantage for hunters to go to wildlife offices to buy licenses. For convenience and for Covid-19 safety, hunters are asked to go on-line at cpwshop.com or to call 1-800-244-5613.

Those who go to offices in person are requested to wear a face covering,

observe social distancing when standing in line and when talking to CPW customer service staff.

Hunters must come prepared with a driver's license/ID card, proof of hunter education and a list of hunt codes they are interested in. If you are purchasing a license for someone else, please have a clear copy of that person's driver's license and hunter education certificate along with a list of preferred hunt codes.

For more information, contact the Monte Vista wildlife office at 719-587-6900.

Colorado's state primary election is official

DENVER — Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold announced today that the state's bipartisan canvass boards have submitted their official abstract of votes, thereby concluding the 2020 State Primary Election.

"Over 1.6 million Coloradans voted in this year's State Primary election, which set a turnout record even in the midst of a global pandemic," said Secretary Griswold. "Colorado's election model works and Colorado voters are engaged in determining the future of our state. I'd like to recognize and thank ev-

eryone who took part in this year's election, and I'm particularly proud of our Elections Division members' hard work."

Last Wednesday, the Secretary of State's office worked closely with Colorado's County Clerks to complete a risk-limiting audit statewide. After which, each county's bipartisan canvass board certified the election results in each Colorado county. The canvass boards have submitted the final results to the Secretary of State's office and the election is now deemed official.

The official breakdown of voter

turnout is as follows:
 Total voter turnout: 1,601,524
 Mail ballots: 1,590,887
 In-person ballots: 10,637

Democratic: 1,003,508
 Republican: 590,990
 Libertarian: 7,026
 Female: 857,116
 Male: 729,147
 Not Provided: 15,261

For complete 2020 State Primary Election certified results, please visit here.

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Opinion

Rain, weeds, and flowers

Our garden has loved all the rain in the past week – as have I! Of course I'm happy about the flowers, but not about the weeds.

Right now magenta phlox (*Phlox paniculata*), blue delphinium (*Delphinium grandiflorum* 'blue butterfly'), and yellow heliopsis (*Heliopsis helianthoides* 'summer sun') are prolific. All spread by roots and gently re-seed. I haven't planted any in at least 10 years and each year they are lovely in late July and early August.

I've tried growing other colors of phlox, but only the magenta ones are sustainable in our garden. These cobalt blue delphiniums are smaller and bloom later than the giant ones. I love their rich color; there aren't many blue flowers around! Yellow heliopsis only grows to about 2 1/2 feet these days because they are largely shaded by a maturing cottonwood. I don't have to stake them!

I've discussed pink and red yarrow (*Achillea* 'Paprika') earlier this year. Amazingly, this 1 – 1 1/2 ft. tall plant is just now starting to lose color and it has been blooming vigorously since mid-May. I keep a spreadsheet and mark what's in bloom about once a week. A bonus is that this yarrow needs very little care as it forms dense clumps that discourage weeds.

White Shasta daisies (*Chrysanthemum maximum*) and lavender Russian sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*) are blooming nicely, but we don't have as many as we used to have. The clumps of daisies range between 1 and 3 ft. in height. We lost more than half of our plants last winter. They were in beds that were more exposed to the wind and sun and had sandier soil than the survivors. They do prefer rich, moist soil.

Russian sage will spread, especially if there's open ground. Other shrubs have grown up over the years and crowded some of them out. While they can grow to 4-5 ft. tall in very sunny areas, mine are mostly 2-3 ft. high. The only care they need are occasional doses of fertilizer and cutting back in the fall.

You can see photos from our garden of the above plants and learn more about them at AlamosaFlowers.net.

While I prefer talking about flowers, I think it's also important to talk about weeds. They've had an easier time in our garden this year during both drought times and wet times. The most prolific weed I see around Alamosa is kochia (*Kochia scoparia*). It is an annual broadleaf weed that becomes a tumbleweed in the fall. The good news about them is that they are fairly easy to pull, unless you let them get to 6 ft. tall as I see in some areas of town. The bad news is that since they tumble and fly in the air, they are very good at traveling from surrounding areas. As weed-free as I keep my garden, I get a fresh batch of kochia each year.

Four harder weeds to control are lamb's quarters (*Chenopodium album*), field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), goat heads or puncture vine (*Tribulus terrestris*), and spotted or prostrate spurge (*Euphorbia maculata*).

I know some folks like to eat lamb's quarters. I don't care for it. Back when I was young I would spend time camping by myself in the Colorado Mountains and try to just eat wild plants for several days. I never really cared for the taste, but it was good to find them. There are two things I really don't like about them.

One, it has very deep, vigorous roots that are hard to remove. Two, it spreads copiously. It spreads by roots, easily sprouts from seeds, and crowds desirable plants out.

Field bindweed may be as abundant in Alamosa as kochia. However, it is not as obvious as this morning glory vine relative lies on the ground if it doesn't have something to climb. Some folks even enjoy its white/pink flowers. It has deep roots and very thin stems. In our garden, it insinuates itself in full gardens and twines itself around the thicker stems of desirable plants. It's a daily chore to look around and pull them as I see them. Still, I'm often surprised to see one at 3 ft. long winding its way up a lovely flower.

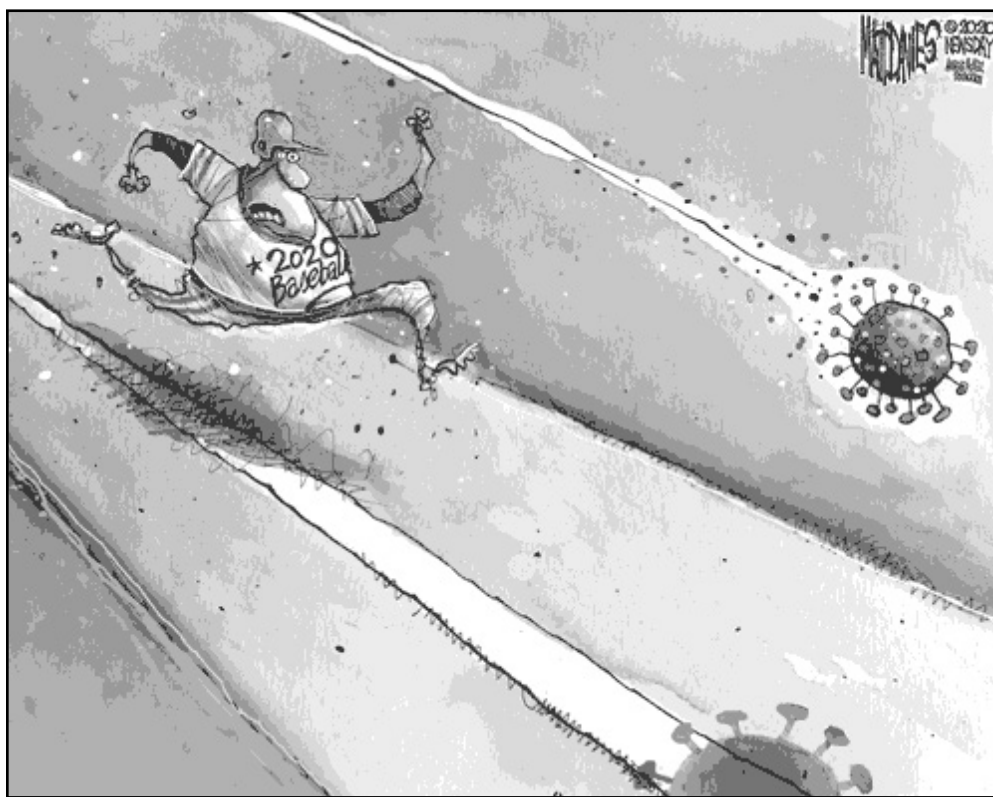
I call goat heads 'ouch plants'. These low plants produce vicious sharp seeds that easily cut into your foot if you step barefoot on one and they stick to the bottom of my shoes as we walk the neighborhood in the winter. They are hard to pull as they grow so close to the ground. We've found a small hula hoe – one with a triangular head with a sharp edge that can get between other plants and cut the weed off at ground level.

"Butterflies are self-propelled flowers." Robert A. Heinlein

Alamosa Landscapes



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Amarah's Corner

This is Jessica's Story (printed in The Valley Courier 2018)

My name is Jessica. This is the Story About My Life, Part-1:

"I am married and have four children. I don't have any relationship with my kids because they were taken from me before I could do any right. I was a bad mother because I did drugs and alcohol.

I was born in Rio Arriba, NM, 3/2/1991, was part of the Pueblo de San Ildefonso Indian Tribe, and lived in Espanola, NM. I was a twin and lost my twin sister, plus my twin brothers.

I was taken by the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) because my mother had to be a prostitute to make money to feed me and gave the rest of the money to my father. CYFD gave me back to my mother twice and took me away both times.

I had 19-brothers and sisters and was put in foster care. I have been emotionally abused all my life and still am by people who don't even know me. I was emotionally, physically, and sexually abused by my father, uncle, and grandpa.

I was thrown out of a car, beaten, locked in closets, and given wine coolers (my mother told me it was KoolAid).

I had heart surgery too, and the doctor left stuff inside me and it got infected.

My Auntie Gina saved me from my parents, raised me with my cousin, and we ran amuck. She always found us at the Red Roof Inn behind the bar in Santa Fe, NM.

My Uncle Robert was a police officer and my name went over his desk many times. He ended up locking-up my mother

and auntie (his sisters), plus his own mother, my grandmama. Then, I was adopted to the Collins Family in Santa Fe, NM.

I was the same age then that my daughter was when she and my son were taken from me. I got them back but got into a bad relationship. I was pregnant with my second son and drank alcohol in my pregnancies with both sons. I also smoked weed, did pills, and smoked cigarettes. My son was born prematurely and weighed less than one pound. He was life-flighted to Children's Hospital in Denver. His small intestine burst and he had to have heart surgery. He was on oxygen with a breathing tube down his throat and was in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) in protective custody. He'll be a special-needs kid because he'll have cerebral palsy because of the bad choices I made when I was pregnant with him.

I started drinking because I was just like anyone else: 'What the Hell, let's see what it does and how it makes me feel!' But I want to stop drinking so I can get a good life started for my family and kids and myself. Yes, I do want to stop drinking!

And, I used drugs. My drug of choice is weed; I've used it since high school. I started using weed because I thought I'd be cool and thought I'd fit in with the people I was chilling with and dated at the time. I do want to stop using drugs!!

Drinking and drugging caused me to lose my kids and I never wanted to

lose my kids. I said I would never end up like my mother and have my kids in foster care. But I messed-up and hate myself for it.

I don't ever want my kids to do drugs because it made my life a living Hell. I said I'd never end up in jail or homeless like my birth-mother, but I did. I'm sorry for ending-up like her but I'm trying to change for the best.

I'm so sorry. I'm not happy with the choices I made but I know my kids are in a better and safer place and with parents who can give them what I couldn't at that point in my life.

To my kids: I'm so sorry for not being able to be a part of your life but I know I'm a better person, and mother because you're in a safer place. Last and not least, my husband and I gave our son to Mel and Dianna in El Paso, TX. We only wanted what was best for our son and his parents said they would tell him what great parents we were to do that for him, and that we love him very much.

I want to tell them I'm sorry for always yelling at them and spanking them and for making my daughter afraid of the boogie man. I'm sorry for not being the best mother and for not staying clean and off drugs, for drinking, and for running the street. I wish you the best life you can have."

Part-2 next week.

Remember, Jesus Loves You and Jesus is Lord!

Amarah's Corner



'Kids Like Me'

LETTERS

Be A Part of History!!

About everyone has attended some type of event at Ski Hi Park in Monte Vista. This is a San Luis Valley regional use complex that has many uses – heritage, educational, social, recreational, and has a huge public safety component. The building has outlived its usefulness and was in need of serious upgrades. As we all know, sometimes it is best to just start new rather than to upgrade and retrofit an old building. That is the conclusion in this case, that because of the cost, it would be better to demolish the old and start new. If you have not heard, the demolition of the swimming pool took place on July 21, and the multi-purpose building was demolished July 23; ironically, on the day Stampede would have started.

We need your help.

The project is being led by a citizen group called Friends for Ski Hi Park. We are trying to raise funds locally and obtain grants to build the new complex. We were on a good path prior to COVID-19 hitting. We had many foundations in line to help us. These foundations still want to help, but because they contributed very large sums of money for humanitarian needs at the on-set of COVID-19, they have reduced the amount they will pledge for capital projects.

Thus far, San Luis Valley locals, and some businesses and individuals with ties to the Valley have donated almost \$800,000 for the project. This is amazing for our local community! However, we need to raise more.



This is not a good time to ask for donations, and we don't want people or businesses to put themselves in a financial bind.

If you have the ability to make a financial contribution, we would greatly appreciate it. Remember what the facility has given to you. It would be great to give back now. We would like to personally contact every individual and business to explain the project, but we don't have the resources or time to do that.

If you would like a more detailed explanation of the project, we would be glad to give you one either by phone or in-person – with proper social distancing protocol.

This is an Enterprise Zone Tax credit project which means for every \$100 contributed, qualified Colorado

taxpayers will receive 25% tax credit back. Please see our website – www.skihipark.org. Please note, there is no donation too small or too large. All are welcome.

We want to give a big "shout out" and "thank you" to all of those who have contributed thus far. We greatly appreciate all you have given.

Please help "Raise the Roof". Yes, we all have wonderful memories of the old swimming pool and multi-purpose building. Let cherish those memories and make new ones in the new facility. This project is about our past, our present, and our future!

With much appreciation,
Friends of Ski Hi Park
Karla Shriver and Kathy Rogers-Woods, Co-Chairs

Mask up

Dear Editor,
We're not out of the woods yet. In fact if we're not careful, we could have a forest fire on our hands.

The Public Health Department advises that the pandemic will not be contained until about 70 percent of the people wear masks and practice social distancing.

I have asked people who are not wear-

ing masks why they are not wearing masks. The responses include

1. I don't want to. (Why don't you want to protect yourself and others?)
2. It's my choice. (You are choosing yourself and others to a deadly disease.)
3. It's my right. (You do not have the right to expose others to a deadly disease.)

I also have been told, "You're crazy!" Not wearing a mask is crazy. It also is irresponsible and dangerous.

Readers, please approach people in public to tell them about reality, including their own endangerment.

Sincerely,
Marianna King, Monte Vista

Lifestyle

Round-UP presents Chancey Williams and the Younger Brothers Band



Courtesy Photo

Chancey Williams and the "Younger Brothers Band" will be in Alamosa for the 2020 Alamosa Round-UP.

ALAMOSA — Round-UP recently decided to move forward with their annual rodeo at the Alamosa Fairgrounds. Chancey Williams and the "Younger Brothers Band" will be performing after the Rodeo at the 2020 Alamosa Round-UP, August 29, 2020.

Chancey's 250 Tour came about after so many concerts were canceled and severely limited due to COVID. Named the "Chancey Williams 250 Tour" because that's the crowd size that most venues are now limited to. When Toby Keith's "Country Comes to Town" tour was postponed earlier this year, Chancey and crew decided to pull up their boots and get to work. They were willing to do

whatever needed to be done to get back out to their fans. "We plan to go to many of the small towns that gave us our start. It's time for some fun. We want to see some smiles out there and I hope everyone comes out to one of these shows." Says Chancey "We want to play," said Williams, "and we believe our friends and fans want to see us back out there. But we also know it has to happen in a responsible way."

From the Bronc Saddle to the stage, Chancey Williams has been developing a rapidly growing fan base. Following in the footsteps of another legendary cowboy singer-songwriter, Chris LeDoux, Williams has competed and performed at some of the largest rodeos

around the country including "The Daddy of them All" in Cheyenne, WY.

People ask him all the time, which was more of a rush? Riding Bucking horses at Cheyenne? Or Performing on the Big Stage? Chancey's response "It's kind of the same, you know. I love riding bucking horses and especially riding at Cheyenne, and it was also one of the coolest moments of my life stepping out on the main stage opening for Merle Haggard."

Last fall, Williams signed with major booking agent WME Nashville, the home of blockbuster country artists such as Garth Brooks, Eric Church and Brad Paisley. And before COVID-19, he and his bandmates were

slated to spend a portion of his summer on the road opening for a certain Mr. Toby Keith on his "Country Comes to Town" tour.

These days former Saddle Bronc Rider Chancey Williams is spending more and more time at his Wyoming Ranch, riding the pastures, checkin cows and writing songs. This June, his new album 3rd Street, debuted at #5 on iTunes Country Albums Chart upon its release. With hit songs like "World needs more Cowboys" and "Tonight

We're Drinkin."

Chancey is a cowboy from a small town. His music is a mix of Luke Bryan, Dierks Bentley and Chris LeDoux. This year's crowds may be limited, but the music will not!! Opening for Chancey Williams is Chris Roberts. Gates Open at 7:00pm, Chris Roberts will play at 8:15pm and Chancey and the Younger Brothers Band will take the stage about 9:00pm (after the rodeo). Only 350 tickets will be sold for this event, 175 per section in compliance

with the current state guidelines. Masks and Social distancing are recommended.

Summer is winding up, and we want to have a little fun, and experience just a little "Normal" before Fall hits. Come join us under the stars next to The Rec Center for a night of Rodeo and Music. Tickets will only be sold online this year, so that ticketing can remain "Contactless." Tickets are going fast, don't miss out. Check out: www.alamosaroundup.com for all the details.

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Sports

Mortensen takes Falcons under his wing



By **STEPHEN JIRON**

Courier Interim Editor
LA JARA — Adams State recently announced Larry Mortensen's retirement from the position of Athletic Director. Mortensen's services remain in high demand 6 months later it has been confirmed that Mortensen will be manning the helm as the head coach for Centauri boys basketball.

Centauri's last coach Jeff Brown took over a 9-13 team in 2017 and in those three years has engineered a 48-20 record during his time steering the red and black. A difficult situation made for Brown to have to move and vacate his teaching roles in Sanford and Centauri and give up the whistle. Mortensen now will step into the head coaching role for the Falcons.

Speaking on his new arrangement, Mortensen heaped plenty of praise on the school management "Curt Wilson runs a first-class school" and also recognized the athletic management "Jesse Shawcroft, I believe he was 'Outstanding AD - they have a good group of kids, it's

a first-class institution"

The Falcons wrapped a 21-3 season by playing Manual in the Great 8 of this spring's state tournament. The Falcons played the defending state champions to the final whistle before relenting a 59-56 defeat in the semifinals. With the talent obviously on the court expectations may tag right along.

Mortensen is not shying away from the challenge, "I'm not afraid of expectations, but I don't coach for expectations. You coach and develop and build young men. Athletics are a tool to teach life skills and things of that nature, the winning is a byproduct of all of that"

"We wanna build a culture, it's gonna take some time to build a culture and obviously (I) haven't had any chance this summer to work with any of the youth to teach them those fundamentals and get that culture built right, but we're gonna get after it as soon as we can"

Mortensen is no stranger to the court and has 20 years of head coaching experience. At the prep level, Mortensen comes from the Ken Niven coaching tree. Niven coached an

Alamosa streak of four consecutive basketball titles from 1989-92. After assisting Niven in Alamosa, Mortensen went out on his own getting a head coaching job in Sanford where he collected his first state title as a coach in 1995 with a 75-37 trouncing of Rye in the state final. The school's fourth state title. Mortensen was awarded Colorado High School Activities Association's (CHSAA), 2A Coach of the Year, for his guiding hand in the championship effort.

At the college level, Mortensen led the Adams State Grizzlies men's basketball team for more than a decade advancing ASC to the national championship. Mortensen was awarded the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) Coach of the Year in 2007 during his time on the Adams State sidelines.

"I'm excited to work with the young men down in Centauri, we're in the midst of assembling a coaching staff and hopefully we'll get to play some basketball soon."

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New athletic directors get an introduction to CHSAA during meeting

AURORA — More than 70 new athletic directors from around the state participated in a meeting on Tuesday morning, which helped introduce them to CHSAA membership.

A major theme during the meeting was the importance of mentorship and relying upon other experience athletic directors as they navigate their first year, which can often feel like drinking from a firehose.

"Don't be afraid to ask questions, or seek advice from others," Troy Baker, the athletic director at Buena Vista who is entering his second year as the president of CHSAA's Board of Directors, told the new ADs. "You will soon discover that we are all in this together. There are no rivals among athletic directors."

Said Rhonda Blanford-Green, CHSAA's commissioner: "I want to stress how important mentorship is in your new role."

Added LeRoy Lopez, the athletic director at Evergreen who is the president of the Colorado Athletic Directors Association (CADA): "We are here to support you."

The group of new athletic directors heard presentations on game management, transfer and waivers, the CHSAA digital platform, coaches registration, as well as an "Athletic Director's Survival Guide."

Their education won't end there, however. CADA has an established mentorship program where the new ADs are partnered with experienced ADs. And CHSAA has follow-up meetings for new athletic directors throughout the year.

CHSAA's busy week will continue on Wednesday with the All-School Summit, where each member school will attend to receive vital updates and information from the administrative office.



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Lifestyle

Statewide seat belt enforcement cites 1,695 drivers for not buckling up

STATEWIDE — With Coloradans starting to travel more, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and 59 law enforcement agencies across Colorado teamed up for a statewide Click It or Ticket enforcement from July 12-19. A total of 1,695 drivers were cited during the enforcement for either the driver or passengers not wearing a seat belt. This includes 70 drivers who had an improperly restrained child under the age of 15 in their vehicle.

The Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement is a critical component of CDOT's Whole System — Whole Safety initiative and the agency's vision to reduce the number of deaths and injuries on Colorado roadways.

Among the agencies with the highest number of citations statewide was the Loveland Police Department with 173 citations, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office with 158 citations, and Greeley Police Department with 129 citations. In addition, Colorado State Patrol cited 153 drivers. Results for all counties can be found at <https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal>

Fines for not buckling up start at \$65, and parents or caregivers caught with an improperly restrained child can receive a minimum fine of \$82.

"Using a seat belt is your best defense in a crash. It's an easy choice to protect yourself and those in your vehicle," said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "Statistics show there's a 1 in 33 chance you'll be in a car crash in a given year and wearing a seat belt is the best way to prevent injury or death."

In 2019, 196 unbuckled drivers and passengers were killed in crashes in the state, accounting for more than half of Colorado's 377 total passenger vehicle deaths.

"So many lives could be saved if every person buckled up," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of the CSP. "This summer and beyond, we hope Coloradans think about the risk of not wearing a seat belt. I assure you, it's not worth the gamble. It only takes a second to buckle up, but the impact is immeasurable when considering lives are at stake."

CDOT's latest seat belt safety campaign, Common Bond, features a variety of contrasting images to underscore that, even though Coloradans may listen to different music, drive different cars, or root for different teams, a vast majority do wear their seat belts.

As a state, Colorado's seat belt use rate currently sits at 88% — slightly below the national average of 90%. The Common Bond campaign highlights that while Coloradans hold passionate opinions and may not agree on everything, we can all get behind seat belts. CDOT's Common Bond campaign is featured on billboards, posters, bus tails, social media, and radio PSAs into August. To view campaign materials, visit: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/c1bu6ktdw79jkoa/AADcw32hHrh1OHNV26mCSWKga?dl=0>

Colorado's Seat Belt Laws

Adults — Colorado has a secondary enforcement law for adult drivers and front-seat passengers. Drivers can be ticketed for violating the seat belt law if they are stopped for another traffic violation.

Teens — Colorado's Graduated Drivers Licensing (GDL) law requires all drivers under 18 and their passengers, regardless of their age, to wear seat belts. This is a primary enforcement, meaning teens can be pulled over simply for not wearing a seat belt or having passengers without seat belts.

Children — Colorado's Child Passenger Safety law is a primary enforcement, meaning the driver can be stopped and ticketed if an officer sees an unrestrained or improperly restrained child under age 16 in the vehicle.

Learn more about Click It or Ticket enforcement and Colorado's seat belt laws at codot.gov/safety/seatbelts. For Spanish campaign information, visit <https://www.codot.gov/safety/seatbelts/cinturones-de-seguridad/>

ABOUT CLICK IT OR TICKET

Click It or Ticket is a nationwide campaign from NHTSA. Since Click It or Ticket was introduced in Colorado in 2002, statewide seat belt use has increased from 72% to 88%.

COVID-19

Safe transportation infrastructure is essential for all of us, particularly for emergency first responders and freight drivers as Colorado navigates the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, CDOT maintenance and construction crews follow social distancing and other health safety measures to reduce COVID-19 exposure on the worksite. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment announced guidelines for construction activities. The public is urged to join the campaign for #DoingMyPartCO by practicing social distancing and wearing face masks. As traffic returns to normal levels, motorists must drive cautiously and heed the speed limit so all of us can return home safely.

WHOLE SYSTEM. WHOLE SAFETY.

To heighten safety awareness, CDOT recently announced its Whole System — Whole Safety initiative. This project takes a systematic statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission—to get everyone home safely.

ABOUT CDOT

CDOT has approximately 3,000 employees located at its Denver headquarters and in regional offices throughout Colorado, and manages more than 23,000 lane miles of highway and 3,429 bridges. CDOT also manages grant partnerships with a range of other agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations, local governments and airports. It also administers Bustang, the state-owned and operated interregional express service. Governor Polis has charged CDOT to further build on the state's intermodal mobility options.



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Public Notices

CONCERNING THE ABANDONMENT LIST OF WATER RIGHTS IN ALAMOSA COUNTY

The Division Engineer, in accordance with §37-92-401, Colorado Revised Statutes (2019), has compiled the list of absolute water rights that he or she "has determined to have been abandoned in whole or in part and which previously have not been adjudged to have been abandoned."

A complete list of water rights that have been abandoned, in the opinion of the Division Engineer, may be found on the Division of Water Resources (DWR) website <https://www.colorado.gov/water>.

If you wish to object to the inclusion of any water right on the Division Engineer's abandonment list, you must file a written statement of objection with the Division Engineer by July 1, 2021. We request that objections be submitted using DWR's Abandonment Objection Form, which can be obtained on the DWR website (search keyword "Abandonment 2020") or from any

The Abandonment List, with any revisions made as a result of written statements of objection, will be filed with the Water Court by December 31, 2021. Once the list is adjudged by the entry of a decree by the Water Court, such decree will be conclusive as to the abandonment of the water right.

In the following table, U indicates units of either C=cs or A=acre-ft. The uses being abandoned are either 'All Uses' indicating all decreed uses of the water right, or the individual uses listed, such as Irr=Irrigation. If any aspect of the decreed place of use is being abandoned, that is indicated by 'Yes' in the Place column.

WATER DIVISION 3 ABANDONMENT LIST

Structure Name	Water Source	Decreed Uses	Aband	Remain	U	Abandoned	Place
82CW063 WELL NO 453F	Rio Grande	1.1100	1.1100	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
83CW054 WELL NO 01 (88CW21)	Rio Grande	0.4500	0.4500	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
85CW040 WELL NO 06S	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.0000	0.0000	1.3300	0.0000	C	All Uses
85CW040 WELL NO 06SS	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.0000	0.0000	0.7700	0.0000	C	All Uses
92CW004 WELL NO 03S	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.0000	0.0000	0.6700	0.0000	C	All Uses
96CW23 WELL NO 16673-F	Rio Grande	2.2300	2.2300	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
AMBER SPRING NO 01	Pioneer Creek	0.0220	0.0220	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
CARP LAKE D	Rio Grande	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
G M D	Rio Grande	6.8000	6.8000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
HIDDEN CREEK D	South Urraca Creek	0.0330	0.0330	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
KING SPRING NO 1 D	Trinchera Creek	0.4000	0.4000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
KING SPRING NO 2 D	Trinchera Creek	0.2000	0.2000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
KING SPRING NO 3 D	Trinchera Creek	0.4000	0.4000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
KING SPRING NO 4 D	Trinchera Creek	0.5000	0.5000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
KING SPRING NO 5 D	Trinchera Creek	0.2500	0.2500	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
KING SPRING NO 6 D	Trinchera Creek	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
LAGOON OVERFLOW D	Rio Grande	2.0000	2.0000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
SEIDMAN SEEPAGE D	Rock Creek	10.0000	10.0000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
TRUJILLO D Sand Creek	13.3300	13.3300	0.0000	C	All Uses	No	
W0093 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	2.2300	2.2300	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W0218 WELL NO 01	Unconfined San Luis Valley	3.1200	3.1200	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W0231 WELL NO AD 2428	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0670	0.0670	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W0365 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	2.0000	2.0000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W0415 WELL NO 01	Rio Grande	0.3100	0.3100	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W0426 WELL NO ART 11	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0560	0.0560	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W0443 WELL NO 01	Rio Grande	0.1110	0.1110	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W0451 WELL NO 12	Unconfined San Luis Valley	2.6700	2.6700	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W0457 WELL NO ART 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0450	0.0450	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W0480 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	2.5000	2.5000	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W0501 WELL NO 03	Unconfined San Luis Valley	2.4400	2.4400	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W0501 WELL NO 06	Unconfined San Luis Valley	2.4400	2.4400	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W0631 WELL NO 04	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0780	0.0780	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W0631 WELL NO 05	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0670	0.0670	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W0652 WELL NO 03	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0330	0.0330	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W0690 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	1.0300	1.0300	0.0000	C	IRR,STK	No
W0690 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	1.0300	0.9180	0.1120	C	DOM	No
W0730 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1560	0.1560	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W0730 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1560	0.0446	0.1114	C	DOM,STK	No
W0751 WELL NO 03	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0560	0.0560	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W0830 WELL NO 03	Confined San Luis Valley	0.2230	0.1116	0.1114	C	All Uses	No
W0851 WELL NO 02	Rio Grande	0.1110	0.1110	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W0989 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.4460	0.4460	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1034 WELL NO 02	Rio Grande	0.0560	0.0560	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1058 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1670	0.1670	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1058 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1670	0.0556	0.1114	C	STK	No
W1065 WELL NO 03	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.1110	0.1110	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1266 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0890	0.0890	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1266 WELL NO 04	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1110	0.1110	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1311 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0220	0.0220	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1311 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0450	0.0450	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1329 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.2230	0.2230	0.0000	C	All Uses	Yes
W1329 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.4460	0.0000	0.4460	C	All Uses	Yes
W1329 WELL NO 03	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1110	0.1110	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1355 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0670	0.0670	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1355 WELL NO 03	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0890	0.0890	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1355 WELL NO 05	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0890	0.0890	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1355 WELL NO 06	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0670	0.0670	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1355 WELL NO 07	Confined San Luis Valley	0.2230	0.2230	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1418 WELL NO 04	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1780	0.1780	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1425 WELL NO DOM IRR 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0960	0.0960	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1435 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0580	0.0580	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1435 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1070	0.1070	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1435 WELL NO 03	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0930	0.0930	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1435 WELL NO 04	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0180	0.0180	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1435 WELL NO 05	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0330	0.0330	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1452 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1670	0.1670	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1452 WELL NO 03	Confined San Luis Valley	0.3340	0.3340	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1465 WELL NO 11	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.0450	0.0450	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1530 WELL NO 02	Unconfined San Luis Valley	2.6700 (AP)	2.6700	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1607 WELL NO 10	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1110	0.1110	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1612 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0330	0.0330	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1612 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0450	0.0450	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1612 WELL NO 04	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0450	0.0450	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1622 WELL NO 03	Confined San Luis Valley	1.1100	1.1100	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1622 WELL NO 09	Rio Grande	0.2790	0.0000	0.2790	C	All Uses	No
W1648 WELL NO 02A	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0560	0.0560	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1648 WELL NO 04	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0560	0.0560	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1648 WELL NO 06	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0450	0.0450	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1648 WELL NO 11	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0560	0.0560	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1648 WELL NO 12	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0450	0.0450	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1648 WELL NO 14	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0330	0.0330	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1664 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0110	0.1110	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1712 WELL NO 03	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.0780	0.0000	1.7800	C	All Uses	Yes
W1782 WELL NO 03	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0330	0.0330	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1793 WELL NO 03	Rio Grande	1.8900	1.8900	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1805 WELL NO 03	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.0330	0.0330	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1864 WELL NO 07	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1110	0.1110	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1906 WELL NO 09	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0330	0.0330	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1906 WELL NO 11	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0330	0.0330	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1906 WELL NO 12	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0330	0.0330	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1906 WELL NO 17	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0330	0.0330	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W1933 WELL NO 07	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1380	0.1380	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W1989 WELL NO 07	Unconfined San Luis Valley	2.0100	2.0100	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W2030 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.6680	0.6680	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W2034 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0450	0.0450	0.0000	C	IRR,FIS	No
W2042 WELL NO 07	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.4460	0.4460	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W2051 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	1.0000	0.8886	0.1114	C	STK	No
W2051 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W2051 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.4000	0.2886	0.1114	C	STK	No
W2051 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.4000	0.4000	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W2097 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0450	0.0450	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W2097 WELL NO 03	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0400	0.0400	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W2097 WELL NO 05	Confined San Luis Valley	0.0330	0.0330	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W2145 WELL NO 03	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.3340	0.3340	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W2172 WELL NO 03	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.2580	0.2580	0.0000	C	IRR,DOM	No
W2172 WELL NO 03	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.2580	0.1466	0.1114	C	STK	No
W2201 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.2090	0.0000	0.2090	C	All Uses	No
W2201 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1290	0.1290	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W2389 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.3340	0.2230	0.1110	C	STK	No
W2389 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.3340	0.3340	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W2389 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.3900	0.2790	0.1110	C	STK	No
W2389 WELL NO 02	Confined San Luis Valley	0.3900	0.3900	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W2389 WELL NO 03	Confined San Luis Valley	0.2670	0.2340	0.0330	C	STK	No
W2389 WELL NO 03	Confined San Luis Valley	0.2670	0.2670	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W2431 WELL NO 05	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.5570	0.5570	0.4456	0.1114	C	DOM,STK
W2431 WELL NO 05	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.5570	0.5570	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W2431 WELL NO 11	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.5570	0.4456	0.1114	C	STK	No
W2431 WELL NO 11	Unconfined San Luis Valley	0.5570	0.5570	0.0000	C	IRR	No
W2516 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.5570	0.1110	0.4460	C	All Uses	No
W2518 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.2230	0.2230	0.0000	C	All Uses	No
W2998 WELL NO 01	Confined San Luis Valley	0.1110	0.1110	0.0000	C	IRR	No
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221 HELP WANTED

MOUNTAIN RIVER CREDIT Union is seeking full-time and part-time applicants for Tellers for its Alamosa branch. Ideal candidates will have good general math skills, cash handling and superior customer service experience. Prior Teller experience is desirable but not necessary. Hours: M-F 8-5:30. Please submit a resume with a cover letter to sjones@mountainrivercu.org or call the Alamosa branch at 719-589-2544 and ask for Monica to make an appointment to pick-up an employment application. Equal Opportunity Employer.(8/14)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a HS Science Teacher (Chemistry). Visit the district website for a complete list of desired qualifications and experience. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html> by July 20, 2020, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(7/29)

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO, is seeking to fill the position of Public Health Director. The position requires a master's degree in a public health discipline; a nurse candidate shall be licensed to practice in Colorado within six months of hire; OR, similar experience to a nurse with exemplary history and at least two years of administrative experience in public health, and willing to seek additional public health education and experience within five years of hire. A complete job description and qualifications are available online at: <http://www.saguachecounty-co.gov>. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license. Saguache County is a drug-free workplace. All inquiries should be directed to: Saguache County Administration. E-mail: wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov phone: 719-655-2231, fax 719-655-2635. Applicants must submit a job application, cover letter, and a resume. Resumes must not exceed three pages in length. The job application is available online at <http://www.saguachecounty-co.gov/administration-home>. Submit cover letter, job application, and resume to the following address: Saguache County Administration, P.O. Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149 wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov. Faxed and emailed applications are accepted.(8/7)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for an Elementary Paraprofessional. This is a full-time position. For a complete list of desired qualifications and experience, visit the district web site. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>, by August 2, 2020, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(8/4)

221 HELP WANTED

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY seeks applicants for an Administrative Assistant II position in the Student Union and Housing Department. For application or more information, please see <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/> Deadline is July 30, 2020. AA/EOE

THE CITY OF Alamosa is accepting applications for a full-time Public Works Administrative Assistant \$14.42 - \$15.15 per hour DOQ. This position will perform moderately complex general clerical/secretarial work characterized by some repetitive and routine tasks for management and professional staff. For a full job description and to apply please visit cityofalamosa.org or City Hall, 300 Hunt Ave. This position is protected by EOE laws. Deadline is August 7, 2020 at 4:00 PM.(8/7)

THE DEL NORTE Jr/Sr High School is accepting applications for a full-time Physical Education Teacher. The position would include Junior High PE classes and High School Strength and Conditioning class. To apply please visit dnedsd.org to download the application and submit completed applications to Aaron Horrocks at ahorrocks@urtigers.co or call (719) 657-4040 ext 1001 for more information.(8/14)

DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY School is seeking an energetic, caring candidate to serve as a PARA-EDUCATOR. Applicants must have a high school diploma. Please submit your application to Amy Duda, DNES Principal at 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO 81132; aduda@urtigers.co; or call 719-657-4030. The position will be open until filled. Please pick up an application at the District Office or on-line at dnedsd.org.(8/14)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for the San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center. See www.slvcareer.org for position details and instructions, and www.slvahec.org to learn more about the 42-year old nonprofit.(8/12)

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position at Ortega Middle School: English Teacher. Must possess a Colorado Teachers License. Applications are available online at <https://dist.alamosa.k12.co.us>. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(8/1)

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THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications at Alamosa High School, Ortega Middle School and Alamosa Elementary 3-5 for the following positions: Building Night Janitors. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosa.k12.co.us>. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline August 1, 2020. EOE.(8/1)

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH ORGANIZER job opening in Antonito. Please visit https://antonitotogether.org/?page_id=344 for more information. Deadline extended to August 3, 2020.(7/31)

THE SLV IMMIGRANT Resource Center is accepting applications for a full-time Immigrant Advocate position. This position requires working with people from a variety of cultures and countries providing legal services surrounding immigration issues. The position also entails working with victims of domestic violence and other crimes. Candidates must possess a Bachelor's degree, must be bilingual in the English and Spanish languages, and have a flexible work schedule, including some weekends. Preferred candidates must have some knowledge and experience in immigration law and issues. Send resume and cover letter to P.O. Box 1534, Alamosa, CO 81101.(7/31)

ALAMOSA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT Opportunities, Job Descriptions, and Applications are available on the County's website www.alamosacounty.org.(9/2)

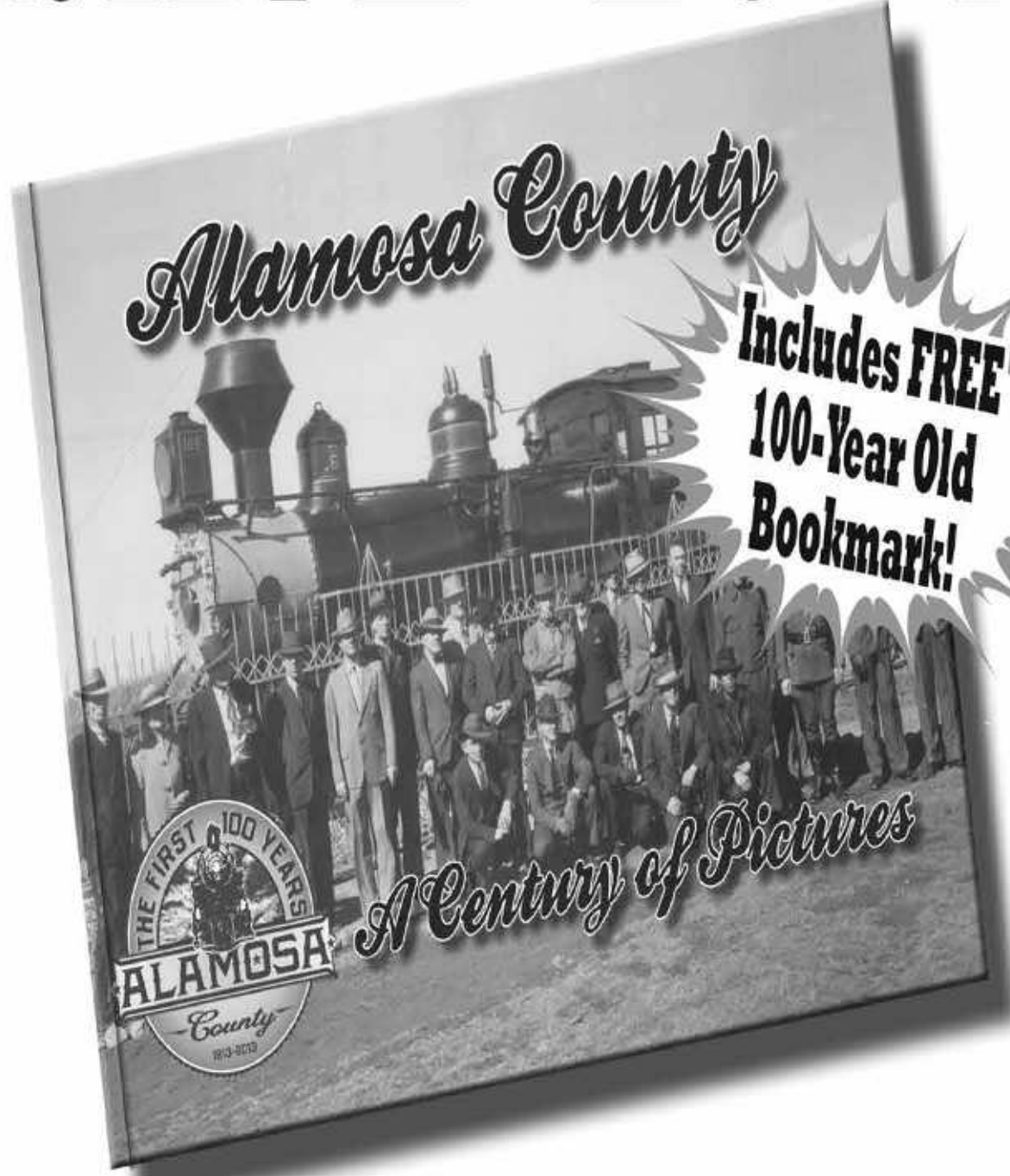
ALAMOSA COUNTY SEEKING Veterans Service Officer. Job description, required qualifications, and application found at www.alamosacounty.org.(8/19)

POTATO HARVEST TRUCK driver wanted. Experience necessary. Pay according to experience. Call 719-850-2137.(8/19)

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing Home in Del Norte, CO is accepting applications for the Housekeeping Department. If you would like to join our amazing team, please come in or call for more information. 719-657-1105. 1335 6th Street Del Norte CO 81132.(RVI is an EOE) (7/31)

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a Junior High Football coach. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE & E.(8/8)

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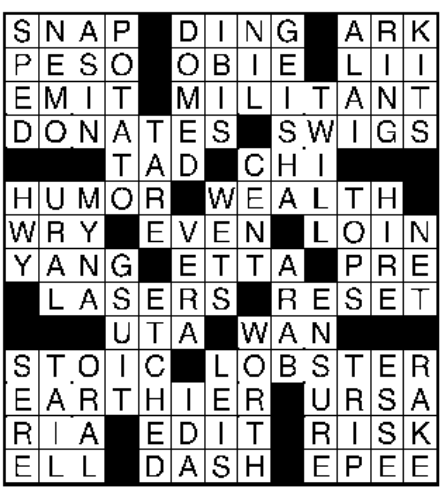
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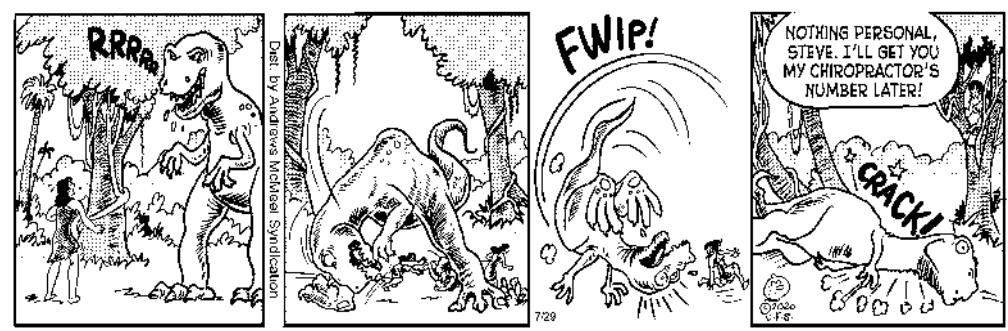
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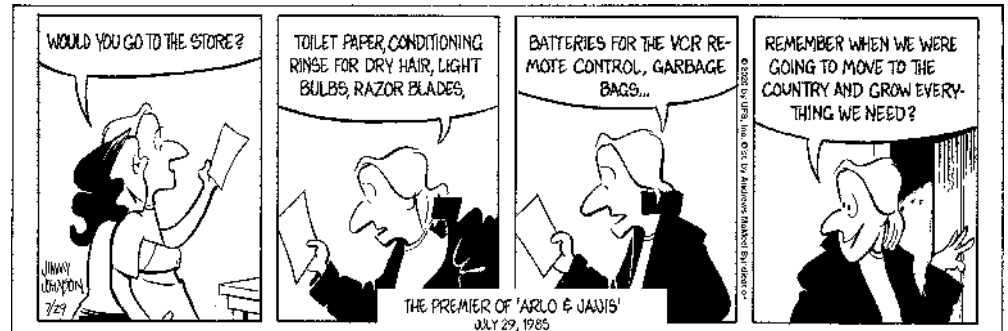
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 - 5 Too compliant
 - 9 Assoc.
 - 12 Therefore
 - 13 Creole veggie
 - 14 Door opener
 - 15 Sweater fronts
 - 16 Archie or Jughead
 - 17 Kenya's loc.
 - 18 Called from the Alps
 - 20 Go-ahead (hyph.)
 - 22 Four qts.
 - 23 Block a broadcast
 - 24 NASA rocket
 - 27 Become expert in
 - 30 Mimic
 - 31 — out (relax)
 - 32 Weather system
 - 34 Pull
 - 35 Startled cries
- DOWN**
- 1 Tax
 - 2 Hydrox rival
 - 3 Got older
 - 4 Small bouquet
 - 5 Traveler's stop
 - 6 Was very thrifty
 - 7 Sooner than anon
 - 8 Toto's home
 - 9 Hunky-dory
 - 10 NBA officials
 - 11 Pita treat
 - 19 — Cruces, N.M.
 - 21 CPA's sum
 - 23 Rips
 - 24 Behave
 - 25 Barnstorm
 - 26 Links org.
 - 27 Kitten's comments
 - 28 Vogue rival
 - 29 Hearty laugh
 - 31 Field mouse
 - 33 Journalist's question
 - 36 Common bugs
 - 38 Tub
 - 39 Evoke
 - 40 Guitarist — Paul
 - 42 Incorrect
 - 43 Blackjack
 - 44 Verdi number
 - 45 Parachute part
 - 46 Yule song
 - 47 Kappa preceder
 - 48 Flair
 - 49 Pace
 - 52 Roe



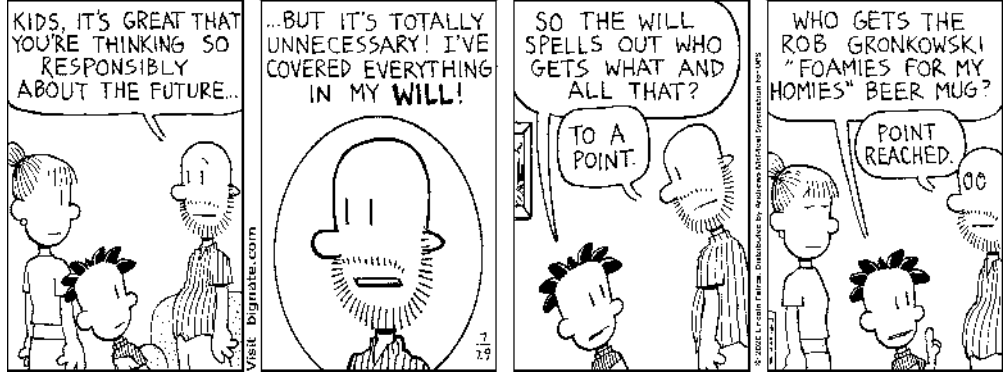
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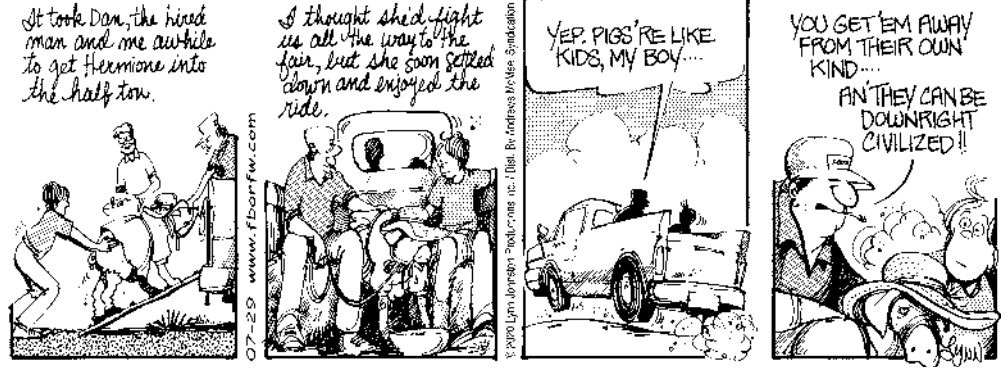
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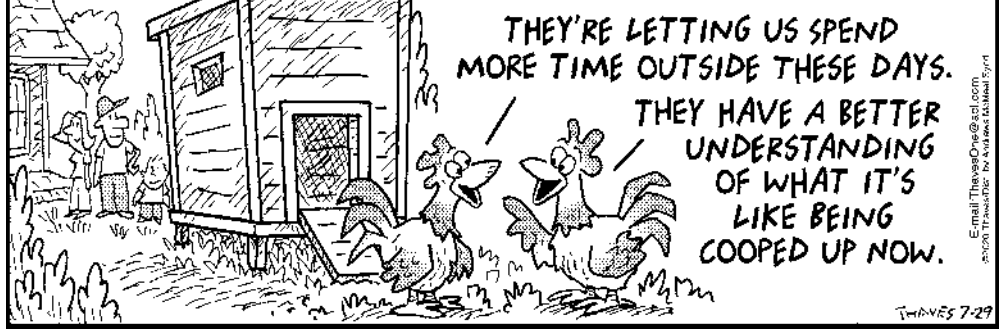
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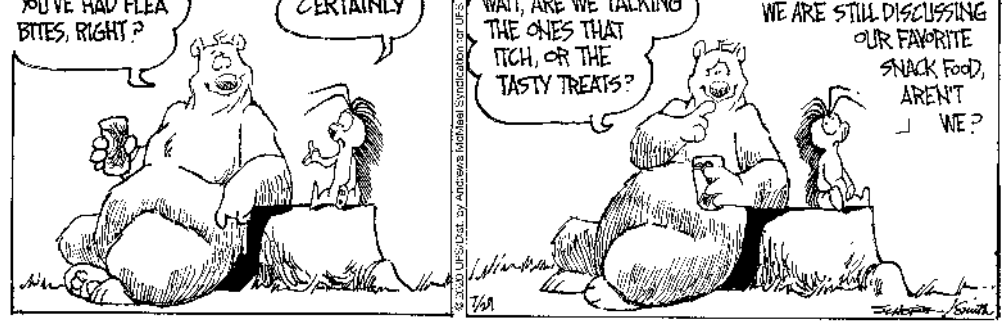
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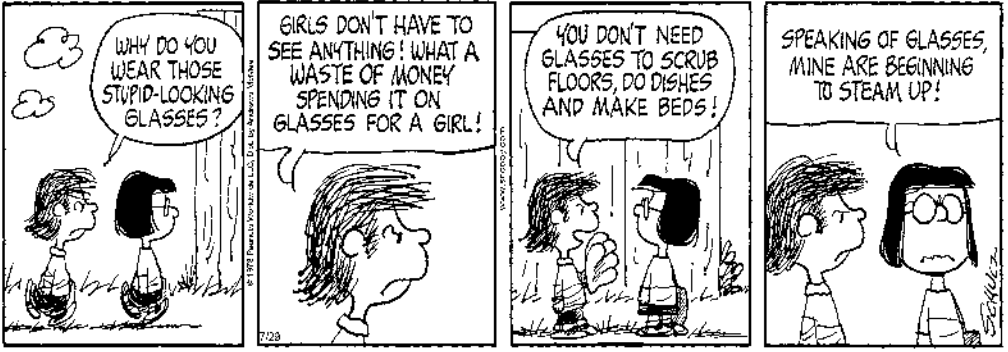
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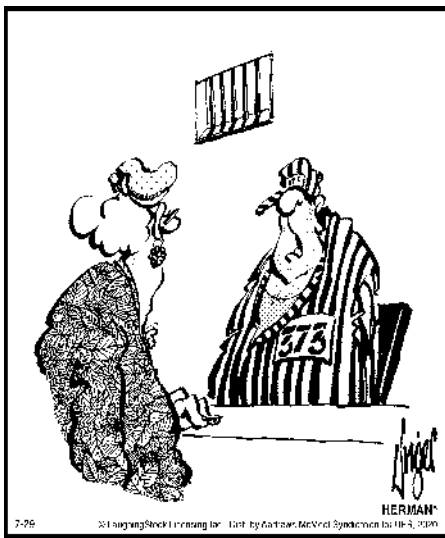
THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS



HERMAN



"My stomach's having a tough time getting used to well-cooked food."

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos
 Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

OX'K IFWWH AYDW CFHK SLW'X BORD
 XL XJBR JZLFX PJRDN. O'P BORD,
 HLF RWLA HLF'ED ADJEOWC PJRDN,
 EOCYX? AD JBB JED.' — MLW YJPP

TODAY'S CLUE: equals 1

Previous Solution: "Music is like the genius of mankind, universal ... Kids deserve the richness and dimension of it in their lives." — Flea

Man smitten by second cousin hides relationship from wife

DEAR ABBY: Three months ago, my husband ran into a second cousin he hadn't seen in 40 years. They were close for a short time during high school and saw each other a couple times after that.

I was not aware until recently that he had looked her up on social media and has been communicating with her every day since then. I didn't think much of it when he did tell me--until one night when he stayed on the computer with her until 3 a.m.

He has lied to me about the number of times he has been online with her and, if she calls or texts, he tells me it is someone else. She sent him pictures -- which I saw -- yet he denied receiving them. One time he forgot to sign off on a message he sent and, of course, I read it. To my shock, he was confiding a lot of things he has done while married to me that I was unaware of. It hurt me deeply, and I told him so.

Recently I was in the hospital. When I called him a couple of times at night, he claimed he didn't pick up because he was "tired." I found out later he was on the computer with her.

I have asked him more than once why this relationship is so private, and he says they are just friends. But when I asked to see some of the things he has written to her, she refused to show me. I always ends up with her very angry toward me. I want to

Well, he blew up! When I told him it hurts me that he spends so much time with her in the evening, he didn't give an answer. Am I overreacting? If so, can you please tell me how to settle down and deal with what is happening? -- COUSIN TROUBLE IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR COUSIN TROUBLE: You are not overreacting. It's time to do what you said you were going to do -- call the woman and ask her what has been going on. After she fills you in, ask yourself if you still want to be married to a man who has cheated on you emotionally and probably physically.

If you feel there is any hope of saving your marriage, offer your husband the option of seeing a marriage and family therapist together. However, knowing he has no compunction about lying to you or any respect for your feelings, you might prefer to simply consult a lawyer about what your next steps should be.

DEAR ABBY: I am an 18-year-old woman. My parents are divorced. My father says I should be out having fun and I owe no explanations to anyone. My mother, on the other hand, is very strict. I respect her wishes and don't do what most people my age would do. I try to be very careful with what I say in any conversation with her, but it



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

live my life or at least try to. What do I do? -- CLUELESS TEEN IN TEXAS

DEAR TEEN: An 18-year-old should be carefree and engaged in self-discovery. But people of every age are having to hunker down and curtail their social activities these days because their lives could depend on it. And as to owing no explanations to anyone, until you are self-supporting and on your own, you WILL have to be accountable.

Your mother may be feeling insecure because her daughter is now a young adult rather than her little girl who needs protecting. She may also be reacting to the "advice" your dad is doling out. You are going to have to figure out what triggers your mother's anger during those conversations and find a happy medium.

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Lifestyle

Colorado Department of Public Safety Releases Statement on Audit of Sex Offender Management Board

DENVER — The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) today released a legislative audit of the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB), a statutory board that is supported by staff in the Colorado Department of Public Safety's Division of Criminal Justice.

The audit recommended five primary areas for improvement:

The SOMB needs to publish citations of the evidence that the board consulted for each portion of its Standards and Guidelines for the treatment, monitoring, and management of sex offenders and juveniles who have committed sexual offenses - and provide explanations for the instances where evidence was lacking or not considered.

The board's Application Review Committee needs to better document the steps that they take in reviewing and approving applicants for the list of approved treatment providers, and needs to find a way to check references for new providers in a field where it is not generally possible for a new applicant to have employment experience due to the prerequisite to be an approved provider in order to practice. The committee also needs to better document when its members recuse themselves from voting to approve applicants who are associated with the member's own company or agency.

The board should improve the way it handles complaints against approved treatment providers by communicating clarity around what is required for a complete complaint, providing an anonymous reporting option, informing and involving complainants in the process, and better documenting the rationale behind decisions to dismiss complaints against providers without further investigation.

The board needs to obtain written legal clarity from the Attorney General's office on the perceived conflict of interest created by having a significant portion of its seats filled by approved providers -- as required by statute -- who are considering standards and guidelines that affect their profession. The board voting record needs to provide more detail when members abstain from voting due to a real or perceived conflict of interest.

The board needs to address the revenue and balance of the Sex Offender Surcharge Fund to ensure that the agencies that receive the funds are able to effectively put them to the best use and achieve the greatest efficiency with taxpayer dollars.

In response to the legislative audit, the department released this statement:

"The Colorado Department of Public Safety and the Sex Offender Management Board thank the OSA and the Legislative Audit Committee for their work on the SOMB audit. The Department and the SOMB remain committed to the mission of providing for community safety and the protection of victims by monitoring and rehabilitating those convicted of sexual crimes. The SOMB is working with the CDPS Compliance and Professional Standards Office, which is the CDPS internal auditing operation, to provide accountability for implementing the recommendations of the audit. We believe that we can successfully address the vast majority of recommendations relatively quickly through improved documentation and communication.

The SOMB has always taken seriously its statutory mandate to ensure the Standards and Guidelines are supported by evidence, and does a thorough review of

all the literature prior to each revision. The SOMB has historically provided citations for all factual statements in the Standards and Guidelines, and agrees with the OSA's recommendation to make all supporting research broadly available for stakeholder review.

The SOMB has implemented a rigorous and transparent process to ensure that all policy decisions are made in an objective and unbiased manner given the impact these decisions have on the safety and well-being of the residents of Colorado. In 2018 the SOMB commissioned an independent, third-party external evaluation of its decision-making process, including conflict of interest. The evaluator provided results and recommendations in 2019, and the board immediately updated the SOMB bylaws and conflict of interest policy based on those recommendations. The Department and the SOMB have already requested a written legal opinion from the Attorney General's Office per the OSA recommendation and are committed to making any additional needed adjustments.

Colorado Statute (16-

11.7-109 (1) (a) declares that the SOMB is 'one of Colorado's most important resources' and the recent 2019 Sunset Review of the SOMB concluded, 'The SOMB and the pro-


gram created under the Act are necessary to protect the Colorado public's health, safety, and welfare.' The Department and the SOMB work diligently on behalf of the people of

Colorado to maintain the public trust and protect the most vulnerable, including children, by overseeing a statewide system that holds those who commit sexual offenses ac-

countable for their actions and implements evidence-based safeguards to protect victims and potential victims."

You can view the full audit on the OSA website.

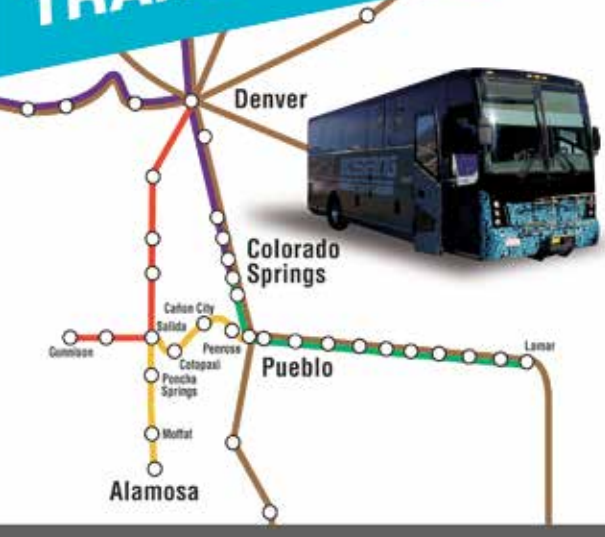
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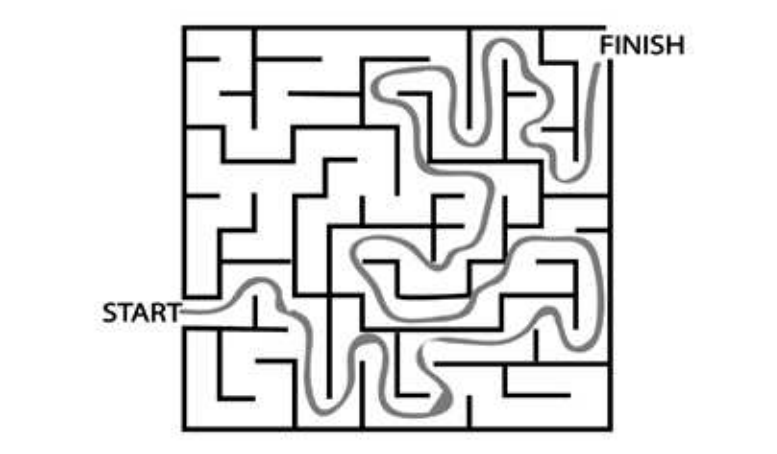
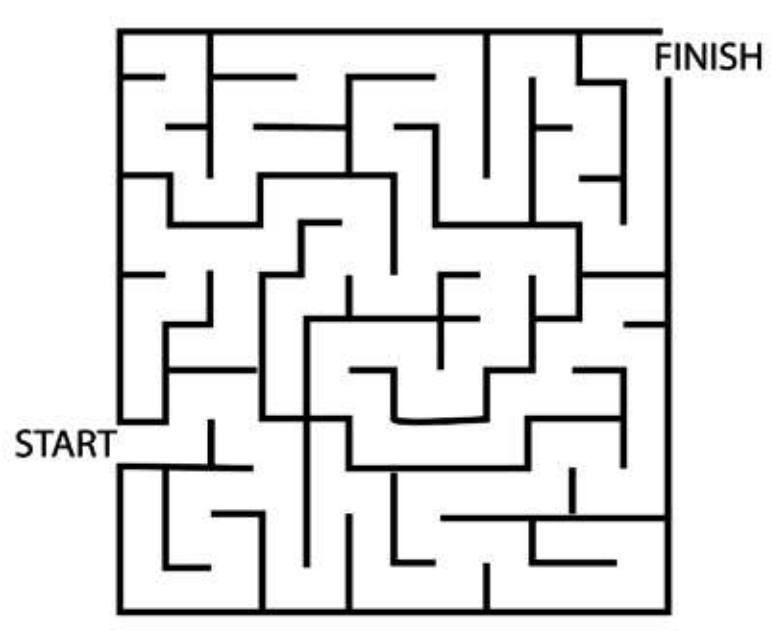
PEOPLE FACT:



PEOPLE ATTEND THESE POPULAR EVENTS THROUGHOUT SUMMER AND FALL. THEY FEATURE RIDES, CONTESTS, FOOD, AND FUN.

ANSWER: FAIRS

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THIS DAY IN...

JUL 26

HISTORY

- 1788: NEW YORK BECOMES THE 11TH STATE OF THE UNITED STATES.
- 1908: THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXAMINER IS FORMED. THE OFFICE LATER BECOMES THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.
- 1947: PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN SIGNS THE NATIONAL SECURITY ACT.

New word

MIDWAY


an area of sideshows, games of chance or other amusements

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Carousel
SPANISH: Tiovivo
ITALIAN: Carosello
FRENCH: Manège
GERMAN: Karussell

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