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SLV Today

Rural Electric reschedules
SAN LUIS VALLEY — The regular board meeting for San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 25; however, it has been rescheduled for 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 5.

SLV Trout Unlimited meeting set

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Alamosa Senior Center, 92 Colorado Avenue for a presentation by Dr. Rob Benson, professor of Geology and Geosciences and director of the Edward M. Ryan Geology Museum at Adams State University for his program Four Days, 3 States and Rivers, and 1 Lodge on a West Yellowstone Bucket List. As always, the meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided and a prize drawing will be held at the end of the meeting. Trout Unlimited is dedicated to the conservation, preservation and restoration of North America's cold-water fisheries and their watersheds.

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Sat.: Mostly Cloudy 51/29
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Scenic, yet icy Rio Grande



Despite 50-degree temperatures during the past 10 days the Rio Grande's ice has not thawed as of Thursday afternoon when this photo was taken from the US Highway 160 Rio Grande Bridge.

Courier photo by Daniel McKillop

Citizens warned of jury duty scam

SAGUACHE COUNTY — According a Saguache Sheriff's Office press release, multiple reports have been received by the 12th Judicial District involving a recent jury duty phone scam.

Several Saguache residents reported they have received calls from an unknown person who indicated he was with the Sheriff's Office and that an arrest warrant had been issued because the targeted person had not shown up for jury duty.

The people contacted were told their bond was \$925 and each individual needed to pay that amount in the form of a cashier's check. The caller gave a phone number to confirm the warrant and the phone number eventually rang into the Conejos County Sheriff's Office.

The jury Commissioner and the Saguache County Sheriff's Office, along with the Conejos County Sheriff's Office wants citizens to know this is a scam. Do not pay or send any money.

ASU Gives Day raises roof on funding

University raises \$30,860 during fundraising telethon

ALAMOSA — The first Adams State Gives Day Telethon raised \$30,860 during the 90-minute live internet show to benefit the students of the University.

The live telethon featured student and community talent performing at Richardson Hall Auditorium, with the performances livestreamed via the internet.

The livestream was seen by approximately 2,000 viewers. Adams State created Adams State Gives Day as part of its 100th celebration in 2021. The University plans on staging the live telethon each February to benefit students attending Adams State.

"Establishing a culture of giving to benefit Adams State and its students is critical to our ongoing success," said President Cheryl D. Lovell. "Adams State Gives Day sets us on the road to stronger philanthropy and establishing a tradition of giving among Adams State alumni, board members, staff and faculty, and friends of the University."

The talent show featured student



Adams State Gives Day live stream includes recognizing the Women's Cross Country Team, who won the NCAA National Championships led by Stephanie Cotter.

Courtesy photo Linda Relyea

performances, including improv comedy, chemistry magic, a live painting by Sarah Ramirez, and songs from the Music of the Ameri-

cas. Alamosa's singer-songwriter Don Richmond also performed, along with Las Semillas de la Tierra dancers and the Adams State ma-

riachi players.

A replay of the show is available on the Adams State Facebook page or Adams State YouTube Channel.

Funds for wildfire, flood mitigation could come to Colorado

DENVER — The House Committee Energy and Environment Thursday passed legislation sponsored by Representative Lisa Cutter to make it easier for communities to secure federal funding for wildfire hazard mitigation projects. The bill passed 7-4.

"From Colorado Springs and Salida to Jefferson County and Durango, wildfires have burned through communities across Colorado, destroying homes, critical infrastructure and livelihoods," said Rep. Cutter, D-Jefferson County. "Nearly half of Coloradans live in areas at risk from wildfires, a threat that won't go away unless we act. I've seen the heartbreaking toll on families who have lost

everything while we continue to leave millions of federal dollars on the table that could help.

"This bill will allow our communities to take advantage of federal funding to reduce the risk of wildfires and floods, which have had catastrophic impacts on our friends, our neighbors and our state."

With limited state resources, Colorado communities are in desperate need of federal funding for wildfire hazard mitigation projects.

These initiatives take a land and building code-based approach to reducing the hazards that cause wildfires to spread and increase their intensity.

Nearly half of the state's population lives in an area at-risk of

wildfire, and that figure grew 45% from 2013-2018.

The federal government has several grant programs that states can take advantage of to reduce wildfire hazards and risks, but they often require a local match.

Recently, the City of Colorado Springs had to walk away from \$2 million in federal funding because they couldn't come find the small local match needed to accept the grant.

Furthermore, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is creating a grant program known as the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) to provide resources for local governments to facilitate the development of hazard

mitigation plans and support projects that improve building codes.

Colorado needs to be positioned to take advantage of these newly available resources.

HB20-1142 would create a cash fund to offer grants to local communities that they can leverage to take advantage of BRIC funding. The bill would allow the state to pull down federal funding for these critical projects.

The funding for the cash fund would come from a very small .05% fee on premiums for some property and hazard insurance that would total approximately \$3 per policy holder.

The bill is supported by the Colorado Municipal League.

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OBITUARIES

Junior Matthew Gomez, 73

CENTER — Center resident Junior Matthew Gomez, 73, passed away peacefully on Feb. 19, 2020 at the Rio Grande Hospital with his loving family by his side.

Junior was born on Dec. 12, 1946 in Alamosa, the son of Matthew Gomez and Josephine Benavidez Gomez.

Junior served and was a veteran of the United States Navy and he served during the Vietnam War.

After his duties in the service were completed he was united in marriage to Mary E. Sisneros.

He worked for many years as a truck driver and a member of the V.F.W. and the Knights of Columbus.

Junior was an exceptional and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend who enjoyed going fishing, hunting, traveling, being in the mountains and most of all spending time with his family. He will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Mary E. Gomez of Center; daughters, Geraldine Locke of Utah; Barbara (Pat) Uliberri of Center; Karen (Amy) Gomez of Denver; Shawnee Wolf of Center; sons, Christopher (Sandy) Gomez of Sulphur, Okla.; Garrett (Sammi) Winburn of Center; 14 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; sister, Joan Romero of Lafayette; brothers, Bobby Gomez of Rifle; Dave Gomez of Capulin; Albert (Roanne) Gomez of Antonito; Allen Gomez of Lafayette; and Matthew Gomez of Longmont. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Junior was preceded in death by his parents, Matthew and Josephine Gomez; one son, Lawrence Espinoza; brothers, Lloyd, Luis and Jerry Gomez; and one sister, Joan Romero.

Cremation was chosen and services will be held at a later date with full military honors.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.



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The arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Andrew David Saenz, 44

BLANCA — Blanca resident Andrew David Saenz, 44, passed away Feb. 18, 2020 at his home.

He was welcomed into the world on Sept. 5, 1975 in Alamosa, the son of Vicente Saenz and Diana Ortega Saenz.

Andrew was an outgoing and loving son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend who enjoyed going dancing, fishing, he was an artist and an avid Denver Broncos fan.

He will always be known for being creative and he loved spending time with his family.

He will live on through his parents, Vicente and Diana Saenz, of Blanca; daughters, Angelique Saenz of Grand Junction; Chazmen Saenz, Cheyanne Saenz, both of La Jara; son, Rodney Saenz of La Jara; grandson, Uriah Quintana of Grand Junction; sister, Gabriela Saenz (Andres Silva) of Denver; niece, Danielle Silva and



nephew, Joseph Silva. He is also survived by many cousins and friends.

A vigil service with recitation of the rosary will be held on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Ft. Garland. A memorial mass will follow at 10 a.m., also at Holy Family Catholic Church. Cremation will follow and inurnment will be held at a later date.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The arrangements have been entrusted to Romeo Funeral Home of San Luis.

David Kent Wagner, 59

DEL NORTE — Del Norte resident David Kent Wagner, 59, passed away Feb. 17, 2020 at the Rio Grande Hospital with his loving family by his side.

David came into the world on Jan. 5, 1961, the son of Raymond Paul Wagner and Jacqueline Harper Wagner.

David was an outgoing person. He loved to star gaze, go out to eat, try new foods and take care of his dogs.

He will live on through his sisters, Ruth Ann Wagner-Hernandez, Helen Jean Wagner, both of Del Norte; brothers, Paul William (Kathy) Wagner of Libby, Mont.; Darryl L. Wagner of Center; nephews, Chad Wagner and Corey Wagner, both of Montana; Justin Wagner of Vermont; niece, Tiffany Gonzales of Del Norte; grand niece, Valerie of Del Norte. He is also survived by many cousins and friends.

David was preceded



in death by his parents, Raymond and Jacqueline Wagner.

Cremation was chosen and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Conour Animal Shelter or the SLV Humane League. Online condolences can be made by visiting romerofuneralhomes.com.

The care of arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Walter Andrew Pacheco, 59

DEL NORTE — Born April 19, 1959 in Alamosa to Jose (Joe) Edumenio II and Benita Margarita (Romero) Pacheco, the world was gifted with a unique soul named Walter Andrew Pacheco.

He was a strong man who served his country in the United States Air Force from 1981 to 1989, being honorably discharged.

Walter enjoyed intellectually challenging conversation but minimal chitchat. Devising contraptions with his brothers, oftentimes trying them out, whether it worked or blew up, was another source of entertainment for him.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and being in the mountains.

We have been blessed to have learned many valuable life lessons from a man who couldn't help but make you think and question the world around you.

He transported 57-meter wind generator blades throughout the United States and Canada.

Walter, 59, left this world behind on Feb. 17, 2020 after being in a trucking accident with a vehicle that hit his truck in Oklahoma.

Ever the softhearted soul, he took evasive action to avoid injuring the other driver but, unfortunately, his truck rolled onto its cab and he was killed. Always



observant, he could track a ground squirrel back when he was a kid, which is probably why he was one of the top drivers in his field.

He is survived by son, Joshua (Michelle) Pacheco; and his granddaughters, Oakley and Willow.

He is also survived by sister, Catherine Montano; brothers, David, John (Evelyn), Paul and Ray Pacheco; sisters-in-law Carol, Linda and Pat.

Preceded in death by both parents; grandparents, Jose Edumenio I and Maria Eduvijen Pacheco (Gallegos); brothers, Christopher Daniel and Eugene Michael Pacheco.

Cremation was chosen. Memorial service will be at a later date.

Lee Joseph Carson, 65

SAN LUIS — San Luis resident Lee Joseph Carson, 65, went to his eternal rest on Feb. 19, 2020 at his home under Hospice Care with his loving family by his side.

Lee was born on July 20, 1954 in San Luis, the son of Theodoro Carson and Maria Cora Quintana Carson.

Lee was a devoted and loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend who enjoyed watching wrestling, working on his Nova, restoring classic cars, going dancing, fishing and spending time with his family and friends. He will be dearly missed.

He will live on through his son, Michael A. Carson of Alamosa; daughters, Rebecca J. Carson of Costilla, N.M.; Pamela J. Carson (Duane Montoya) of Alamosa; mother of his children, Geraldine Duran of Costilla, N.M.; grandchildren, Damian Carson (Geanne), Diego Carson, Juan and Karina Carson-Sanchez, Mikayla Carson, Angelique Carson, Haley Carson, Marcos Carson (Danielle Mondragon), three great-grandchildren, Jaelsia Sanchez, Davian Taylor, Marcos Carson Jr., sisters, Lilly Carson of San Luis; Louise Martinez of Colorado Springs; Cindy Carson of El Rito; brothers, William Carson of Alamosa, Victor (Martina) Carson of Colorado Springs. He is also sur-



vived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Theodoro and Maria Carson, brothers Clyde Carson, Teddy Carson, Dwayne Carson, Freddy Carson; grandson, Juan Miguel Lucero, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A vigil service with recitation of the rosary will be held on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the Romero Funeral Chapel in San Luis.

Another vigil service will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Sangre De Cristo Catholic Church in San Luis.

A mass of the resurrection will follow at 10:30 a.m. also at Sangre De Cristo Church. Interment will follow at the San Francisco Cemetery. To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements have been entrusted to Romeo Funeral Home of San Luis.

AA MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous groups.

A.A. members' primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Following are District 3 San Luis Valley AA 12-Step Meetings. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affiliated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083.

SUNDAY

5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa
7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

MONDAY

12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa
5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara

TUESDAY

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa
6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis
7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca
7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.
12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa

THURSDAY

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State,

Alamosa
12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone

7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede

7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Sacred Heart School at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa.

SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito.

8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

For schedule changes, please contact your group service representative (GSR)

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior Health Group at 8745 CR 9S., Alamosa

THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st St., Alamosa

7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thursdays)

Nabor Jaramillo, 85

CENTER — Nabor Jaramillo, 85, of Center, passed away on Feb. 19, 2020, at his home with his immediate family by his side.

Nabor Jaramillo was born on Dec. 26, 1934 to Solomon and Flora (Luna). He graduated from Center High School in 1954.

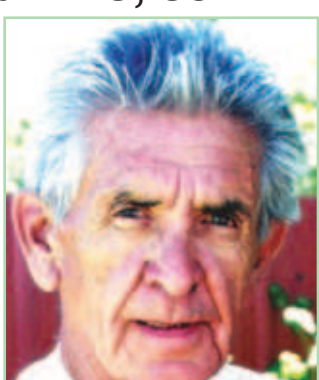
In 1955, he married Louise Vigil. He worked at the Center Lumber Yard for many years but left to work in building trades.

He worked for C&W for over 30 years, building homes and commercial buildings.

As a Center athlete, he played varsity basketball for four years, No. 77, point guard. He also played football for four years, No. 88, tight end. He participated in track, running the 100, 220, 440 relay, pole vault and the long jump.

Nabor's greatest hobby was following the Valley and state's high school sports. He could tell you names and years of individual standouts at specific schools where they played. He traveled to Denver every year to watch the state wrestling tournaments.

Nabor is survived by his daughter, Shirley Jaramillo, his sons, Den (Geraldine) and Donny Jaramillo; grandchildren, Moises Atencio, Daniel Atencio, Marisa Atencio, Victoria Jaramillo, Vincente Jaramillo, Salina Pacheco, Albert Jaramillo, DaNeca Jaramillo, and Rebecca Jaramillo; his great-grandchildren, Leticia Atencio, Diego Atencio, Jaiden Atencio, Jaylah Atencio, Isaac Jaramillo,



Kennedy Jaramillo, Camden Jaramillo, Alyssa Atencio, James Atencio, Justin Atencio, Audrianna Steckman, Julianna Steckman, Alyssa Davila, Jayden Davila and Mario Davila; his siblings; Solomon (Ora) Jaramillo, Jennie Sanchez, Marcella (Tino) Archuleta, Floyd (Ernestine) Jaramillo, Nancy (Eloy) Arellano, Bobby (Barbara) Jaramillo and Claude (Helen) Jaramillo; sister-in-law, Pauline Jaramillo; brother-in-law, Archie (Madeline) Padilla; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Louise Jaramillo; his son, Chuck Jaramillo; his grandson, Carlos Jaramillo; his parents, Solomon and Flora Jaramillo; his mother-in-law, Dolores Gutierrez; and his brothers, Phillip and LeRoy Jaramillo.

Rosary will be held Friday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. at St. Jerome Catholic Church, 781 Warden St. in Center.

Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. at St. Jerome Catholic Church. Services in care of Strohmayr's Funeral Home.

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Roll
Vegetable Bar

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Valley News

Police chief says weekend blaze in Center was arson

By TERESA L. BENNS

Valley Publishing

CENTER — A fire over the weekend totally destroyed the residence of Nicholas Ramirez, Sr. at 521 E. 3rd Street in Center and threatened to spread to nearby homes before it was contained by the Center and Monte Vista Volunteer Fire Departments.

The fire was reported at 10:42 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, and firefighters arrived on scene shortly after the call went out, Center Police Chief Gene Meek reported. Firefighters “did an extremely good job” of containing the blaze to the home and protecting structures close to the blaze, Meek said. Firetrucks left the scene three to four hours after the blaze began, he estimated.

According to Chief Meek, it was later determined the fire was the result of arson and an arrest was made in the case sometime after midnight Saturday, Feb. 15. Information led Center Police to a nearby residence where they arrested Nicholas Ramirez Jr., the homeowner’s son.

Ramirez was arrested in December for parole violation, second-degree criminal trespass and resisting arrest. He was charged with first degree-arson when arrested Saturday. Meek said Ramirez Jr. confessed to the crime, telling police he set several blankets on fire and placed them throughout the home.

Meek said the younger Ramirez’s narcotics problem contributed to his arrests. It is not known if Ramirez Sr. carried insurance on the home.

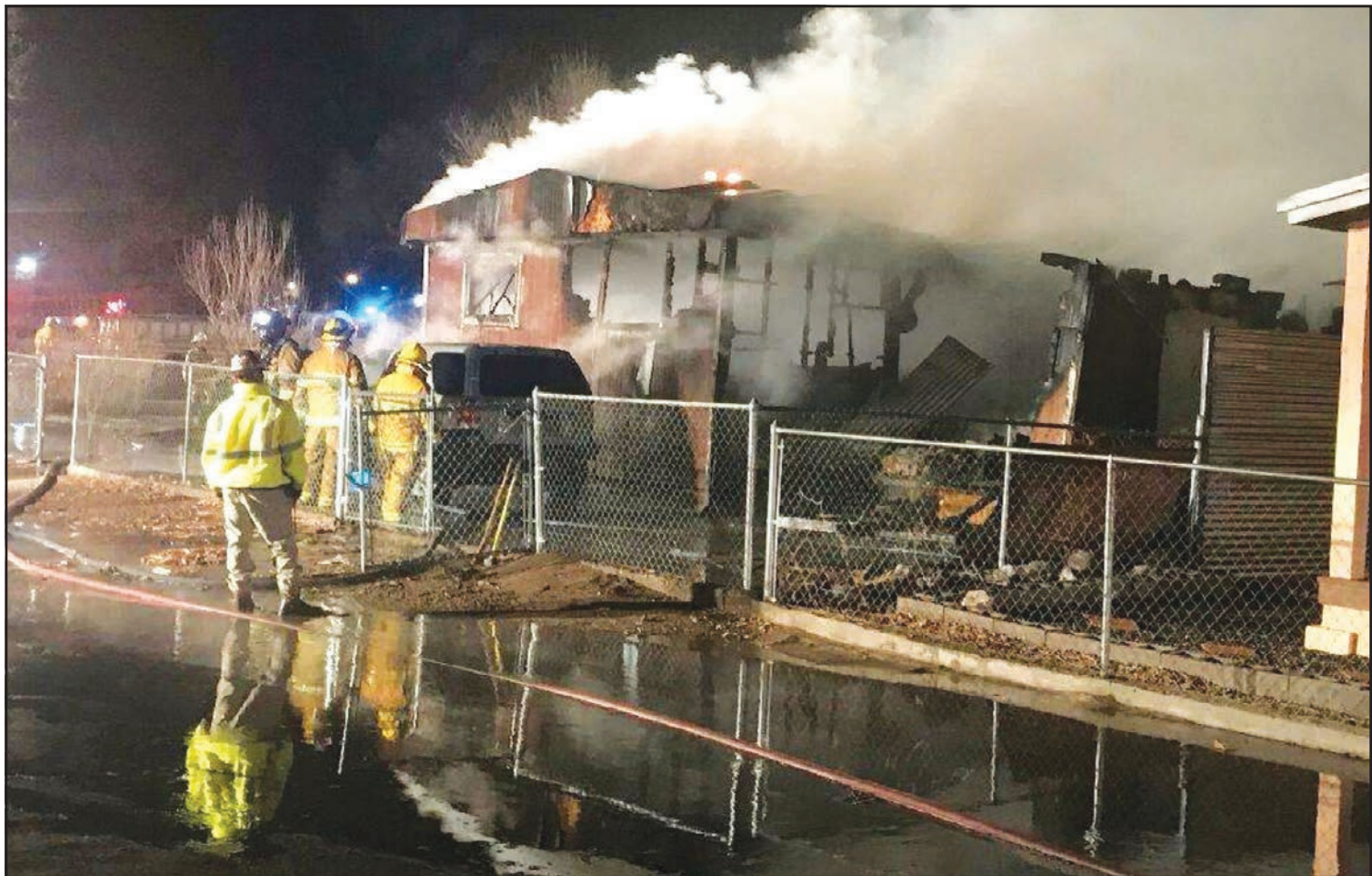


Photo by Teresa L. Benns

A fire over the weekend totally destroyed the residence of Nicholas Ramirez, Sr. at 521 E. 3rd Street in Center. The fire was the result of arson by the homeowners son.

Doppler radar installed for San Luis Valley

By TERESA L. BENNS

Valley Publishing

MONTE VISTA — During the Roundtable session at the Agricultural Conference in Monte Vista earlier this month, speakers discussed the many benefits of a new Doppler radar system installed at the Alamosa airport in September 2019.

Alamosa County Administrator Gigi Dennis explained at the radar grand opening ceremony that the airport was found to be the central point of the Rio Grande Basin and would serve as an ideal location. Heather Dutton with the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District, Nathan Coombs of CWCD, and Cleave Simpson of RGWCD helped acquire property and build the permanent system.

A seven-county group worked with the Colorado Water Conservation Board and the Colorado Department of Transportation to purchase and install permanent Doppler radar at the airport. In 2018, Doppler systems were installed at Bristol Head and Lobo Overlook on Bristol Pass, near the West Fork Complex Fire burn scar. This will help predict future flash floods in the region.

According to the Rio Grande Watershed site at <https://www.rweact.org/publications>, previously the San Luis Valley was in a radar desert. The San Juan and Sangre de Cristo mountain ranges blocked coverage from nearby radar stations in Grand Junction and

Pueblo and prevented NOAA and the National Weather Service from monitoring weather events in the San Luis Valley.

This data gap hampered efforts in forecasting water supply, hydrologic modeling, as well as public safety and emergency management in the San Luis Valley. Administration of the rivers for water rights and accurately meeting the Rio Grande Compact obligation had become very difficult as existing water supply forecast data then available showed discrepancies in comparison to actual event flows.

The new radar system provides blanket coverage for the area in the Valley now not visible on radar, the Rio Grande watershed site shows. The radar also assists local public safety administrations in identifying threats to public safety, including fire and flood events.

Permanent radar installation in the Valley now allows the coupling of local hydrologic modeling data with national modeling systems and local SNOTEL sites, and this will help to better determine water rights administration and interstate river compact obligations.

Partners in the project included: Rio Grande Water Conservation District, Conejos Water Conservancy District, San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District, San Luis Valley Irrigation District, Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Coordination Team, Colorado Water Conservation



Courtesy photo

The exterior of the new doppler radar dome is pieced together May 2019. The doppler radar at the Alamosa airport was completed September 2019.

Deputies disciplined over Crestone rental complaint

By TERESA L. BENNS

Valley Publishing

CRESTONE — Katrie Christopher thought she was performing a community service in December 2019 when she rented her home to two Saguache County deputies who were stationed in Crestone at the new substation, a service many Crestone residents had requested for years.

“This would be a win for not only myself, but for the officers, and the community as well,” Christopher wrote in her report. “Response time to Crestone would be cut drastically. It seemed beneficial to all.”

Christopher was in Florida for medical treatments and felt safe with the arrangement, believing the deputies could keep an eye on her home while she was gone. She only requested a nominal rent, asking them to feed her animals and perform some simple household duties. She also set out some household rules.

When she met with Sheriff Dan Warwick and Officer Dominick Vasquez about renting her home, she said Vasquez seemed “very agreeable” to the rules.

Vasquez was to be responsible for Officer Nate Randall, the second officer sharing the home.

Christopher charged each officer \$100 a month for rent which was to be placed in a can on the kitchen counter.

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After the officers moved in and Christopher left for Florida, she began receiving reports from a friend who came in once a week to clean that the house was filthy and foul smelling and she had to spend longer than usual cleaning it up. Christopher contacted the officers to speak to them about it but she said in her complaint that they “downplayed” everything.

To compensate her friend for the extra time spent cleaning, Christopher told her to take money from the rent can on the counter, but the can had disappeared. Based on the amount in the can when she left, Christopher estimated that the officers paid a total of \$40 in rent while they stayed in her home. Christopher’s friend also told her asquez had moved his partner from Brazil into the home without her knowledge or permission. Christopher said she and Vasquez then argued through texts about this since it was not part of the rental agreement.

When the officers missed an appointment to install a new cook-

stove, part of the rental agreement, Christopher contacted Randall who threatened to disconnect the stove. Randall’s behavior regarding the stove installation distressed Christopher and she told him he and Vasquez had 30 days to vacate her home.

On Jan. 2, Christopher came back to Crestone to check on her home. In her report, she describes what she found.

The first thing she saw was the broken windshield of her Dodge truck, something that was not the case when she left. The truck bed also was filled with mud, she said. She later found the truck was running poorly and that 1,700 additional miles had been logged on to the odometer in her absence. Officers denied they were responsible for the broken windshield or the truck’s condition.

When she entered her home, “The rancid kaleidoscope of smells was so thick it took my breath away. Walking into the kitchen was disgusting. Every counter was covered in filth. Every cabinet and drawer was/is still nasty. Food on the ceiling. Blood on the floor. The refrigerator was a disgusting mess. The smell was terrible, and ...raw chicken juices [were] puddled and stuck

on the glass [refrigerator] shelves. The kitchen sink had dried food caked on it.”

She also found her bedroom in disarray, when she had told the men not to sleep there. Christopher alleges that cannabis and alcohol products were missing from her home, also her daughter’s PS4 device and headphones, which were later located and returned by Deputy Wayne Clark.

Christopher says she is compiling a complete list of the missing items and damages to her property. According to Christopher’s report, Vasquez also has filed a report with the sheriff’s office.

WARWICK RESPONDS

One of the employees in question no longer works for the county, Warwick announced, and disciplinary actions that cannot be described are being taken with the other deputy.

“The deputies did admit using her truck,” Sheriff Dan Warwick said. “I am not saying what she is saying is false and I am not saying it is all correct. It has been taken to the District Attorney and actions are being taken to correct any wrongdoing.” Warwick says he couldn’t say much more because there

are internal matters he cannot discuss.

Warwick said any disciplinary actions “won’t make her (Christopher) whole again,” adding that he has “talked to her and apologized.” He said that overall it is a landlord/tenant dispute involving moral and civil violations. If criminal violations are discovered to exist, then these also will be addressed, Warwick said.

The incident is unfortunate, Warwick observed, because it will hamper the Sheriff’s Office from housing any future deputies in Crestone. “Deputies will now be responsible for their own housing,” he said. “I will not ask the county to pay for it anymore.”

The deputies had only been with the Sheriff’s Office for a few months and Warwick indicated he had no way of knowing whether or not there were any problems beforehand within such a short time span.

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God bless America ...

HOLLYWOOD — God Bless America, and how's everybody?

President Trump arrived in L.A. on Tuesday with West Coast residents understandably jittery over everything going on.

Yesterday I was in my Bank of America branch and everyone became suddenly terrified when a man walked into the lobby wearing a mask. Thank God it was only a bank robber.

Mount Vernon plans a special celebration of life and drums and patriotic reading for George Washington's Birthday this weekend.

An actor will read George's first Inaugural Address, which was only two and half minutes long. I guess if a politician can't tell a lie, it leaves very little else to say.

Twentieth Century Fox announced that filming will begin this summer on another Indiana Jones movie starring Harrison Ford. At age 78, he'll be the oldest actor in Hollywood history to headline a movie. In this adventure, Indiana Jones goes exploring for a reverse mortgage.

Michael Bloomberg flooded the TV airwaves in Nevada with ads rather than engage in retail politicking. One campaign commercial shows an old tape of Mike Bloomberg giving an award to Don Rickles. He rose to the top by insulting blacks, Hispanics, women and gays, and so did Rickles.

Las Vegas hosted a Democratic debate in Las Vegas on Wednesday with a full field of candidates after the DNC dropped the rule requiring each candidate to have a minimum number of donors in order to participate. The DNC ruled that Bloomberg was eligible for the debate. The check cleared.

A Gallup Poll showed that Americans are more politically divided and at odds than at any time since the Civil War. Even information is now partisan.

A study shows that Republicans label all the news they don't like as Fake News while Democrats label all the news they don't like as Fox News.

The Wall Street Journal reported that China's domestic business slowdown due to the Corona Virus will soon affect businesses worldwide.

This week, the Corona Virus forced China's number one Hip-Hop star to cancel his national concert tour in China. The rapper's name is Notorious MSG.

China imposed an in-house quarantine on much of the Corona Virus infected areas of Hunan Province Friday.

A Chinese health official said on television that China needs a superhero to come to its rescue. The Chinese don't care if it's Batman or Wonder Dog or Cat Woman, food is food.

The Norman Transcript reports an all-white group of Oklahoma racists tortured and murdered one of their own members Friday. The victim had destroyed an air conditioner, so the group voted to kill him. All I can say is, my college fraternity's pledge program is a lot tougher than it used to be.

Harvey Weinstein's sexual assault trial in Manhattan went to jury this week after defense and prosecution gave their final summations.

Who knows now? After having to examine nude frontal photos of the defendant revealing he has both male and female genitalia, the jury could go either way.

President Trump attended a private fundraising event at a hotel in downtown Beverly Hills on Tuesday night. What was strange was that donors insisted on anonymity, in a town where no one is anonymous. Even Beverly Hills AA has photographers working the red carpet outside the meetings.

President Trump flew to Rancho Mirage Wednesday to play golf and dine with donors. He has plans to stop by the Betty Ford Center, where they'll thank him for sending them so many repeat customers for three years. Betty never dreamed her name would someday be on a Democratic retreat.

Sea World gave in to animal rights activists and agreed to stop the practice of trainers riding on the backs of dolphins in their water show.

The CEO of Sea World just retired and he will receive a \$10 million retirement package. That is, if he can jump through a hoop and catch it with his mouth.

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Maestas helps desegregate Valley schools

Monday is a big day in the progress of carving one of the state's greatest educational victories into stone in its birthplace.

A resolution in favor of Maestas et al versus Shone et al will be read before the state legislature, taking its place in state history.

Considered an anti-discrimination case, it has never been challenged and has come into the public eye after years lying dormant.

In 1912, school districts were able to order students to be educated in specific buildings according to their ethnicity. Alamosa had the "Mexican School," where students were purportedly sent because it was assumed they couldn't be educated in English.

In addition, what is now Alamosa County— then it was in the process of being carved out of portions of Costilla and Rio Grande counties — added to what existed there. The errant school existed in Alamosa.

What didn't move was the weather. This has always been a brutally cold place where Mother Nature punished the people with all sorts of other dismal conditions. It still is, affected only by climate change.

As soon as the county was inaugurated and a new school year was shaping up, Francisco Maestas, a railroad man, went to the school district and sought to enroll his son, Miguel Antonio, aged 11.

Francisco and his wife might have anticipated what was to come. They had been speaking English in the home and their son was being taught in the language.

Superintendent George Shone declared the boy needed to walk seven blocks south from the family home at the north end of Ross Avenue to the intersection of Ninth Street. No school bus. Walk or don't receive public education.

For young Miguel, that meant crossing many busy railroad tracks; for Francisco, it meant worrying about the many children forced to cross the trails every school day. The school board made it clear his son wasn't acceptable anywhere but the Mexican School.

Getting the attention of the parish priest, Francisco filed suit to demand his son be educated at a building about three blocks from his home.

Every parent in the district was a United States citizen, but that wasn't recognized in people like Francisco and family. They were not recognized as having the right to education unless it was on their terms. During the lengthy trial, the deep-seated prejudice came to light.

Moral and financial support came from the Catholic Church, the families involved, an attorney found and hired through the church and the newborn Sociedad Protectora Mutual de Trabajadores Unidos (SPMDTU), which had been formed to help workers battle the same attitude that was existing in the Alamosa school district.

Families pulled their children out of school and, like the Maestas family, home schooled them in English, caus-

ing the school district to argue that those families didn't want their children educated.

Judge Charles Holbrook sat through the trial and, being from the south, realized what the rancor being caused by the segregation was doing to the community, ruled that children in Alamosa could enroll in the schools nearest their home to end the ill will.

The school, which was referred to as the Mexican School, ended its days as the "Willis School" and then the "Ortega Recreation Center," where Isaac Ortega worked with boys to keep them off the streets and a woman later taught girls to cook and sew.

The newspaper opined that, if cutting Alamosa county away from Conejos wasn't bad enough, victory of the suit would be worse.

When members of the school board argued that the children enrolled in the school at Ninth and Ross had it good, attending classes in their own language in one of the district's newer buildings, they were forced to resign after admitting under oath that they didn't want their children attending school with "Mexicans."

As an old-timer, I didn't know the history of the school building, but I knew that most of the kids around there had at least four generations of history in the United states. Search for goodies opened my eyes and, apparently, touched many hearts.

On March 14, a large event will launch movement toward a memorial installation commemorating forever the fact that all children should be educated equal.

Native Writes



Sylvia Lobato

Reader struggles to trust working with women

DEAR HARRIETTE: I got into a huge argument with a woman who said she wanted to help me work on my business plan. She agreed to a particular fee; it was low, but promised higher returns when I met with success.

After beginning to do the work, she flaked time and again, insulted me along the way and never completed what she agreed to do. On top of all of that, she had the nerve to say that I didn't know what I was doing and that I would never amount to anything. It was awful.

I hear people say how wonderful it is for women to work together. That has not been my experience. Women are usually the ones who stab me in the back. How can I get over this feeling that I can't trust women to be in my corner? — Duped By a Woman

DEAR DUPED BY A WOMAN: This one experience does not need to represent the whole of your engagement with women. Do your best to look at this in isolation. Evaluate it carefully.

What merit, if any, do this woman's comments have? Is there something you could have done differently that might have helped the project to be more successful? Can you recall ever speaking to her in disparaging tones?

Reflect on your behavior, and acknowledge anything that you could have handled differently.

Next, end this relationship. You do not need to work with someone who is rude and unproductive. Sever your ties. Let her know that you are disappointed with the way that she handled herself.

Pay her only what you are legally bound to pay.

Do your best to keep your disdain for women limited to her. Resist the urge to look upon all women with the same lens. See each person for who she is. Your life will be richer if you can.

DEAR HARRIETTE: My son was not a very good student in high school, and now he is reaping what he sowed. He has applied to quite a few colleges, but he does not have a good chance of getting in to any of his favorites.

I convinced him to apply to a few state schools and even community colleges as safety schools. He got mad at me when I made these recommendations, but I know that it is tough to get in to good schools, even when you have good grades.

How can I encourage my son to keep trying when it is likely that he will have slim pickings? — Next Stop College

DEAR NEXT STOP COLLEGE: Talk to your son about his future. What does he want to do with his life? It is absolutely time for him to take steps to make that happen. You cannot do it for him.

Point out that if his career of choice requires higher education, he needs to raise his grades in order to get it. Community college is one way to take classes and up his GPA, which may give him a chance to complete his education at a four-year college or university.

Encourage him to take these next steps seriously. Make it clear that you do not intend to support him financially when he is an adult, so he must figure

it out now.

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The missing final chapter of Orson Bean's life

Orson Bean answered the same question many times during his crazy ride from Broadway to doing every conceivable kind of work during his decades in Hollywood.

What was this funny guy trying to do, while embracing drugs, edgy politics, sexual healing, hippie communes, experimental forms of therapy and other diversions involving his body, mind and soul?

On one occasion, Bean said he was trying to become the "happiest son of a b— alive." In another Los Angeles Times interview, he added: "I did all this stuff — the drugs, getting my kisser on the tube — because I thought it would make me happy. But it didn't work. I didn't find happiness until I learned to surrender, to give up the crazy pursuit." Surrender to what? The answer to that question didn't make it into the media tributes after the 91-year-old Bean's death on Feb. 7, when he was hit by two cars while walking in his Venice, California, neighborhood. However, the answer was hiding in plain sight in several cable TV interviews, his one-man stage show and an online testimony he wrote entitled, "How Orson Bean Found God."

"For most of my life I didn't believe in God," noted Bean. "Who had time? I was too busy with things of this world: getting ahead, getting laid, becoming

famous.

"For most of my adult life I've been at least somewhat famous. Not so famous that I had to wear dark glasses to walk down the street, but famous enough that head waiters would give me a good table. I didn't want to be famous for its own sake. I wanted to be famous so as to be happy."

What finally turned Bean's life around was a religious conversion. He went looking for the "Higher Power" in his 12-step program and eventually found peace.

Many Hollywood people who knew Bean were amazed that the final acts in his wild life — from Communist sympathizer to father-in-law of the late conservative raconteur Andrew Breitbart — didn't make it into news reports.

There was a lot of territory to cover. Bean's work was known by multiple generations — from "What's My Line" to "Desperate Housewives," from his many appearances on "The Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson" to the surrealist classic "Being John Malkovich." Bean was pre-hip, then hip, and finally a kind of ironic post-hip.

In the obituaries, journalists "got the blacklist thing in there, of course, because that's still a major sign of status in Hollywood," said Barbara Nicolosi Harrington, a former Catholic nun who became a screenwriter and film-studies professor. "But the fact is that this man was not just a vague believer of some kind, but one of the stalwart members of the Christian community in Hollywood. That's how Orson's story ends."

That final chapter began when guys in his 12-step addiction-recovery group challenged him to pin some identity to

his own Higher Power.

Finally, a tattooed tough guy who was just out of prison told Bean: "Get down on your knees and thank God every morning. Then do it again at night." Bean said he wasn't sure he believed in God. And why kneel? The ex-con said: God likes people to kneel.

That night, Bean knelt by his bed and, "feeling like a complete fool," said out loud: "If there's anybody there, thank you for the day." Then he kept doing it, morning and night.

"Without my even being aware of it, the act stopped feeling foolish to me," he wrote. "It started to feel good, in fact. After a while, I began to sense that my prayers were being heard. I didn't know by who or what. ... Then, before I knew it, I felt as if there was Something or Someone there who knew me and cared

about me. Actually loved me."

In the old days, said Harrington, the Hollywood establishment would accept this kind of vague faith. With Bean, however, that faith became very specific and visible.

"The key thing in Hollywood, back in those days, was to be able to say, 'I am spiritual, but I am not churchy.'" These days, serious religious faith is a sign that you're not intelligent, that you just don't get it," she said. "That was the problem with Orson Bean. He got churchy, and he didn't mind telling people about it."

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On Religion



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Living Water Bible Fellowship welcomes all to Hymn along

ALAMOSA — Living Water Bible Fellowship welcomes anyone who wishes to join its monthly Hymn Sing at 2910 Clark in Alamosa.

The 23rd of February is the last Sunday of the month. So, as is its custom, there will be a gathering at 6 p.m. to sing gospel hymns.

The great King David, when faced with conflict from the Philistines, opened his plea for God's help with these lines: (1) My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make Melody with all my being! (2) Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! (3) I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. (4) For your steadfast love is great above

the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. (Psalm 108)

David, as a young man, played music for King Saul when Saul was anxious about the conflicts he faced. The songs of faith will calm our hearts also when we face the "wiles" of Satan.

"We live in a time when many have wondered into the pursuit of pleasure, power and profit, said Living Water Bible Fellowship spokesman Jay Harmon. "Hymns reminds us of God's love and protection in a wayward society. "Come join in as we sing praises to the God who is over all and directs the affairs of men."

For more information, the church office number is 719-589-6351.

'UUs and Understanding'

ALAMOSA — The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Alamosa looks at "Understanding" as presented this Sunday by Mary Hester.

"We all want people to understand us. But what do we mean by understanding in this context?" said Jan Oen, spokeswoman for UU by email. "And also, how does this apply to our understanding of others? In this, we examine where our

understanding applies, where it sort of applies, and where we sometimes just don't understand."

Oen added: "If we don't understand, does that means we just throw up our hands. What can we do then?"

The UUs meet in the fellowship hall at 330 San Juan Avenue in Alamosa. All are welcome. Call Jan Oen, 719-480-4771 for additional information.

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One Golden Rule for a Happy Marriage

I think most people would agree that a good marriage isn't just going to "happen." It requires some give and take. And more than anything, the key to a having a great relationship is a commitment to do things God's way.

For example, one major way I've discovered I can improve my marriage is by having an attitude of giving, rather than getting. Our natural inclination is to focus on ourselves—what we want and how we can be happy. But Acts 20:35 says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (NIV).

If you enter marriage with the mindset that your spouse should make you happy all of the time, you're setting yourself up for disaster. However, if you instead focus on choosing to be a blessing to your spouse—if you set your mind on thinking about what you can do for them—then you'll not only strengthen your marriage, but you will also become truly happy.

I admit, I used to be an incredibly selfish person. To be honest, I just plain wanted my way, and I got upset when I didn't get it. In fact, I can still remember many mornings when I would lie in bed, thinking about how I was going to get Dave to do what I wanted him to do. I was wrapped up in myself, thinking all about what I wanted and what others could do for me.

Well, one morning, as I was formulating my plan for how I was going to get everyone to do what I wanted them to do that day, the Holy Spirit interrupted my thoughts and spoke something to my heart that I'll never forget. He said, "Joyce, sometimes you remind me of a toy robot that someone winds up every morning. Then, after you're wound up, you walk around all day long, saying, 'What about me? What about me? What about me?'"

That really got my attention! I realized then how selfish I was and began seeking God's help to change. As I started making progress, little by little, He showed me practical ways to be a blessing to my husband, Dave, rather than expecting him to always do something for me.

For example, a great place to start is learning your spouse's likes and dislikes. I discovered that Dave really values spending quality time together. So even though I'm more of a multi-tasker, it's important for me to give him my undivided attention when he wants to sit and talk about something.

Likewise, Dave has made an effort to learn what I like. Many times he will clean up the kitchen in the evening just because he knows how much it blesses me. It may seem like a little thing, but it goes a long way toward sustaining a healthy relationship!

Remember Acts 20:35: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." For many years I could quote this scripture, but I obviously didn't believe it because I spent my time trying to be blessed rather than be a blessing. But God showed me that we don't even know what "happy" is until we forget about ourselves, start focusing on others, and become generous givers in every way.

I remember a few years ago when I planned a birthday party for Dave. I spent an entire day running errands, making plans, and consuming myself with how I could make it a great event. By the time his birthday arrived, I was absolutely filled with joy and couldn't wait to see his reaction.

I actually think I enjoyed his birthday more than he did! Why? Because I got my mind off myself and focused on being good to someone else.

The truth is we can never out-give God. Even if you feel right now like



you're doing all the giving and your spouse is doing all the taking, rest assured that God will always take care of you and bless your obedience to His Word.

Galatians 6:7 says, "Do not be deceived; God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." I love this! When we make a decision to be givers and spend our time focusing on how we can be good to others, God says He will find ways to bless and take care of us.

I want to encourage you to begin taking a few minutes each morning to "set" your mind in the direction of giving instead of getting. Purposely think of something you can do for your spouse that will be a blessing.

As you choose to spend time making their life better, you'll begin experiencing more happiness yourself...and truly have a marriage you both enjoy!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's CD and DVD resource Marriage. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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Sports

State Wrestling kicks off at the Pepsi Center

DENVER — The San Luis Valley is well represented in Denver this weekend. Seven different schools have athletes competing for a total of 34 wrestlers on the mat vying for state championship metal. Day one of competition was something of a plunge for the valley competitors. Of the 34 that made the journey 13 are active in the championship bracket after day one.

Alamosa sent 10 to Denver over the weekend. Of those five are still in pursuit of an individual state title. After first-round action, Alamosa sits in third place as a team with 18 points, first place is Valley with 25.5 points.

Kyler Liddell picked up a win in the first round of the tournament over Caleb Rigby of Lamar by way of pin. Liddell will face James Cordova of Sheridan as his first match on Friday. At 113, the first seed, Davion Chavez, took care of business against Classical Academy's Zach Courtright with a fall at 1:15. Chavez continues what could be a collision course with the defending 113-pound champion Angelo Lozado of Jefferson. Next up for Chavez will be Alex Castenada of Eaton. Colton Liddell knocked off Drew Johnson of Salida on Thursday with a 6-0 decision. Liddell will face second-seeded Noah Damian of Valley in his first match Friday. At 170 pounds, Hunter Smith earned a win by fall over Blake Coombs in 1:37. Smith will move on to the next round against Brenden Carroll of Classical Academy on Friday. Austin Trujillo downed Zayne Stam of Weld Central with a 1:39 pin in the prelim round of the tournament. Trujillo will get a major test on Friday going up against first seeded Nick Wellen of Brush on Friday.

Brandon Reveles, Trevor Maestas, Zeke Rangel, Logan Garcia and Zaq



Courier file photo

Alamosa's Davion Chavez wrestles at the Gary Rammstetter Classic in January.

Bernal will look to battle their way back through the consolation bracket.

The Centauri Falcons sent 11 wrestlers to Denver for competition, six can still earn individual titles. The Falcons hold on to 5th place in the team standings after first-round action with 21 points, first place is shared by Rocky Ford and Wray with 31.

Mario Vigil and Eyan Chavez got the Falcons off to a good start in the lighter weights. Vigil knocked off Jack Bornhoft of Sedgwick Fleming and Chavez bested Jesus Hernandez of Burlington. Both wrestlers won by fall. Vigil has drawn first seeded Michael Romero of Swink in Friday's first match. Chavez will take on Quinton Vernard of Rocky Ford. The two missed

one another at the Alamosa Duals in January. At 145 pounds Jordan Martin picked up a 15-5 major decision over Burlington's Michael Gutierrez. The win pits Martin against second-seeded Adrian Nieto of Cedaredge in the next round. Centauri's Zach Buhr also netted a win. Buhr took down Bradyn Tacha of Limon in his first match. Buhr will look to derail first seeded Grey Neal in his first match on Friday. Centauri's Byron Shawcroft picked up a win over Jackson Firebaugh by fall at 3:57 to advance to the next round. There, Shawcroft will take on Gavin Brown of Akron. The final Falcon to continue in the championship round was Remi Lucero at 285 pounds. The second-seeded Centauri heavyweight

earned a quick 0:51 second pin on Chase Stolzenberger and will take on Randy Herrera of Ignacio in his first match on Friday.

Falcons Ivan Lopez, Erik Mestas, Adam Chacon, Jownes Archuleta, and Joseph Moreno will continue to fight from the consolation bracket.

Monte Vista's had four wrestlers donning the green and gold come tournament time. Of them, Ethan Hotz is the lone competitor still eligible for an individual title. Hotz dispatched Byers' Wyatt Vermeer by way of a pin in 3:45. The win sets up a meeting with J.J. Horn of Fowler in Friday's action. Monte Vista's Dominic Lopez, DeAngelo Lopez and Jason Duran are still alive in the tournament and eligible to place.

Sierra Grande-Centennial also sent three wrestlers to state tournament play for the weekend. The Panthers Richard Atencio, Brady Kuhns and Ryan Tijerina were unable to clear their first matches on Thursday and will look to continue climbing in the consolation bracket.

Center and Del Norte would both get two wrestlers on the slate come Thursday morning. Of those four competitors, Malachi Gallegos is the lone wrestler still eligible for an individual title. Gallegos finished off opponent Elias Garcia of Highland with a pin in under a minute. The win sets up a meeting between Gallegos and Jarret Sinks of Norwood on Friday. Anthony Balderas of Del Norte and Pablo Valencia and Elezar Aguilar of Center will look to bounce back on Friday.

The lone Mountain Valley wrestler Wyatt Gardner earned a tough draw with second-seeded Oran Huff right off the bat. Gardner will look to correct course against Destrly Schmidt in the consolation bracket Friday morning.

ASU prepare for Western State and Mesa

By AARON KINNISCHTZKE
ASU Sports Information Director
ALAMOSA, Colo. — The Adams State Grizzlies Men's and Women's Basketball teams are back at home, for what will be their final home split of the season, facing off against Western Colorado on Friday and Colorado Mesa on Saturday. The Grizzlies will then be back for one final game against Fort Lewis on Friday, February 28th, also at home.

On the Men's Side

The Grizzlies, coming off of four-straight losses last having beat Dixie State back on February 1st, are looking to get the bad taste out of their mouths back on their home floor, as they face off against a pair of rival RMAC Schools. Friday against Western will be the second time in the 2020 season that the Grizzlies have taken on the Mountaineers, as they lost a back and forth thriller in Gunnison back on January 18th. The Mountaineers have won three straight,

and are hanging on by a thread to back their way into the RMAC Tournament. Being that the Grizzlies are mathematically eliminated, they will try and spoil their most bitter rival's season once and for all Friday night from Plachy Hall.

Last time the Grizzlies played Colorado Mesa back on January 17th in Grand Junction, they went into the half nodded at 40 with the fourth-place Mavericks, feeling good about their chances in the second half. Colorado Mesa quickly put an end to that confidence, as they outscored the Grizzlies 48-36 in the second half, thanks to a flurry of Maverick second-chance buckets that broke the Grizzlies' will for good. Colorado Mesa guard Michael Skinner will be a marked man this time around, as the Grizzlies had no answer for his 20 points and 16 rebounds, which earned him RMAC Player of the Week Honors in their last matchup.

On the Women's Side

The Adams State Women's team did not fare any better than the men last time they played Western State and Colorado Mesa a month ago. Against Western back on January 18th, they fell victim to stellar post play from the Mountaineers, and also coughed up a whopping 28 turnovers. Having played much cleaner last week in Utah, the Grizzlies hope that they can lock down their fundamentals and not have the self-inflicted wounds that downed them last time. The Mountaineers come in with an RMAC record of 15-4 and have reeled off four straight victories. The Grizzlies hope to play spoiler against their bitter rivals from down the way Friday night.

Against Colorado Mesa back on January 17th, the Mavericks' offensive firepower proved to be too much for the Grizzlies, and they come into Saturday the top-ranked team in the RMAC, and as the 24th-ranked team in the country with an overall record of 21-4. Early on in

their last matchup with Colorado Mesa, the Grizzly backcourt defense was stout, pressuring Maverick scorers to give the ball up late in the shot clock. Somehow, the Mavericks managed to keep finding players open late in possessions which allowed

them to keep the pressure on the Grizzly offense, who had a hard time answering. The Grizzlies hope that this time they will be able to fully complete defensive stands and force Colorado Mesa into tough shots and shot clock violations.

Game times for the Men's and Women's games this weekend are the same as always, with the Women slated to go at 5:30 PM with the Men's tip-off directly following at 7:30. Fans are encouraged to bring new, unopened socks for the Adams State Student Athletic Advisory Committee Sock Drive, in order to help those in need throughout the San Luis Valley.

Thunderbirds pick up the wins for Parent Night

Sangre de Cristo takes victory over Moffat-Mountain Valley

By STEPHEN JIRON
Courier Sports Editor
MOSCA — The T-Birds girls basketball team bottled up Moffat for the majority of the contest on Saturday night to take a commanding 61-17 win at home on Thursday night.

Late in the season Sangre de Cristo (15-3, 10-0 SPL) isn't showing any signs of slowing down. Entering Thursday night's Southern Peaks showdown, the Thunderbirds had pieced together a 3-game win streak. The Cowboys have also had some success in their league schedule. Moffat (12-4, 8-2 SPL) has only lost two games in the league. One to Cotopaxi on Jan. 30th and the other on Thursday to Sangre de Cristo.

Sangre de Cristo wasted no time building an advantage going up 20-6 in the first quarter. The Thunderbird press near bringing the ball down the court near impossible for Moffat and Sangre swept the second quarter 18-0 to go to the break 38-6. Sangre junior Kylee Christensen led the home team in scoring through two with 14 points. Christensen would go on to post 21 points in the victory.

For Moffat, senior Alyssa Hammel paced her team in scoring in the first half with 4 points. Hammel would register a team-leading 7 in Thursday's effort.

Moffat-Mountain Valley would have their most productive quarter of the game in the third putting up 9 as a team

lead by 5 from Nicole Berry. Despite the signs of life from the Cowboys a 53-15 score after three would force a running clock for the final 8 minutes of play. The host Thunderbirds would push their



Sangre de Cristo's Tori Ford (3) takes on Alyssa Hammel (44) of Moffat-Mountain Valley on Thursday.

advantage to the 61-17 finale.

Both teams will look to end their regular seasons on a high note on Friday. Sangre de Cristo will go on the road to take on Kim-Branson (10-7). Moffat-Mountain Valley will be home to host Lake City (1-10, 1-9 SPL), tipoff is slated

Sangre stays perfect in Southern Peaks with Thursday win

By STEPHEN JIRON
Courier Sports Editor
MOSCA — A win at home sealed perfection in the 1A Southern Peaks League (SPL) for Sangre de Cristo boys



Sangre senior Cole Christensen (23) looks to get around fellow senior Ced Ross (44) during league play Thursday.

basketball (17-1, 9-0). The T-Birds took care of business at home for Parents Night to best Moffat 54-35.

Sangre de Cristo has built a three-game winning streak going back to their first and only loss of the season to 3A Raton on Feb. 8th. Moffat-Mountain

Valley (4-11, 0-7 SPL) has been looking to correct course carrying the weight of a seven-game skid into Thursday's game.

Sangre entered the game with the pedal to the metal putting 9-point on the board in a hurry, brothers Cole and Luke Christensen combining for 7 of them. Cowboys Tristan Martinez and Cedar Ross would answer back but the scoreboard showed 19-6 after one.

In the second quarter, Ross would add two more buckets but Sangre's Jose Lopez heated up with two 3-pointers and helped catapult the home team to a 33-12 lead at the half.

After the break, it was the Christensen-Connection once again opening up with 8 unanswered points for Sangre de Cristo.

Moffat's Ross would help propel his team with four points to try and keep pace in an 18-11 third quarter. Late in the third Sangre de Cristo would give their younger players a little playing time. In the final quarter, Moffat would have their most productive period of the game outscoring Sangre 12-3 in the final 8 minutes. The Thunderbirds defeated the visiting Cowboys 54-35.

There is one more game on the schedule for the Thunderbirds. Sangre de Cristo will be on the road to meet No. 8 Kim-Branson (15-3) on Friday. Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Results

Adams State Baseball Feb. 15	ASU 12, Univ. of the Southwest 9 ASU 9, Univ. of the Southwest 5
Adams State Basketball Feb. 15	Westminster 65, ASU 44 (W) Westminster 90, ASU 62 (M)
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Feb. 20

Centauri 74, Monte Vista 18 (G) Centauri 70, Monte Vista 51 (B) Sierra Grande 67, Creede 52 (B) Antonito FFW, Aguilar FFL (G) La Veta 50, Sierra Grande 35 (G) Sierra Grande 51, La Veta 43 (B) Sangre de Cristo 61, Moffat-Mt.-Valley 17 (G) Sangre de Cristo 54, Moffat-Mt.-Valley 35 (B)
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Adams State Softball

Feb. 15

Okla. Panhandle State 11, ASU 10 Okla. Panhandle State 11, ASU 1

Feb. 16

ASU 8, Okla. Panhandle State 7 ASU 3, Okla. Panhandle State 0
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Lifestyle

Habitats are Thriving at Sanford Schools



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Habitats are flourishing at Sanford Elementary School. Mrs. Jennifer Workman's third-grade students turned the hallway into a walking art exhibit. Each student chose an animal to learn about and created a habitat diorama for their animal. The exhibits ranged from under the sea to the top of the Rocky Mountains. The students love to use a lot of creativity to bring their ideas to life. Elementary Principal Dena Jaminet said, "The third-grade dioramas were a well thought out project. Ms. Workman did an excellent job of creating a project that had students work on multiple standards throughout. The project included researching, writing and oral presentations. The third-grade habitat dioramas were amazing. Students were able to use their creativity to create a habitat. It was great to talk with the students and have them explain why they chose their animal and how they created their habitats." The dioramas were displayed in the hallway, and the staff and students of Sanford Schools were encouraged to vote for the one they liked the most. Students had to include living and non-living items and give a presentation on their animal and their habitat. The students really enjoyed it. The winners are pictured, from left to right: Noah Crowther, Kamry Crowther, Journey Caldon and Wesley Garcia.



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Wildwood Sounds will host Rough & Tumble

DEL NORTE — Come celebrate this couples' first anniversary — or is it their fourth — and the great music they present. The Rough & Tumble are as easy to detect as a stray dog on your doorstep — and as difficult to send home. The dumpster-folk, thriftstore-Americana duo, consisting of Mal-lory Graham and Scott Tyler and their menagerie of classic folk and home-made instruments, have been hobbling around the

country in their 16-foot camper with their dogs since 2015, taking their songs to the far corners of the United States and to the weird little towns they pass along the way. Written during a time of doggedly trying despite the odds and a self-proclaimed "year of honesty," The Rough & Tumble released its new studio album *Howling Back* at the Wounded Dog on Sept. 6. To listen to the band's music and get Graham and Tyler, please visit www.theroughandtumble.com.

The cost is \$15 at the door. Reserve a ticket by calling 719-657-4757 or email wwshcv7@gmail.com. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and music starts at around 7 p.m. This is a snack potluck. Bring a favorite treat to share with coffee and tea on the house. Wildwood Sounds is located at 850 Grande Ave. in Del Norte, off of Highway 160. A perfect listening room.

Six ways for parents to share more time with their children

Time is at a premium for today's families. Many households are dual income, and children may engage in one or more extracurricular activities after school. The challenge often lies in finding ways to spend quality time together as a family. Although that can sometimes feel impossible, with a little creativity and thoughtful planning, families can find time with one another.

- ▶ Adjust wake-up time. Have the family get up with the earliest riser. Then everyone can enjoy breakfast together and touch base about their day to come. Many activities that keep families busy occur after school, so this ensures at least one family

- meal together every day.
- ▶ Take off for school holidays. Working parents can adjust their schedules to include a few vacation days used on school holidays. This way everyone benefits from sleeping in and spending time together.
- ▶ Schedule a family day off. Preplan for a weekday when the entire family stays home from work or school. Museums, indoor play areas, movie theaters, and other attractions are less busy during the week than during the weekend. This allows families to have more fun together.
- ▶ Turn chores into family projects. Work around the house will get done much more quickly if everyone pitches in. Plus,

- this is a great opportunity to work together and learn new skills. Children may enjoy learning how to prepare meals or plant a garden.
- ▶ Host a family reunion. Extended families may only have the opportunity to see each other a few times a year. Annual family reunions help strengthen the bond adults and children have with their extended families and provide a fun reason to get together.
- ▶ Schedule a weekly family night. Families can make sure that at least one night each week the schedule is free so that they can spend time together playing a game, watching a movie or doing another family-friendly activity. FP175026

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Lifestyle



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Factors to weigh when looking to buy a hybrid

If one wants a vehicle that provides energy-efficient transportation, produces few emissions, is quiet, and reduces reliance on petroleum products, a hybrid or electric vehicle is probably the right choice.

A mere 17 years ago hybrid cars were hard to come by, with the Honda Insight and the Toyota Prius being the most widely available models. These days, there are more hybrids and electric vehicles than ever before. In 2018, U.S. News & World Report listed 18 of its favorite picks of hybrid and electric cars — and this was just in the “priced below \$30,000” range.

Widespread availability — most major car manufacturers offer one or more hybrid models — and major environmental and economical benefits have made hybrids attractive to a wide range of people.

While there are many similarities between hybrid and electric vehicles and gasoline-powered cars and trucks, there are certain differences that prospective hybrid buyers may want to learn before they begin shopping.

The average hybrid costs more up front than the equivalent gas model. However, the long-term fuel savings associated with hybrids can mitigate those up-front costs. If money is a concern, do the math when comparing models to see which hybrid vehicle will provide a shorter payback range in fuel savings over initial investment price.

A hybrid vehicle may be advantageous over an electric vehicle for certain reasons. According to Consumer Reports, even though electric motors are three times as efficient as gasoline engines, gasoline provides much more energy in a given model — and does so at less cost than vehicles that need batteries and electric storage solutions.

Hybrids offer the best of both worlds, in that they can use electricity when it is most efficient and have the power of a gas engine when practical.

Check to see if a hybrid is a full hybrid or mild hybrid, which provides limited electric assistance to bolster fuel economy.

Plug-in hybrids are other options. These vehicles allow drivers to plug in to recharge the vehicle's batteries and maximize its usage of electricity. Once the battery is depleted, or during longer trips, the engine turns on to generate electricity. Research the types of hybrids and decide what aligns best with one's driving habits.

The vast majority of hybrids use automatic transmissions and will feature battery and fuel-usage meters so that drivers can keep track of energy usage, helping to develop smarter driving habits in the process. Hybrids work quite well with city driving, but can provide considerable fuel savings during highway driving, as well. Discuss available technological features when comparing models to see where the fuel savings are coming from.

Hybrids and electric vehicles present yet another option for drivers to consider when buying new vehicles. FC18A408

BAIC EC-Series leads the way as No. 1 electric car

The most popular electric car model of 2018 is the BAIC EC-Series.

Manufactured in China, the BAIC EC-Series sold more than 15,000 units in January and February of 2018, unseating the Nissan Leaf as the most popular electric car across the globe.

However, the Leaf remains popular, as electric car buyers made it the second most popular electric car model in the world in the first few months of 2018.

The Leaf also remains the best-selling electric car in the world since it was first introduced in 2010, a function of its performance as well as its widespread availability.

For electric car buyers with some money to spend, the third most popular model of 2018, the Tesla Model S, might do the job. Starting at around \$75,000, the Model S can accelerate from zero to 60 mph in less than three seconds and its 100 kWh battery allows it to run 315 miles before needing to be recharged. FC18A350

Green sources reduce energy dependence

Developing domestic green power sources can help countries reduce their dependence on foreign fuel sources.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, conventional power consumed in the United States is produced in part from imported fossil fuels, including petroleum and natural gas.

Electricity produced from solar, wind, geothermal, biogas, and low-impact hydroelectric sources are some examples of green power that can be produced domestically. Such energy sources typically produce zero emissions and can help consumers greatly reduce their carbon footprints, although the EPA notes that some renewable energy technologies, such as large hydroelectric resources, can have a small impact on the environment. TF187150

PUC releases stakeholder's report

Utility plans to support widespread transportation electrification

DENVER — The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) released a staff report Thursday summarizing comments from interested parties about what information would be useful for electric utilities to include in upcoming proposals to support transportation electrification.

Legislation adopted last year directs electric public utilities to file no later than May 15, and every three years thereafter, an application for a program for regulated activities to support widespread transportation electrification within the utility's service area.

The legislation estab-

lished several criteria for evaluating the proposals, which include, seeking to maximize benefits and minimize costs; improving use of the electric grid; increasing access to electricity as a transportation fuel; ensuring safety and reliability; contributing to air quality standards; fostering competition for charging; including transparent public reporting; and providing access for low-income customers.

The PUC opened a miscellaneous proceeding in October to gather information from stakeholders regarding utility applications for transportation programs prior to utilities

filing their plans.

The report captures those comments and organizes them into a singular document.

In the conclusions section of the report, PUC staff identifies certain areas of information and analysis that encourages utilities to consider in their upcoming filings.

ABOUT THE PUC
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Report courtesy of a press release from Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, Public Utilities Commission.

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Lifestyle

Latino voters in the West for protecting public land

Poll shows significant concern about impacts of climate change, energy development

COLORADO SPRINGS — The 10th annual Colorado College State of the Rockies Project Conservation in the West Poll released today shows Latino voters in the Mountain West calling for an aggressive agenda to protect more public lands in the face of threats from climate change impacts and energy development.

The poll, which surveyed the views of voters in eight Mountain West states (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming), found that public lands and the outdoor way of life continues to be of deep importance to Western voters. Sixty-nine percent label themselves as “conservationists,” and that perspective informs their votes. Eight-two percent of Latino voters consider an elected official’s stance on issues involving water, air, wildlife and public lands “important” when deciding whether to support them. Nearly half — 47% — said those issues are a “primary factor” in their decision.

“Support for conservation on public lands remains consistent and strong over the decade-long history of our poll,” said Corina McKendry, director of the State of the Rockies Project and an Associate Professor of Political Science at Colorado College. “The urgency and demand for action behind those feelings is now intensifying as voters in the West increasingly believe their lands and lifestyles are coming under attack from the impacts of climate change and energy development.”

Western Latino voters expect their elected officials to advance policies reflecting the predominant conservationist perspective across the region.

82 percent of Latino voters favor a national goal to protect 30 percent of America’s land and ocean areas by 2030, with majority support across party lines for the ambitious conservation goal.

72 percent want their member of Congress to protect national public lands over allowing more drilling and mining.

75 percent agree that private companies should not profit from using public lands when it limits the public’s enjoyment of the area.

86 percent say the lack of resources to properly maintain public lands is a serious problem.

69 percent support fully funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

“Latinos are changing the face of conservation leading it to be more reflective of the communities we see in the western states. As they become leaders in this movement, they are seeking solutions that represent the needs and address the concerns of their communities,” said Maite Arce, president and CEO of Hispanic Access Foundation. “With the growing electoral power that this community is just beginning to discover, you have a political force that has the potential to shift the balance on conservation issues like climate change where Latino voter support outpaces other communities.”

Growing fears about the impacts of climate

change Voters view climate change as the first or second most important environmental problem in each state surveyed. Climate change as a top concern has increased dramatically over ten years of the poll from 5 percent in 2011 to 39 percent today.

Overall, 78% of Latino voters across the region see climate change as a “serious problem.”

66 percent saying the evidence of climate change requires action.

Western Latino voters are alarmed about the impacts of climate change with 72 percent believing the effects over the past ten years are significant and 75 percent agreeing they will continue to be significant over the next decade.

The feared impact of climate change includes uncontrollable wildfires, which are viewed as a serious problem by 84 percent of Latino voters. To deal with the impacts, 83 percent of Latino voters expect their congressional representatives and state governors to have a plan to reduce carbon pollution that contributes to climate change. Reducing carbon pollution is seen as an important objective for public officials by a majority of Democrats, Republicans, and independent voters.

Concerns about energy development and a push for clean, renewable sources

When it comes to energy development, Western Latino voters want to make sure public lands are protected and safe.

69% of Latino voters view the impacts of mining on land and water as serious problems.

74% said the impacts of oil and gas drilling pose a serious problem.

64% of Latino voters support increasing royalty fees for drilling on public lands.

81% want to see mining companies pay a fee for their public lands operations.

89% support for requiring oil and gas companies to use updated equipment to prevent methane gas pollution.

Western Latino voters want to see the expansion of clean, renewable sources of energy. In total, 74% of Latino voters are behind gradually increasing the use of renewable energy sources to 100% in their state.

Continued support for protecting water and wildlife

Water is among the top environmental concerns of voters in the West. Additionally, Latino voters are disappointed with the action of the current administration in regards to water.

80% said water supplies are becoming more unpredictable every year.

90% of Western Latino voters view water supplies and low levels in rivers as a serious problem in their state.

94% of voters say pollution of rivers, lakes and streams is a top concern.

90% said microplastics in their drinking water supplies are a top concern.

72% of voters view removing Clean Water Act protections as a bad change.

Wildlife also remains a top concern for Westerners and the administration policies towards wildlife are

largely rejected by Latino voters in the West.

75% believe the loss of habitat to be a serious problem.

68% said allowing more drilling instead of protecting sage grouse habitat was a “bad change.”

67% of Western Latino voters view the administration’s decision to reduce protections for threatened species under the Endangered Species Act as a “bad

change” 76% of voters prefer policies like designating portions of public lands where wildlife migrate each year as areas closed to oil and gas drilling.

This is the 10th consecutive year Colorado College has gauged the public’s sentiment on public lands and conservation issues. The 2020 Colorado College Conservation in the West Poll is a bipartisan survey conducted by Republican pollster Lori Weigel of New Bridge Strategy and Democratic pollster Dave Metz of Fairbank,

Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates.

The poll surveyed 400 registered voters in each of eight Western states (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, & WY) for a total 3,200-person sample — 499 of the respondents identified as Hispanic/Latino. The survey was conducted between Jan. 11-19, and has a margin of error of ±2.65% nationwide and ±4.9% statewide. The full survey and individual state surveys are available on the State of the Rockies website.

About Colorado College

Colorado College is a nationally prominent

four-year liberal arts college that was founded in Colorado Springs in 1874. The college operates on the innovative Block Plan, in which its 2,000 undergraduate students study one course at a time in intensive three and a half-week segments. For the past 16 years, the college has sponsored the State of the Rockies Project, which seeks to enhance public understanding of and action to address socio-environmental challenges in the Rocky Mountain West through collaborative student-faculty research, education, and stakeholder engagement.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Waverly Drainage District #1 will hold its Annual Meeting for the purpose of adopting the 2020 Budget, and any other business that comes before the Board. The Meeting will be held on February 22, 2020 10:00 A.M. at the Waverly Youth Community Ctr, 1869 Cty. Rd 10 South Alamosa, CO. Waverly Drainage District #1
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099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIDS REQUESTED FOR Residential Light Installation A total of 23 ceiling light mounts and electrical power to be installed in eight apartments. Must be a licensed electrician and possess proof of Work Mans Comp and Liability Insurance. Bids must be submitted by noon March 10th, 2020. Please contact Saguache County Housing Authority, 719-849-0356 (3/5)

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS The East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District is accepting bids for a lease on an 80-acre parcel of farm ground located at 2251 South Road 8, Alamosa, CO, along with 2 shares of Common Wealth Water. If a multi-year lease is proposed, please state proposed terms of lease. Bids should be a minimum of \$5,000 per year together with payment of water assessments. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 9, 2020. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 1092, Alamosa, CO 81101 or hand delivered to 10 Costilla Blvd. Alamosa, CO. Bids will be opened at the Board's regular meeting on March 12, at 6:00 p.m. at 10 Costilla Blvd. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. (2/22)

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MONTE VISTA AREA Ditch Companies seeking a ditch rider, experience preferred. Must have a valid CDL, reliable transportation, welding capabilities, able to run and maintain heavy equipment. Salary based on experience. Send resume to 147 Washington St., Monte Vista, CO 81144. (3/10)

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THE CITY OF Monte Vista is seeking a Chief of Police. Candidates should possess demonstrated leadership skills, high integrity, demonstrated success in problem-solving policing methods, the development and implementation of police budgets, data-driven deployment methodologies and department-level financial management. Minimum requirements: Bachelors' degree in police or criminal justice, public administration, law enforcement or a directly related field. A Masters' degree and / or leadership training such as: FBI National Academy, Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command or equivalent preferred. Colorado POST certification, or the demonstrated ability to obtain Colorado certification, is required. Candidates must have been a peace officer for a minimum of 10 years, including 6 years of police supervisory/ leadership experience at the rank of sergeant or higher. The position has a competitive salary and excellent benefit package. The general hiring minimum salary is \$82,000. Salary at appointment is dependent on qualifications. To be considered for this position you must complete a City of Monte Vista employment application at www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov. Please submit your completed job application (resume optional) and a cover letter to the Human Resources office, 95 W. 1st Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144 or e-mail your application to hmanager@ci.monte-vista.co.us. All applications must be received not later than Monday, March 16, 2020. (3/14)

ALAMOSA COUNTY Treasurer and Public Trustee, job opening for Accounting Technician. Please visit alamosacounty.org for job application and details. 37.5 hours per week (full time with benefits) \$14-\$14.50 per hour. Must have experience with Treasurer's Deeds, releases, foreclosures and banking and cash management. Deadline to apply is 2/21/2020. (2/21)

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SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is looking for highly motivated Middle School Science Teacher that has a desire to teach and the ability to pass their passion of learning onto students. For more information please contact Mr. Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org. Teaching applications may be downloaded from sdc.schoolsdesk.net or picked up at school office. Positions open until filled. (2/21)

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@urrtigers.co; or call 719-657-4030. The position will be opened until filled. Please pick up an application at the District Office or online at dncsd.org. (2/27)

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, FULL-TIME The Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust is hiring a full-time Office Administrator to work in our Del Norte office. Find the job announcement at <http://www.riograndelandtrust.org/job-opportunities> or email Joelle Marier at joellem@riograndelandtrust.org for more information. (2/27)

THE CITY OF Alamosa is seeking a Full-time Maintenance Worker I for the Streets Department with a starting salary of \$14.42 - \$15.86 per hour DOQ. For more information and to apply visit www.cityofalamosa.org or City Hall at 300 Hunt Avenue. Protected by the EOE law. Closing date February 24, 2020 at 4:30 pm. (2/27)

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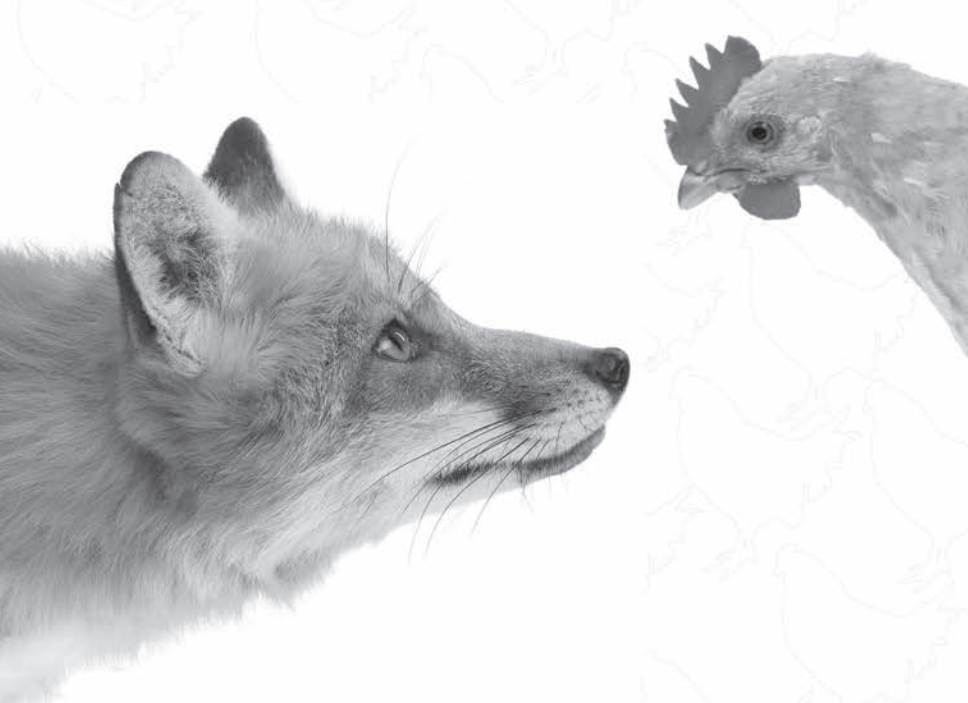
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51 Shaving mishap

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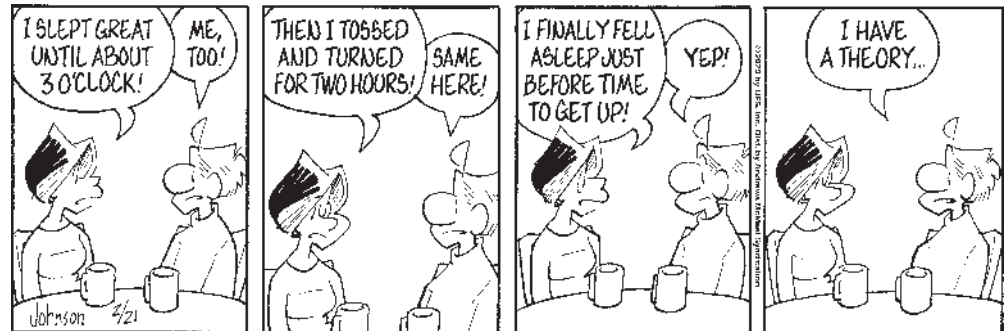
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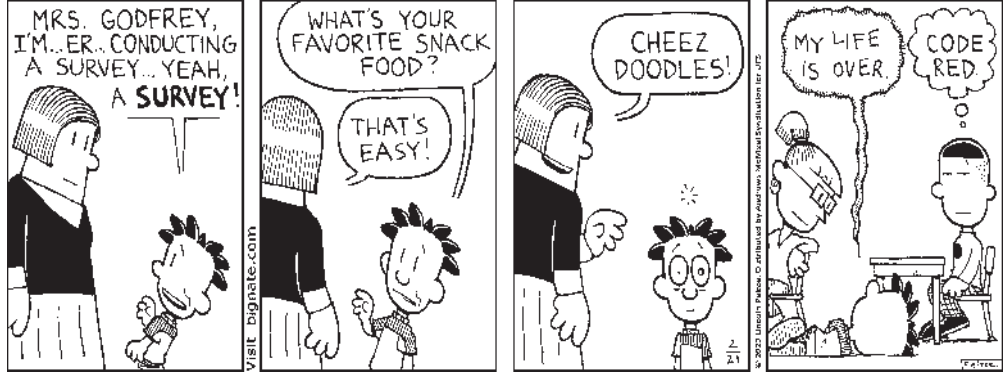
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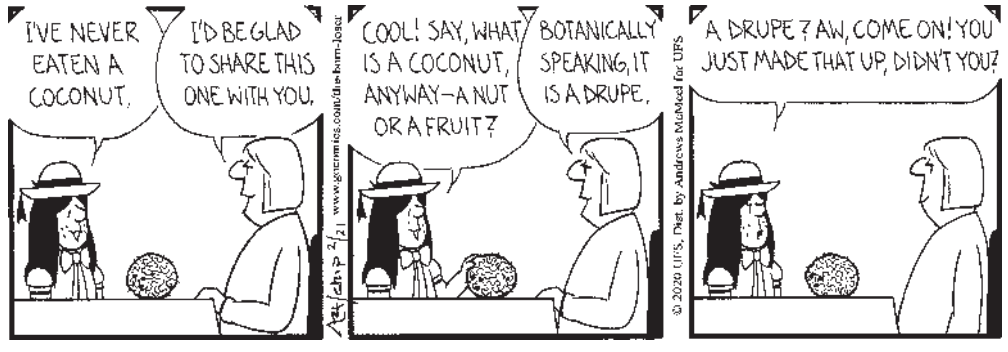
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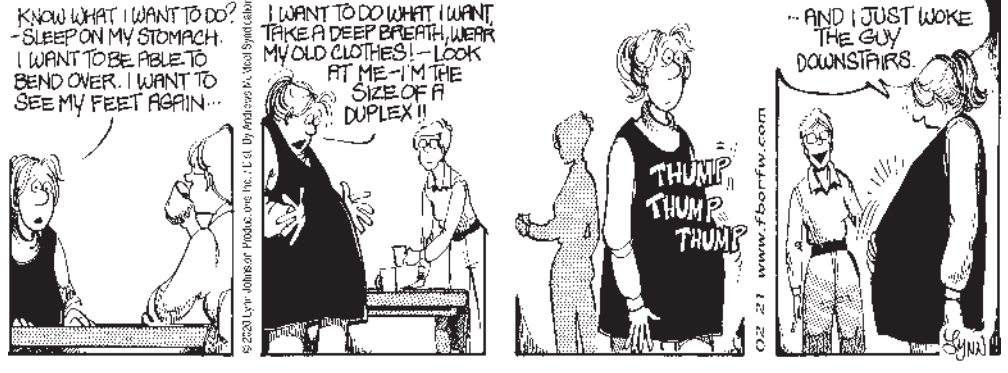
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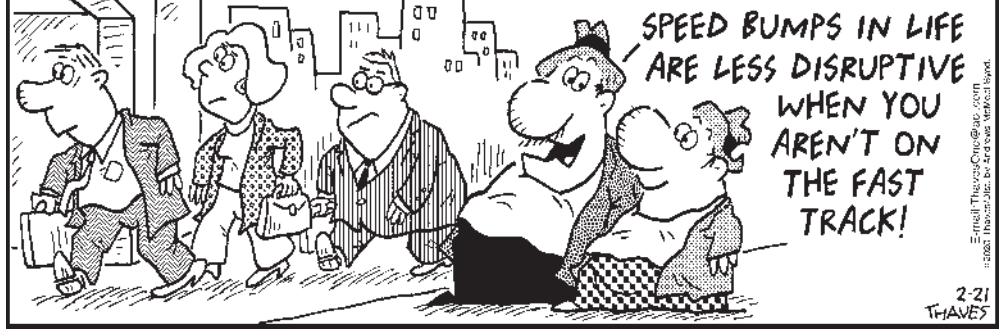
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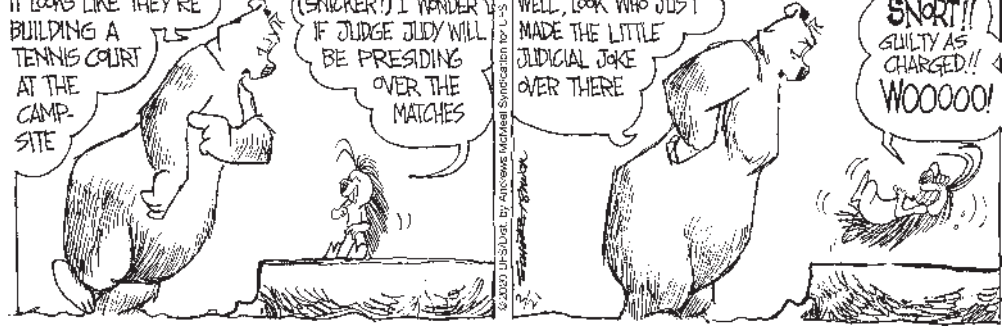
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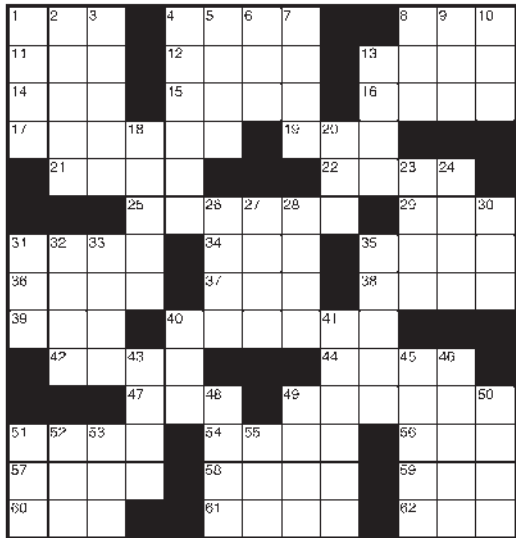
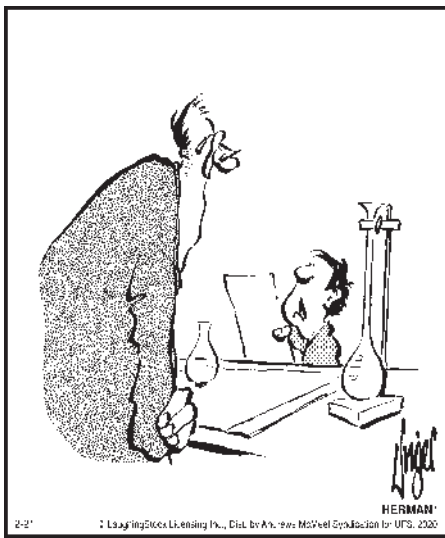
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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"EBS ECXUTEPAEB EVUGT IDG VGNZX
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 UDZTZ ETZ BG LEHHPZTX — AUX EPP
 GT BGDABJ." — NETJGU TGHHAZ

TODAY'S CLUE: M sjenbe /

Previous Solution: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." — John Quincy Adams

Daughter plans a wedding without a marriage license

DEARABBY: My daughter, "Heidi," is 39. She is successful, owns her own business and lives with her boyfriend of five years. I'll call him Rick. They have two beautiful boys, 3 and 18 months. She has decided to tie the knot with Rick with a nice, somewhat big wedding.

few weeks back I suggested she and Rick get marriage counseling. I would love to hear your thoughts. -- TRADITIONAL MOM IN THE EAST

As Heidi has gotten older, she has been changing into a different person. She has become self-centered and controlling, and she puts Rick down cruelly at times. I think he's a good guy, but maybe just not for her. I really don't know because I stay out of their lives.

DEAR TRADITIONAL MOM: Your daughter is an adult, and if you refuse to have anything to do with this charade, I would understand. When guests are invited to a "wedding," gifts are expected. If it's a production that's only for show, the couple is committing fraud and taking advantage of the generosity of their guests.

What's making me uncomfortable is, my daughter has told only me that she's doing all this wedding stuff without getting an actual marriage license. I don't even know if Rick is aware. I looked this up and saw that some people are now having what's called "commitment ceremonies." When I tried to talk to her about it, she became defensive, cut me off, and then sent me a long, nasty email. So now I just step back.

When couples marry, they must first take out a marriage license, which BOTH must sign. No license, no marriage. Unless your daughter's boyfriend is completely clueless, she won't be able to slip this by him. Although people do have commitment ceremonies these days, guests should be told that is what they will be witnessing, and both partners should agree on it.

When I think of the guests (100 to 150), I feel she should be honest and call it what it is. We are presently not communicating because I won't respond to that kind of email. I won't argue with her. But I don't know where to go at this point. I'm worried about her state of mind. She is supposedly seeing a therapist, and a two sisters-in-law made a

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to a wonderful man for 20 years. It has been a pretty good marriage. I have tolerated a few of his family members' rudeness to me, although I have no problem speaking up when I need to, and my husband always defends me as well. My father-in-law recently passed, and I adored of him. For his wake, my



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

slide show of his life with hundreds of family photos. There was not one single photo of my father-in-law and me. I feel it was the final straw. I have no more room in my heart and life for them. Am I being too sensitive? My husband hasn't spoken to them since the funeral. I really need your advice on this. -- PICTURING IT OVER IN TEXAS

DEAR PICTURING IT: I'm glad you asked. Please accept my sympathy for the loss of someone so close to your heart. But as close as you felt to him, your sisters-in-law had just lost their father. I'm sure they were (and are) grieving and didn't use his death as an opportunity to slight you. I sincerely hope you and your husband won't allow their oversight to cause a permanent rift in the family.