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Colorado lakes, reservoirs stay free of invasive mussels.

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President Lovell

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tenured professor of biology at two

different universities, including

Tulane University Health Sci-

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Your **Ad Here!**

Today **Presidents** Day pancake

supper

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CENTER—The Kiwanis Club of Center will be hosting its 64th annual Presidents Day Pancake Supper from 4:30-7 p.m. on Monday at the New Center School Cafeteria. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, with those who are 6-under dining for free. Package sausage will be available for \$4 per pound.

Valentines Day dance

ANTONITO— Everyone is invited to the Antonito Seniors Valentines Dance will be from 1-4 p.m. on Friday. There will be a \$3 entrance fee and bring snack to share. Music by Bernal Maestas and Alex Lopez.

NCSDBOD meets Tues.

CONEJOS— A regular board meeting for the North Conejos School District Board of Education will be held the District Administration Office in La Jara. Agendas are available at the District Administration Office, 17890 US Highway 285, La Jara, Colorado, or on our web site

www.northconejos.com.



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Kent Buchanan

"We are fortunate to have someone of Dr. Buchanan's caliber to lead our academic affairs division," said President Lovell. "He brings extensive experience in creating new academic programs in online platforms, academic program review, strategic planning, budget development, accreditation, and faculty development."

T am excited about joining the amazing faculty, staff and students at Adams State University," Buchanan said. "I was so impressed by the student-centered culture at Adams State and the commitment of the faculty, staff and administration to ensure that every student can be successful. I look forward to working on initiatives to help Adams State continue to build on the reputation of serving diverse and historically underserved students.

"I also look forward to being an Adams State Grizzly, and cheering for and working with the student-athletes and coaches to provide a rich academic environment for the outstanding teams

and individuals that compete for Adams State."

Dr. Buchanan will join Adams State on March 1.

His former colleagues describe him as "a leader who carefully listens to all involved and takes the time to collect feedback to ensure decisions are thoughtful and well informed." He is seen as a strong collaborator and advocate for faculty. He has had successes with adding new academic programs and has extensive work with increasing recruitment and retention of students as a faculty advisor and academic leader.

Dr. Buchanan worked with colleagues to create a new academic program with tribal leaders in Oklahoma creating the Native American Enterprise Management Certificate. He also served on the Council for Diversity and Inclusion.

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Courtesy photo

A team representing the community of Alamosa was one of eight teams selected to participate in a "Building Better Places" seminar this week in Grand Junction. Representing Alamosa are, from left, Erich Schwiesow, Harry Reynolds, Kathy Woods, Rachel Baird, Dawn Melgares, Deacon Aspinwall, Heather Brooks, Delzia Worley and Ty Coleman.

Building Better Places'

Nine from City invited to three-day training sessions

By KEITH R. CERNY Courier Publisher

GRAND JUNCTION — A team of nine representing the City of Alamosa was one of eight communities selected and is currently participating in a three-day training here for "Building Better Places." The training helps communities plan for growth and development.

According to the "Community Builders" website, "The American West is one of the fastest growing and rapidly changing parts of the country. While a lot of financial and policy solutions exist to address these problems, most communities lack the civic culture needed to put those solutions to work. The two-and-a-half day session

is intended to help community teams cultivate leadership abilities and an understanding of planning, policy, development tools, community engagement and strategies for implementation.

Each team works with a facilitator to develop action plans for how to achieve better development in their communities; "development that is fiscally responsible adds to community character and increases housing and mobility

Representing Alamosa at the session are Mayor Ty Coleman,

"The American West is one of the fastest growing and rapidly changing parts of the country. ..."

According to Community Builders website

City Manager Heather Brooks, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, Public Works Director Harry Reynolds and Economic Development Director Kathy Woods, as well as Land Use Administrator for Alamosa County Rachel Baird, ED for SLV Housing Coalition Dawn Melgares, City GIS Analyst Deacon Aspinwall, and Senior VP, At SLV Fed S&L Delzia Worley.

Other participating teams are from other Colorado communities, as well as Idaho and Wyoming, according to Woods. Monday was spent examining

market dynamics that shape each community and their potential Teams assess key challenges

and opportunities facing their community, "considering where they are headed given current growth patterns versus where they want to be in the future,' according to the website. On Tuesday, teams studied the

tools necessary for getting good projects built in the right places, "including land assembly, capital investment strategies, public private partnerships, and plans and policies." During today's final day, "teams

will work together and with the training team and their facilitator to develop local action plans, which will outline specific neartern goals and next steps to undertake when the team gets home." Teams that are selected for the

annual training have the cost of their lodging, most meals and all participation expenses covered in what is declared to be a \$6,000 value, costing the city only 10%

or \$600. "As a non-profit organization, Community Builders fundraises to cover these costs, but asks that community teams contribute 10% of the team cost to ensure buy-in from participants," the website



Shoshana Cooper

RGNF brings **Cooper on** board

MONTE VISTA—Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas announced today the arrival of Shoshana Cooper who will serve as the Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor. She is filling a fourmonth temporary assignment in Monte Vista behind Tom Malecek

who retired in December 2019.

Cooper comes to the Rio Grande from the Idaho Panhandle National Forests where she has worked as the public affairs officer and Forest tribal liaison. Prior to these roles, she served as the executive assistant to the IPNF Forest Supervisor and Deputy Forest Supervisor. Cooper previously worked at the Curlew Job Corps Civilian Center in Washington State in a variety of roles. She co-coordinates an annual "lead from where you are" leadership program for the USDA Forest Service Northern Region.

We are fortunate to have Shoshana take on this critical leadership role," said Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas, who appointed Cooper. "The Forest will benefit from her diverse work background and experiences."

Cooper added: "I'm eager to join the community and learn about the rich history of the San Luis Valley. I look forward to learning and understanding the cultural connections to this landscape and working with tribes and community partners to learn from each other to improve forest conditions."

"I am enjoying the parenting iourney, raising two boys ages 15 and 17, learning life's lessons, hunting, hiking, mountain biking and working with my horse," said Cooper. "I have heard wonderful things about the Rio Grande National Forest and its natural resources. I am excited to meet the employees and build relationships with the people that live and work in this area.

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OBITUARIES

Harold William 'Bill' Plane, 91

MONTE VISTA—Harold William "Bill" Plane, March 2, 1928-Feb. 8,

Harold William "Bill" Plane, 91, passed away at his home in Monte Vista

on Saturday Feb. 8,2020. Bill was born on March 2,

1928 to Fred and Augusta (Stoeber) Plane. Bill met the love of his life

Bertha (Beiriger) in 1946. After serving in the United States Army, Bill returned to marry his love on Oct. 30, 1952. Together they shared 64 wonderful years and danced countless miles together, earning the name "the dancing

Anyone who knew them knew how much they loved one another and to dance, especially to their song "Silver Wings," and sharing the love of dancing with their seven children.

Bill enjoyed many hobbies, including woodworking, gardening, fishing, farming and raising live- stock .

Along with his hobbies, he also held many occupations throughout his life, butcher, farmer, construction and warehouse foreman to name a few.

In his later years, Bill thoroughly enjoyed his daily walks into town, meeting, stopping to visit, and waving to those he saw along the way.

 $Of all \, his \, interests, Bill's$ greatest were his love for God, devotion to his wife, his children, and his grand-

Bill was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be dearly miss by his seven children, Darrel (Sue) Plane, Becky (Jim) Gerlock, Sandy (Lee) Jackson, Randy (Debbie) Plane, Herman (Nancy) Plane, Dixie Diltz and Darla (Lance) Andersen: 16 grandchildren: 41





great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sisters, Thelma Allen and Marjorie Plane; a brother, Don Plane; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Augusta (Stoeber) Plane; his wife, Bertha (Beiriger) Plane; a brother, Jack Plane; son-in-law, Ed Diltz; grandchildren, Melinda Widger, Shane Widger and Joshua Rilling; and great-grandchildren, Bohan Plane and Nicholas

Viewing will be held from 1-4:30 p.m. on Feb. 18, 2020 at Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista.

A recitation of the rosary will follow at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista with a funeral mass to be held on Feb. 19, 2020 at 10 a.m. also at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista. Followed by graveside with military honors at the Monte Vista Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Rio Grande Hospital or St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit www. rogersfunerals.com.

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MCFA set to celebrate gala in style, great food

CREEDE — The Mineral County Fairgrounds Association will host the There is No Night in Creede Winter Gala on Friday.

The event will be held at the Creede Elk's Lodge and feature a prime rib dinner and dancing.

Music will be brought by Fred Hargrove, along with

other local performers.

The cost is \$50 per person.

The price includes a drink ticket, salad, baked potato, veggies, dinner roll, and tea/coffee. There will also be door prizes, a dessert auction and silent and

Tickets are limited in quantity and are available at the Blue Yak Salon 719-658-2500 or Rare Things Gallery or 719-658-2376.

Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and dancing starts at 8 p.m.

Voting instructions for presidential primary

STATE-WIDE — A reminder to all Colorado residents, the Presidential Primary is on March 3.

In order to vote by mail, one must be registered by

One can register online at govotecolorado.com, or text "CO" to "2VOTE," or in person at your country clerk's office on election day.

If someone has moved since the last election, one will also need to update its address by Feb. 14 to receive a mail in ballot.

As long as someone has lived in Colorado for 22 days, one can register on the day of the election at the county clerk's office in one's district and vote on the same day, be sure to bring valid ID.

All forms of valid ID are listed and answers to other questions can be found on govotecolorado.com.

San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

If you have information about an unreported or unsolved crime in the San Luis Valley, Crimestoppers pays for information that leads to the arrest of criminal offenders. Citizens may report crimes anonymously and remain eligible for rewards.

Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

ALAMOSA—The San Luis Valley Military Family Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday at from 5-6:30 p.m. in Alamosa. For more info call Vicki Jones at 852-3123.

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

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Veterans Therapeutic/Support Group meets every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m. at 315 State Ave. Ste 101, Alamosa. Call 588-8885 to register or email d.counselingservices@hotmail.com

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

VALLEY—The San Luis

A.A. members' primary

purpose is to stay sober

and help other alcoholics to

Following are District 3

San Luis Valley AA 12-Step

Meetings. The 6th Tradi-

tion 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-

THURSDAY

12 p.m. First Christian

12 p.m. Crestone Baptist

7 p.m. Community Church

7:30 p.m. Creative Re-

7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lin-

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Sacred Heart

SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. at 929 State

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's

8 p.m. Mountain View

For schedule changes,

please contact your group

service representative

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MONTE VISTA — The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Chamber of Commerce, 947 1st Avenue, Monte Vista. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-372-

ALAMOSA — TOPS

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA— Peace Meditation at the Campus Ministry Office, Adam State University, Alamosa, is held on Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Candace Knowlan 805-886-6959.

ALAMOSA — American Legion Auxiliary Unit #113, Alamosa, holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at the American Legion

Building at 514 Fourth Street, Alamosa. Call Evelyn Espinola at 719-313-1466 or Alice Robinson at 589-0543.

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

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

ALAMOSA — Free breast feeding classes are offered in Alamosa at the San Luis Valley Health Education and Conference Center on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 3-4 p.m.

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{MONTE VISTA} - \text{Valley Fiber Art Guild} - \text{VFA} \end{array}$ is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or wcouzenssmith@ gmail.com

ALAMOSA— Alamosa Masonic Lodge meetings are every first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (except June, July and August) at the Alamosa Masonic Inc. 719-589-2465. Lodge, Main and San Juan.

ALAMOSA — A Caregivers Support Group month. For more informa-

tion, call 589-2243.

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Toastmasters meets on Mondays at noon at The Bridge in Alamosa at 3407 Carroll Street. Participants will find a supportive learnby-doing environment that allows them to achieve their goals at their own pace. Call (719) 588-5127.

ALAMOSA-The GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club of Alamosa meets on the second Friday at noon from September through May at First United Methodist Church, NW door, 2005 Mullins Ave. For more information, please email: womanscitizenshipclub@ gmail.com.

ALAMOSA — Made up of community members who write in many different genres, the Sophia Circle meets weekly to provide support for writers and their writing projects in the downstairs conference room at the Colorado Welcome Center at Alamosa, 6th and State on Sundays from 1-3 p.m.. Writers may drop in on any meeting. Bring copies of the work you want to share. Call Holly at 719-588-7066.

CENTER — The Center Kiwanis meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Kiwanis Hall in Center. Contact Dick Ramstetter at 719-580-3329.

ALAMOSA — Silver Linings, an open and free positivity group, meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Nestle Toll House Café in downtown Alamosa.

ALAMOSA — Groups are held for women who have experienced domestic violence every second Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Grizzly Training Center, Alamosa. There will be refreshments and childcare provided. Contact Jennifer McCoy-Hanna at Tu Casa,

ALAMOSA—Grief support group meets the first Tuesday of every month meets at First United at 300 Hunt at the Ala-Methodist Church, 2005 mosa Public Library from Mullins, Alamosa, on the 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more on the second Wednesday first Monday of every information, call Liz Hood, 580-3697.

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SATURDAY

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at 403 Main St., San Luis 7:15 p.m. RV Park in

AA MEETINGS

AL-ANON

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)

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.,

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

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Valley News

Stampede Committee supports Friends of Ski Hi Park

By HELEN SMITH Staff Writer MONTE VISTA—Support

is growing for the Friends of Ski Hi Park. The San Luis Valley Ski

Hi Stampede Committee has officially committed \$50,000 to the initiative dedicated to the renovation of Ski Hi Park. This significant donation has added to the growing funds for the project. Last week, the Board of Directors also presented a check to Friends of Ski Hi in the amount \$18,900 in funds originally given to the board by the Magnolia

Karla Shriver of Friends of Ski noted that the Stampede Committee is among many local entities and individuals that have stepped forward to raise support for the initiative because they want to see the project happen for the greater good of the community.

Rio Grande Savings and Loan, Alamosa State Bank, San Luis Valley Bank and the Monte Vista Cooperative have also helped lead the way in raising matching funds so that the project will have a viable path to obtaining additional grant monies. The SLV Ski Hi Stampede Committee Board of Directors have expressed full support for the mission of Friends of Ski-Hi. Its members consider it to be vital to the future of not only one of the Valley's premier events, but the future Rio Grande County and the region, as well.





The SLV Ski-Hi Stampede Committee has officially pledged \$50,000 in support to the Friends of Ski-Hi the initiative. The committee also presented a check for \$18,900 to go towards the renovation of Ski Hi Park on behalf of the Magnolia Society last Tuesday.

Photos by Helen Smith

Gardner's hard work recognized by peers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) announced he secured \$28 million of funding for the Arkansas Valley Conduit (AVC) project last week, which will be provided by the Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation's Fiscal Year 2020 work plan.

What they are saying about Senator Gardner's successful efforts to secure funding for the Arkansas Valley Conduit:

"The AVC is a critical piece of infrastructure that will deliver clean and reliable water to rural communities of southeastern Colorado so they can thrive and grow, said Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman, "I am pleased that through hard work and collaboration at the local, state, and federal level, Reclamation and our partners are positioned to move quickly toward construction so that we can deliver water to the communities of the Arkan-

sas Valley."

"Access to clean and reliable water is critical to Coloradan families, and for years, the Colorado delegation has worked to secure funding for the AVC Project. Completion of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project has been a top priority during my time in Congress and I am grateful the BoR has made good on its word to prioritize the needs of economically distressed regions, especially those in Colorado. I am proud to have worked with the local water conservation districts, my colleagues in the House and Senate, and the members of the Trump Administration to get this project closer to the finish line," said Congressman

"Colorado is known for its crystal-clear streams, but for nearly 50,000 people in southeastern Colorado, access to fresh drinking water has been a challenge. That's why I'm extremely grateful to announce that after years

Scott Tipton (R-CO).

of fighting for clean drinking water in the Lower Arkansas Valley, we have secured \$28 million in funding to start construction on the Arkansas Valley Conduit. Thank you to Interior Secretary Bernhardt and the Bureau of Reclamation for working with us to secure funding for this important project," said Congressman

Ken Buck (R-CO).

"We are very grateful and thankful for the work of Senator Gardner and our delegation in securing this funding. This amount of money is a real milestone in the history of the project. I think this is a wonderful example of bipartisan support and partnership of federal, state and local officials that is needed to secure a safe drinking water supply, not only for the people of southeastern Colorado, but for every rural American," said Bill Long, president of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

"It's emotional from a standpoint that the (Arkansas River) Valley has been waiting for years and as everybody that lives in the country, I think they deserve the right to have

high-quality water. This starts that," said James Broderick, executive director of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conser-

vancy District. "A project like this any water project — takes a long time to get going. This one shouldn't have taken this long, but now it seems like we're going to be able to get moving," said Chris Woodka, senior policy and issues manager for the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District. "We owe thanks to our entire congressional delegation. They have all worked hard on the project. Gardner really worked hard on it. He has been commit-

ted since he was a staffer." We've been waiting for this for years and years and we are going to see some movement," said Kevin Karney, chairman of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District's Arkansas Valley Conduit

Committee. We should be proud of our congressional delegation. It was a bipartisan effort over decades. My hat is off to the entire delegation for getting this done," said

Greg Felt, chairman of the Chaffee County Board of Commissioners and member of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, who was recently appointed to the Colorado

Water Conservation Board. "Despite being authorized by President Kennedy nearly 60 years ago, southern Colorado's water needs have been put on the back burner year after year by the federal government," said Colorado State Senator Larry Crowder, whose district covers the majority of area affected by the project. "Thanks to Senator Gardner's leadership, we will finally see those promises begin to be fulfilled. This is a big deal for dozens of communities in my district and I'm excited to see the Arkansas Valley Conduit

finally move forward." 'Water is of extreme importance to Colorado's industries, especially agriculture. I'm very grateful that Senator Gardner stepped up and delivered," said Colorado State Senator Jerry Sonnenberg. "Water affects everything we do and the Arkansas Valley Conduit will help expand

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Scholar

■ Continued from Page 1 As a scholar and faculty member, he has an impressive research portfolio as a microbiologist. He had numerous grants from federal agencies, including the National Institutes of Health and the National Aeronautics and Space

Administration (NASA), as

well as from private foun-

He has more than 30 publications and has been an invited speaker on microbiology and immunology at national conferences. He has been a reviewer for several peer-reviewed academic journals as well as a member of the Oklahoma Academy of Sciences, the International Society for Human and Animal Mycoses and the Medical Mycology Society of the Americas.

President Lovell thanked Margaret Doell for serving as interim vice president for academic affairs during the search process. "She has provided invaluable leadership and has demonstrated a very strong commitment to Adams State University," said President Lovell. "Margaret will continue to serve as our associate vice president of academic affairs." Doell also will take

on campus-wide initiatives

as special projects director for Adams State. Dr. Buchanan will move

to Alamosa with his wife, Lauri. Their son, Keaton, is working on a bachelor's degree in game design and animation at Oklahoma City University.

Report courtesy of news release from Chris Lopez: 719-587-7846; chrislopez@ adams.edu; www.adams.

God bless **America**

HOLLYWOOD — Joe Biden got angry with a crowd in New Hampshire Friday after Iowa caucus results showed that Joe finished behind Bernie Sanders, Mayor Pete and Liz Warren. Biden finished fourth behind a communist, a gay man and a fake Indian. You'd be angry too if you'd just lost to the Village People.

The Masked Singer opened its third

season on Fox after the Super Bowl on Sunday and drew big ratings. Singers perform in disguise before a celebrity panel and incite a national guessing game as to their identity. I don't know the identity of this week's Masked Singer but I'm guessing he's

Argus **Hamilton**

Steve Martin

Chinese.

stopped by the Comedy Store on Saturday to try out his Oscar jokes in the club's Original Room before a crowd thrilled to see Steve up there. The kids went wild with joy and so did I. For the first night in over 20 years, I wasn't the oldest guy performing at the Comedy Store. The New Hampshire Primary gave

Democrats a chance to vote directly. All week, Biden attacked Mayor Pete who attacked Bernie who attacked Liz who attacked herself for having white I could help Liz out by pointing out

that 1600 years ago, the Saxons were technically a tribe.

The Iowa Caucus winner was finally able to be announced five days after everyone had left for New Hampshire. The results are still a bit mysterious. My guess is, someone accidentally replaced the voting app with the one for Netflix series and the winner of the Iowa caucus was Queen Elizabeth.

New York con man Bernie Madoff seeks release from prison due to terminal disease.

In his scheme, he took money from new investors to pay off old investors, while investing none of the principle and skimming off the middle. Bernie's job in prison is Director of the Social Security Administration.

The London Sun says Murder She Wrote, the popular detective series that ran for 12 years in prime time on network television, is going to be 70-year-old woman wherever she goes. It will star Hillary Clinton.

A Christian vowed to sue the NFL, saying the Super Bowl halftime show

was too sexv.

Shakira is so hot she'd make a Bishop kick out a stained-glass window. And as for J-Lo's number, pole dancing is a nightly competition in every strip club in America to determine who had the worst father.

The Academy Awards In Memoriam segment required hasty last-minute updating after Robert Conrad, Kirk Douglas and Orson Bean all died in three days before the telecast Sunday. It's not like these guys were Charlie Sheen. The Academy has had his obitu-

ary picture ready to air since 1996. Orson Bean was struck and killed by two cars while crossing Venice Boule-

vard in L.A. Friday night.

Many locals blame L.A.'s new environmentally-friendly street lights which are far too dim for pedestrian safety. In California, jaywalking is the only death penalty offense that gets

Harvey Weinstein's sexual assault trial in New York ground into witness

testimony and brutal cross examinations before going to jury Friday. The Hollywood mogul was confronted by six women who testified that he sexually assaulted them. Even his sex robot reported him to Radio Shack.

President Trump effusively praised Mike Pence at Thursday's televised White House rally of supporters. Pence is a devout Evangelical and Trump is a devout Trump. Today Trump told Pence that last night's crowd gave him a Standing-O, and Pence told Trump that's a sin and he must repent.

The Arizona Republic reported a couple in Arizona ordered two trash bins from Amazon and when the bins were delivered to them, one bin was packed with 56 pounds of marijuana. It was an honest mistake. It turns out they had no idea they'd accidentally enrolled in Amazon Primo.

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ly, what a beautiful colon you have

When Dr. Sam said to me, "You've got fourth grade class from St. Celia's. Say them to wait 17 years between checkups, the colon of a man half your age," it was hard to keep from beaming. This must be how a mother feels when a complete stranger tells her how beautiful her new baby is. THE VILLAGE

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Well, maybe not so much.

Still, it was hard not to feel proud of my big, fat, beautiful colon. It was like winning the Oscar for Best Digestive Organ. "I'd like to thank everyone who made this possible --Mom and Dad for their genes, and especially all the little people, the antioxidants ... "Yes, that is one

pretty colon — don't

you think so, class?" I heard murmurs of approval, some polite applause. I am not beaming anymore. Not beaming at all. Here I am, exposed as a person can possibly be, and there's an audience? What was going on?

I was lying on my left side, looking at a wall of tongue depressors, blood pressure cuffs, those flashlights they stick in your ears, boxes of rubber gloves and a gallon-sized plastic container for used needles. Sorry, I mean "sharps."

I said, "I didn't know this was a teaching hospital."

"It's not," said Dr. Sam. "It's my son's about getting a colonoscopy. I don't want

hello to Mr. Mullen, kids.'

"Hello, Mr. Mullen," they said in unison. "You're their Show and Tell this week," he said as he snapped off his rubber

"Excuse me, but isn't there a privacy issue here?" I asked Dr. Sam. His real name is much longer, but he goes by Dr. Sam. He told me once that his full name means "Smith" in Urdu. "Certainly there is a privacy issue. It

would be very inappropriate for you to know the names of the children. We have to respect their privacy at all costs." "I was really thinking about my pri-

"But you signed the blue form. You should really read things before you go around signing them. You didn't sign the green one, did you? Because that means you've volunteered to donate a kidney to Keith Richards."

"Tell me you're joking."

Of course, I'm joking. Everyone knows he'll need a new liver before he needs a new kidney. And stop worrying about the kids. They were watching a separate video of a colonoscopy; I just told them it was yours. It gets their attention. Trust me, once you've seen one colon, you've seen them all. It's not like they saw you naked or anything.

"I didn't want to scare them, I just don't want these kids to go through life thinking that there's something embarrassing the way you did. People have got to learn that a physical exam is as natural as breastfeeding a baby on a bus.

"What bus have you been riding?"

"Don't be silly, I drive a Jaguar. It was just a figure of speech. You can put your clothes back on now. Why bother? I thought. He's seen places

on me that I haven't. Maybe more people would get physicals if the doctors had to take off their clothes every time they asked you to take off yours. My nudity comfort level is very low. I don't even wear shorts in the summer. Why do men wait so long before going to

the doctor? Probably because when they do go, they spend half their time saying, You want to do what to my what?!" and You don't reuse these cups, do you?" But when you think about it, the doctors

are going to examine you once you get sick, and it's going to be just as embarrassing then as it is when you're healthy. So you may as well suck up your pride and go.

Or you could get one of those do-ityourself at-home screening tests for those ultra-personal exams. I got one, and it came with a disposable spork and a cotton swab. Wait five minutes and if it turns green, you go back to work on Monday. If it turns red, you start maxing out your MasterCard.

At least Dr. Sam gives you more choices.

Contact Jim Mullen at mullen.jim@

et Italians, Columbus Day

brought back with a new cast. It's about in as many years, we are faced with a ingreview of this book as non-factual of Zinn died in 1980 and was a professor bill HB20-1031, in the state legislature, to eliminate Columbus Day in Colorado with a replacement day.

Once again this is a slap in the face to

all those of Italian descent. A little history on how this movement occurs maybe in order. Howard Zinn wrote "A People's History of the United States". A self described "anarchist," Zinn's highly selective quotations from Columbus's log are designed to give the impression that Columbus had no concern for the Indians' spiritual or physical wellbeing — that the explorer was motivated only by a "frenzy for money."

His writings give the impression that America is, and always has been, an evil exploitive country. "The American

Letter to the Editor: For a third time Scholar" by Oscar Handlingave a blister- that this perception of history exists. history, as well as many other academia

sources. This book has sold several million copies and has been the textbook of choice for both high school and college level

teachings The only problem is that the facts have been distorted by a liberal college professor author who interprets this in a way in which in reality does not depict the truth in which educators bought into. Only a warped view of someone who cares little for his country through his

own perception. If indeed Mr. Zinn's hatred of America and little or no respect for humanity resulted in the tone of this book which again the schools taught, it is no wonder

at Boston University The Americans with Italian descent have contributed much to this country and there is no logical reason to abolish this celebration of Columbus. A person cannot change history, I will be opposing this bill if it gets to the senate and hopefully the entire delegation from southern

Sen. Larry Crowder Alamosa

Colorado will do the same.

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NAACP founded 111 years ago

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who reigned over England for nine days in 1553, was beheaded

In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded in New York

In 1999, the U.S. Senate voted to acquit President Bill Clinton on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice, bringing his impeachment trial to a close.

In 2008, General Motors offered buyouts to its more than 70,000 union workers after posting a \$39 billion loss

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Darwin (1809-1882), scientist; Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th U.S. president; Omar Bradley (1893-1981), U.S. Army general; Lorne Greene (1915-1987), actor; Franco Zeffirelli (1923-

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2019), director; Bill Russell (1934-), basketball player; Judy Blume (1938-), author; Arsenio Hall (1956-), actor/ comedian; Josh Brolin (1968-), actor; Darren Aronofsky (1969-), filmmaker; Christina Ricci (1980-), actress; Brad Keselowski (1984-), race car driver.

TODAY'S FACT: Charles Darwin replaced Charles Dickens on Britain's 10-pound note in 2000, reportedly in part because Darwin's beard would make forgery more difficult. TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1878, Harvard

baseball player Frederick Thayer received a patent for the catcher's mask. TODAY'S QUOTE: "Where there are

people, there is pride and ambition, prejudice and conflict. In generals, as in all other men, capabilities cannot always obscure weaknesses, nor can talents hide faults." — Omar Bradley, "A Soldier's Story"



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Future of youth will shape our communities, state

Letter to the Editor: It is essential that we invest in young people and ensure they have the resources needed to succeed.

Colorado Boys & Girls Clubs play a vital role in the state in providing safe, affordable and enriching after-school programs.

There are 17 clubs in the state, including one in the San Luis Valley (Alamosa) and one in Pueblo. The CEOs and directors from around the state came to the Capitol to have an informative lunch session with Representatives and

They touched on a number of issues that are impacting our youth all over the state, namely, mental health, the opioid crisis, behavioral development, homelessness, nutrition and vaping.

There were overlapping issues between Boys and Girls Club locations, but the CEOs were particularly concerned about the increasing rates of suicide, negative health effects of vaping and impact of the opioid crisis. The focus for all of us has to be finding ways to increase access to mental health care services and resources for young people struggling with depression or anxiety, particularly for those who have been directly impacted by the opioid crisis.

To address vaping, the CEOs were hopeful that creating educational resources to inform our youth and the population as a whole about the harmful health effects could be a first step in ameliorating that crisis. It is time that we, as communities, support these organizations and seek opportunities for collaboration. These are deeply rooted issues that will take comprehensive

An over-arching sentiment that was repeatedly brought up was: "Īt takes a village." It will take all of us to create a safe, healthy, enriching environment for every single young person



Rep. Donald Valdez (left) and Aaron Miltenberger, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of San Luis Valley, shake on it.

in this great state of Colorado. I fully support the Boys and Girls Clubs and am grateful to every individual working to support our youth.

Sincerely, Rep. Donald Valdez

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Senior Center welcomes 22 new members aboard By LYNETTE COTTON Free 5 point ear acu-

Column

The new decade started off with a bang as the Alamosa Senior Citizens Center has welcomed 22 new members in just the first five weeks. You are the lifeblood that keeps us going and we're so thankful for each and every one

The blowing wind leads us to believe that spring is just around the corner, but the temperature drops and the snow flies to remind us that winter is still here. And we are so thankful for the great crew from the City of Alamosa that stopped by this morning to plow the parking lots and shovel snow off of the sidewalks. We certainly do appreciate you taking care of our seniors. If we do have snow, please note the Center will open at 8:30 a.m. allowing us time to

sweep the sidewalks and plow the parking lot. Your safety is always our first priority. If you haven't had a chance to stop by the second -loor atrium at the SLV Regional Medical Center, you'll be sure and want to do so. Eighteen senior artists submitted art pieces for our first ever Senior Art show entitled "Senior Art from

the HeArt." It is absolutely incredible! There are so many talented "Senior" artists in our community and we are honored that they are willing to share their gifts with us. Most of the artwork is for sale and some sales will benefit the Alamosa senior citizens.

Space is rapidly filling for our October Hawaii trip, so give us a call if you are interested in signing up. Members of the Alamosa Senior Citizens Cetner, along with Fal-

The show runs through

con Tours, are planning a once in a lifetime nine day trip to Hawaii October 27 through November 4, 2020. We'll journey to the islands of Maui, Kauai, and Oahu. Dave Hagan, owner of Falcon Tours, will be at the Alamosa Senior Center to conduct an informative presentation on Thursday, March 12th at 11 a.m. Dave has been to the islands over 100 times and should be able to answer most of your questions. He will also be taking deposits for those who wish to reserve a spot for this fun and

exciting trip. If you are interested in obtaining your concealed to schedule a ride for doctor carry permit, plan to at- visits, grocery shopping, tend a workshop presented by Workman Firearms on in events at the center, etc. Saturday, Feb. 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. here at the Center. member, please consider The class is free to members of the Alamosa Senior Citizens Center and \$60 for membership. Regular for all others. To register or for further information, please call 719-480-0646 or by email: customtacti-

cal45@gmail.com The following weekly activities are for all seniors whether you are a member or not. Please stop by and ioin us. All classes are free unless otherwise noted. If you have suggestions for a new class or group, please let us know and be sure to call with any questions or

- concerns. ▶ Billiards play.
- ▶ Coffee social hour at available for seniors 60 8:30 a.m. ▶ Puzzle construction.
- M, W, F Strong Bones at 9:30 a.m. Dime Bingo, Monday-

Thursdays from 1 p.m.-3

- pm. Free to members. \$2 fee for non-members. ▶ Bridge play takes place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday
- of the month at 1 p.m. ▶ Tai Chi with Lyn Wednesday mornings.

For more information, call 719-589-3277. Cotton is the director of Johnson at 8:30 a.m. on the Alamosa Senior Citi-

Tuberculosis not limited to lungs come as a surprise to

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the bacteria that causes tuberculosis, or TB, does not always limit its attacks to the lungs.

While the World Health Organization notes that TB most often affects the lungs, the TB bacteria can actually attack any part of the body, including the kidneys, spine and brain.

That's just one of many

facts about TB that may

people outside the medical community. Another eyebrow-raising fact about TB is that,

according to the WHO, about 25% of the world's population has latent TB.

That means one-quarter of the global population has been infected by TB bacteria but is not yet ill with the disease and is incapable of transmit-

ting it. While that may seem

worrisome, it's important to note that the WHO also points out that people infected with TB bacteria have between a 5 and 15% lifetime risk of falling ill with TB. Those with already

compromised immune systems, including people living with HIV, tobacco users and people with diabetes, have a higher risk of falling ill with TB upon being infected with the TB bacteria. TF203791

CHSAA publishes rankings for new week

By STEPHEN JIRON Courier Sports Editor Another week of prep basket-

ball is in the books and positions are beginning to solidify in the minds of the coaches polled. Below are how teams from the San Luis Valley were ranked in Monday's coaches polls. For the complete listing be sure to visit CHSAANow.com.

4. Centauri - 73



The Falcons girls squad are right on track. Centauri (14-2, 5-2 IML) sits at the number two spot in the Intermountain League (IML) right now and trail their main competition Pagosa Springs (14-2, 8-0 IML) by a few league games.

In the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Coaches Poll rankings, the Falcons hold the No. 4 spot and 1 coach even saw fit to ranked them No. 1 overall. Centauri and The Vanguard were the only two teams to take first-place votes from St. Mary's this week. St. Mary's has been unanimously ranked No. 1 by all coaches for 6 of 8 weeks thus far.

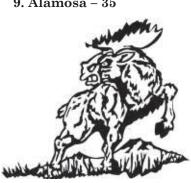
The Falcons aren't far behind Pagosa, tying their overall record in the standings and leading for a good portion of the game during their second meeting. Unfortunately, Centauri would not be able to hold on to the lead and Pagosa would go on to win. That loss allowed the Pirates to sweep the season series with the Falcons.

Barring some late-season upsets, it's looking like the Pirates will take the No. 1 seed in the district tournament. Meaning Centauri will be looking to snag the No. 2 seed. The Falcons will attempt to complete their series sweep of Montezuma-Cortez on Friday then will be the rematch with Alamosa on Saturday. The Falcons would be wise not to overlook Alamosa (13-3, 5-2

Even if Alamosa didn't sit at No. 9 in the state and boast a good record, you could almost throw the records out when Alamosa and Centauri face one another no matter the arena.

The last time Alamosa and Centauri met it was a 44-40 game that wasn't decided until the final minutes. And for the rematch in La Jara this weekend both teams are likely to stage an equally competitive tilt.

9. Alamosa - 35



The Mean Moose (13-3, 5-2 IML) have taken a little tumble in the rankings falling from No. 7 last week to the No. 9 team in the rankings this week. The Mean Moose likely owe the fall to a slow week competition-wise facing two IML teams that combine for an overall record of 8-23. Those two games also come on the heels of Centauri (14-2, 5-2 IML) handing them their third loss of the season on Jan. 31.

Alamosa will end their regular season on a road trip, neither contest looking particularly appetizing. On Friday, Alamosa will be in Pagosa Springs to take on the third-ranked Pirates.

Then the Moose will return to the valley for a game against the fourth-ranked Centauri Falcons.

A win by the Moose in the Alamosa-Centauri rematch could serve to muddy the waters with regard to seeding the district tournament.

While seeding is important both Alamosa and Centauri's goal is likely to take the District title as that is the best way to guarantee that a quadrant of the state tournament is played on familiar grounds.

4. Del Norte-80



The Tigers (13-2, 3-0 SPL) continue to work their way through a six-game road trip.

It has been a productive week that saw Del Norte best league foes Custer County, Sanford and Center. Monday's rankings put Del Norte at the No. 4 spot in the rankings with 80 points.

The Tigers can expect a small fall in next week's rankings as Tuesday night Del Norte was upset by unranked Ignacio 61-56. Despite the loss, Del Norte will continue to hold on the tie for the top spot in the 2A Southern Peaks League (SPL) since the Bobcats reside in another district.

This weekend the Tigers will be given an opportunity to take first place in the SPL outright when they face Sargent. The Farmers (8-6, 3-0 SPL) are the only other team in the SPL that is undefeated in district.

Del Norte will face Sargent Friday evening with tipoff scheduled for 4:15 p.m.

9. Sanford - 26



A home meeting with Del Norte this past weekend was detrimental to Sanford. Host Sanford fell behind in the first half and couldn't make up enough ground in the second half to complete the comeback relenting a 48-45 game to Del

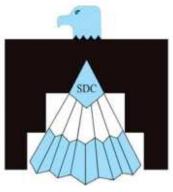
With a big district loss on the books, Sanford (10-5, 2-1 SPL) dropped slightly in Monday's rankings going from the seventh spot to the No. 9 team.

Sanford has already begun their climb back with a 40-24 Tuesday night victory over the No. 5 team in 1A Basketball, Sangre de Cristo.

Sanford will close their regular season with three straight league games. Sanford will host Center and Sargent on consecutive Fridays. If history is a guide Sanford holds the advantage in both games - in late January Sanford downed both the Vikings and Farmers by scores of 41-28 and 36-18, respectively.

Then Sanford will be on the road for their final league game of the year taking on Del Norte on Feb. 22.

5. Sangre de Cristo – 95



The Thunderbirds (11-3, 6-0 SPL) saw their second winning streak of the year fall on Tuesdav. Sanford handed Sangre de Cristo a 40-24 loss on Tuesday night.

Following a little slipping in the rankings after their first two losses of the season Sangre de Cristo has been standing steady at the No. 5 spot this week collecting 95 points. The Thunderbirds even collected one first-place vote in Monday's rankings.

Sangre de Cristo hasn't moved from last week's rankings and will look to keep on bettering their position. Though the loss might bruise the ego a little Sangre can take heart in the fact they are still undefeated in the 1A class and their district.

At 6-0 in the 1A Southern Peaks League, the T-Birds are the favorite to earn top seeding in the district tournament. Sangre de Cristo has a busy week with Thursday through Saturday allotted for league games, all three opponents combining for a 7-29 record.

Sangre de Cristo's final league challenge is slated for next week when they meet Moffat-Mountain Valley (10-3, 6-1 SPL). Moffat is ranked second in the district the lone league loss coming to Cotopaxi in a 44-26 game. Sangre de Cristo faces Moffat on Feb. 20.

Grizzlies swimming to Conference Championships

By SOPHEEA VOMUND ASU Sports Information



GRAND JUNCTION — The Adams State Men's and Women's Swim Teams will travel up to Grand Junction, Colorado to compete in the 2020 Swimming & Diving RMAC Championships at Colorado Mesa University's El Pomar

The Championships will begin February 12th and stretch over Valentine's Day and into Saturday. Swimming events and diving will be split between the days, parts of each day being devoted to preliminary timings and then the other part of the day devoted to

The event schedule for the Championships is as follows:

Wednesday, February 12th: 1000 Yard Freestyle, 200 Yard Individual Medley, 50 Yard Freestyle, 200 Yard Medley Relay, and Women's 3-Meter Diving.

Thursday, February 13th: 400 Yard Individual Medley, 100 Yard Butterfly, 200 Yard Freestyle, 200 Yard Freestyle Relay, 400 Yard Medley Relay, and Men's 1-Meter Diving. Friday, February 14th: 500 Yard

Freestyle, 100 Yard Backstroke, 100 Yard Breaststroke, 200 Yard Butterfly, 800 Yard Freestyle Relay, and Women's 1-Meter Diving. Saturday, February 15th: 1650 Yard

Freestyle, 100 Yard Freestyle, 200 Yard Backstroke, 200 Yard Breaststroke, 400 Yard Freestyle Relay, and Men's 3-Meter Diving.

Swimming for the Men's RMAC title will be Colorado Mesa, Oklahoma Baptist, Oklahoma Christian, Colorado School of Mines, and Adams State.

Swimming for the RMAC Women's title will be Colorado Mesa, Dixie State, Oklahoma Baptist, Colorado School of Mines, Western Colorado, Oklahoma Christian, Adams State, CSU-Pueblo, and Nebraska Kearney.

In the past, the Women's Swim Team has had a plethora of swimmers reach the finals in individual events, but relay teams have struggled at times. Individually, Claudia Garcia and Megan Dudden, two veteran members of the Women's team, have placed relatively high in the past at the conference meet and will look to repeat that success this weekend. The Men's team will be making their first appearance since 2016 at this year's RMAC Championships with their team being reinstated

The Grizzlies hope to compete and make quite the splash at the RMAC Championships this weekend, as they prepare to face off against some of the

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Adams State Basketball Feb. 7

Regis 72, ASU 46 (W) Regis 99, ASU 75 (M)

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> Cotopaxi 65, Sierra Grande 41 (G) Cotopaxi 51, Sierra Grande 50 (B) Moffat-Mt.Valley 65, Manzanola 41 (G) Manzanola 66, Moffat-Mt. Valley 40 (B) La Veta 51, Creede 22 (G) Antonito 52, Lake City 11 (G) Del Norte 61, Gunnison 24 (G) Gunnison 71, Del Norte 35 (B) Pagosa Springs 57, Centauri 50 (G) Centauri 53, Pagosa Springs 36 (B) Alamosa 68, Monte Vista 18 (G) Alamosa 60, Monte Vista 45 (B) Sangre de Cristo 64, Centennial 31 (G) Sangre de Cristo 79, Centennial 34 (B)

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Raton 57, Sangre de Cristo 46 Primero 64, Antonito 60 (B) Centauri 61, Bayfield 35 (G) Centauri 58, Bayfield 46 (B) Crested Butte 47, Sanford 38 (B) Sargent 58, Sierra Grande 25 (G) Del Norte 65, Center 33 (G) Center 53, Del Norte 50 (B) Moffat-Mt.-Valley 65, Centennial 51 (G) Centennial 44, Moffat-Mt.-Valley 35 (B) Alamosa 59, Montezuma-Cortez 42 (B) Pagosa Springs 69, Monte Vista 26 (G) Pagosa Springs 53, Monte Vista 38 (B)

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Sports Bulletin

Feb. 8

Pagosa Springs 47, Centauri 26

Charger Invite 11. Sargent-19, 14. Center- 9, 16. Mountain Valley -6

Upcoming Events

Adams State Baseball

12/3 p.m. Univ. of the Southwest at ASU (DH) Feb. 15 12/3 p.m. Univ. of the Southwest at ASU (DH)

Adams State Basketball 5:30/7:30 p.m. ASU at Dixie State (W/M)

5:30/7:30 p.m. ASU at Westminster (W/M)

Prep Basketball Feb. 10

Feb. 15

Feb. 13

4:30 p.m. Lake City at Sierra Grande (G) Feb. 11

3 p.m. Del Norte at Ignacio (G/B) 5 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at Sanford (G/B)

5 p.m. Lake City at Creede (G/B) 5 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at Sierra Grande (G/B) Feb. 14 3 p.m. Center at Sanford (G/B)

3 p.m. Antonito at Cotopaxi (G/B) 4 p.m. Creede at Moffat-Mt.-Valley (G/B) 5 p.m. Del Norte at Sargent (G/B) 5 p.m. Sierra Grande at Centennial (G/B) 5:30/7 p.m. Monte Vista at Bayfield (G/B) 5:30/7 p.m. Centauri at Montezuma-Cortez (G/B) 4/7 p.m. Alamosa at Pagosa Springs (G/B) 6 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at Manzanola (G/B)

Feb. 15 1 p.m. Manzanola at Creede (G/B) 2 p.m. Moffat-Mt.-Valley at La Veta (G/B) 2 p.m. Sanford at South Park (G/B) 2 p.m. Crested Butte at Center (G/B) 3 p.m. Monte Vista at Montezuma-Cortez (B) 3 p.m. Centennial at Antonito (G)

5 p.m. Sargent at Swink (G/B) 5:30/7 p.m. Lake City at Sangre de Cristo (G/B) 5:30/7 p.m. Alamosa at Centauri (G/B)

Adams State Lacrosse

this past Fall.

best swimmers in the conference.

6 p.m. ASU at Colorado Mesa (M)

12 p.m. ASU at Westminster (M) Adams State Softball

Feb. 23

Feb. 15 12/2 p.m. ASU vs Okla. Panhandle State (DH) Feb. 16 11 a.m./ 1 p.m. ASU vs Okla. Panhandle State (DH)

Adams State Swimming

Feb. 12 **RMAC Championships**

Prep Swimming (G) Feb. 14

ASU at Mesa State (W/M)

State Championships

Sargent at Thornton **Adams State Wrestling**

Feb. 13

6 p.m. Colorado Mesa at ASU Feb. 16

Rocky Mountain Open

10 a.m. ASU at Colorado School of Mines

Prep Wrestling Feb. 14

CHSAA 3A, Region 1 Alamosa at Montrose Event Center

CHSAA 2A, Region 2

Centauri, Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Sanford, Sargent at Sierra Grande HS

Schedules subject to change

Volleyball registration extended **ALAMOSA** — The team registration deadline for the

Alamosa Parks & Recreation adult volleyball league has been extended to Sunday, Feb 9th. You can register online at www.AlamosaRec.org, or drop by the AFRC located at 2222 Old Sanford Rd. For more information, contact the AFRC at (719) 589-2105.

SLV Special Olympics Showcase

ALAMOSA — Come show your support for the SLV Dust Devils by bringing your friends and teammates for an unforgettable and unique experience.

There will be a silent auction, concessions, and a great game at Plachy Hall on Feb. 23rd at 2 p.m. Admission is free but donations are always appreciated.

Marriage, divorce rates fluctuate throughout nation

Feb. 7-14 is National Marriage Week and in lieu of Valentine's Day on Friday, QuoteWizard by LendingTree's team of analysts uncovered data ranking which states have the biggest rate increases of marriages, states with the least divorces overall, and the top divorce states over the last decade.

QuoteWizard analyzed National Centers for Health Statistics data on marriage and divorce rates in the United States and compared both sets over a 10-year period per 1000 people.

It then ranked each state by marriage and divorce rates.

Colorado was found to have a 10.14% rate increase in marriage over the last 10 years, making it the fourth-highest rate of betrothed in the country.

QuoteWizard analyzed National Centers for Health Statistics data on marriage and divorce rates in the United States, comparing marriage and divorce rates over a 10-year period per 1000 people from 2009 to 2018 to find the rate of increase or decrease in marriage and divorce rates in each state.

Around the country marriage is on the decline. Marriage rates also are outpaced by the divorce rate. Less people are getting married over the last 10 years and therefore less people are getting divorced. However, with a decline in the divorce rate outpacing the marriage rate someone could assume more married couples are sticking together. Chivalry isn't dead after all.

When looking at the marriage rates over the last 10 years in each state, polarizing results were found. The majority of states are seeing a decline in marriage rates, but there are a number of states with positive trends. The good news there, nearly all states with a higher marriage rate over the last 10 years also saw a decline in divorce rates.

QuoteWizard analyzed National Centers for Health Statistics data on marriage and divorce rates in the United States. It compared marriage and divorce rates from 2009 to 2018 to find the rate of increase or decrease in marriage and divorce rates in each state. It then ranked each state 1 to 50, with

first having the largest increase in marriage rates and 50th having the lowest. Then it paired divorce rates to show which states are experiencing marriage trends compared to a divorce rate. Marriage and divorce rates in each state are based on a provisional count of marriages per 1,000 people.

KEY FINDINGS:

Colorado 's divorce rates have decreased by -23.26% in that same time period.

Colorado's marriage rate in 2009 was 6.9%. In 2018 it was 7.6%

Nationally, marriage rates have decreased by 7.74% over the last 10 years.

Divorce rates are on the decline by 19.55% over the last 10 years.

Mississippi, New Mexico and Massachusetts saw the largest increase in marriage rates.

Illinois, Kansas and West Virginia saw the largest decrease in divorce rates.

Source: Emily Lamb | QuoteWizard by LendingTree, LLC Public Relations Specialist 157 Yesler Way, Ste 400 | Seattle, WA 98104



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Why roses are such a must-have on Valentine's Day

Many things are symbolic of Valentine's Day. In the 1800s, heartshaped boxes of candy became wildly popular ways for sweethearts to express their affection for each other, and since then they have become one of many symbols of Valentine's Day. But one such symbol traces its history back even further

than that.

Roses are now as symbolic of Valentine's Day as those heart-shaped boxes, and, in fact, have long maintained a connection with feelings of love. The Ancient Greeks and Romans, for example, wore rose garlands during wedding ceremonies. But the practice of giving Valentine's Day flowers can

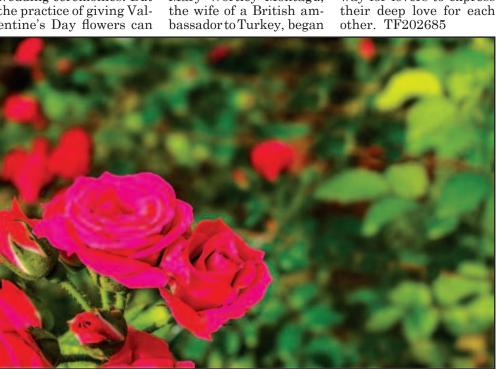
be traced to King Charles II, who served as King of Sweden from 1809, as well as King of Norway from 1814 until his death in 1818.

During his travels, King Charles visited Persia, where he learned about the use of flowers to express certain emotions. Red roses were used to express deep love, and King Charles shared the language of flowers when he returned home to Europe. It soon became quite

popular.

But Europeans were learning about the symbolic power of flowers even before King Charles' visit to Persia. In fact, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, the wife of a British ambassadants Turkey hereal

sharing the practice of assigning meaning to objects via letters she wrote home to England in 1716. Lady Montagu noted how the locals had assigned meaning to various colors, flowers and plants in order to send secret love letters to one another. However, Lady Montagu was incorrect in her interpretation, as historians would later note. Despite her misinterpretations, Lady Montagu's perception of the flower language would spread, and many people still associate certain flowers with certain emotions. Never is that more apparent than on Valentine's Day, when red roses remain a popular way for lovers to express





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Colorado lakes, reservoirs stay free of invasive mussels

boats requiring decontamination because of infestations of destructive mussels entered Colorado last year than in 2018, but the statewide inspection program coordinated by Colorado Parks and Wildlife again succeeded in keeping invasive mussels out of the state's lakes and reservoirs.

While Colorado remains mussel free, CPW officials are concerned that the number of boats entering Colorado that need decontamination continues to increase.

CPW will not let down its guard to keep invasive aquatic species out of the

"The Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Aquatic Nuisance Species Program continues to meet the challenge of protecting the state's water resources and infrastructure from the establishment of Aquatic Nuisance Species," said Elizabeth Brown, the agency's invasive species program manager. "Colorado remains free of adult zebra and quagga mussel reproducing populations, while some nearby western states without mandatory inspection programs continue to detect infesta-

Colorado has prevented the introduction of this invasive species due to the diligent efforts of watercraft inspection and decontamination, early detection monitoring, education and enforcement efforts."

Other western states that have mussel infestations include: Arizona, Utah, Kansas, South Dakota, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas and California.

Where there are infestations, mussels can clog up pipes and important infrastructure, cover docks, shorelines, rocks, any hard surface and can ruin powerboat engines.

Throughout the state last year, 481,543 boat inspections were conducted, 7,000 more than in 2018.

A total of 22.947 boats. 281 with attached mussels, were decontaminated, compared with 19,111 in 2018. Unfortunately, the number of intercepted boats fully infested with mussels increased by 40%, from 51 in 2018 to 86 in 2019.

In 2017, only 16 musselinfested boats were inter-

Brown said she's very concerned about the substantial increase in infested boats entering the

"This growth trend is directly related to the growing threat invasive mussels pose to Colorado's water infrastructure, natural resources and outdoor recreation. Along with work by our partners, CPW's Invasive Species Program is critical to maintaining opportunities for recreation, preserving natural heritage and protecting water supply and delivery infrastructure for municipal, industrial and agricultural use," Brown

A fully formed adult zebra or quagga mussel has never been detected in Colorado waters. However, the larval stage of the mussels, known as veligers, were detected as recently as 2017 in Green Mountain Reservoir in Summit County and the reservoir is still considered suspect for quagga

For detection, biologists perform three types of sampling to target the three life stages of mussels. CPW confirms all visual detections with DNA analysis to confirm the genus and species of the mussel.

If no additional detections are verified in 2020, Green Mountain Reservoir will be delisted.

In 2019, crews sampled 179 standing, and four flowing waters statewide for veligers.

In addition to the sampling efforts performed by CPW, the National Park Service contributed 38 plankton samples. There were no detections of zebra or quagga mussels in Colorado.

CPW works in partnership with dozens of other agencies, counties and municipalities throughout the state. Help from the partners is critical in maintaining a musselfree Colorado, Brown

In 2019, CPW authorized 72 locations to perform watercraft inspections and decontaminations.

For more information about CPW's ANS prevention program, see: https://cpw.state.co.us/ thingstodo/Pages/Boat-Inspection.aspx.

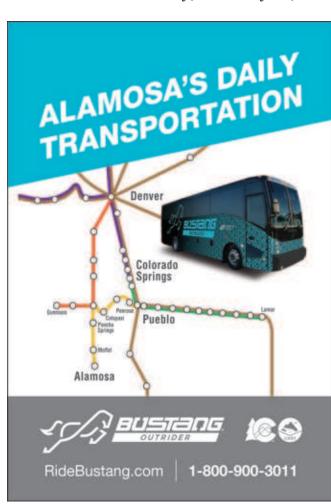
CPW is an enterprise

agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 41 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails,

boating and outdoor education.

CPW's work contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.

Report courtesy from a news release from Joe Lewandowski, CPW SW Region PIO, 970-375-





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Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 908-19

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the fol-lowing described Deed of Trust:

On December 11, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused

the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust de-scribed below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.

Original Grantor(s)

F. Ray Heck AND Maxine H. Heck Original Beneficiary(ies) FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A

SUBSIDIARY OF INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.

SEATTLE BANK Date of Deed of Trust December 29, 2005

County of Recording

Alamosa
Recording Date of Deed of Trust January 18, 2006

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)

Original Principal Amount \$192,000.00

\$134,536.43 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure

to pay principal and interest when due together with all other pay ments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

LOT 12, BLOCK 1, CARROLL SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF ALA-MOSA, ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO. Also known by street and number as: 708 Berkeley Avenue, Alamosa,

CO 81101.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/08/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and

other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certifi-cate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 2/12/2020 Last Publication 3/11/2020 Name of Publication Valley Courier
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE

DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE ARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 12/11/2019 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registra-tion number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the

indebtedness is:

Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9800 S. Meridian Blvd., Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990 Attorney File # 19-022985

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur-

. No. 1302

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 906-19 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the fol-

lowing described Deed of Trust: On November 15, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust de-

scribed below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.

Original Grantor(s)

Glass for Less, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company

Original Beneficiary(ies)

San Luis Valley Federal Bank Current Holder of Evidence of Debt San Luis Valley Federal Bank

Date of Deed of Trust March 02, 2012 County of Recording

Alamosa Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 08, 2012

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 348300
Original Principal Amount

\$287.500.00

Outstanding Principal Balance \$181,416.35 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the

to pay principal and interest when due together with all other pay-ments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, Block 54, in the City of Alamosa, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, AND

covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure

A portion of land located in Lot 28. Block 54. of the City of Alamosa. Alamosa, County, State of Colorado, being more particularly de-

Beginning at the Northeast corner of said lot 28, a found #5 bar with a yellow plastic cap marked "Summit 14840" being the True Point of Beginning;

Thence S00 11'09" W along the Ease line of said Lot 28 a distance of

150.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 28; Thence N89 48'51" W along the north right-of-way line of 6th Street a distance of 4.05 feet:

Thence N00 36'00"E a distance of 150.00 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of the alley located in said Block 54

Thence S89 48'51"E along said righ-of-way line a distance of 2.96 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Also known by street and number as: 221 & 201 6th Street, Alamosa, CO 81101.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED

OF TRUST. NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for

sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction,
at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/18/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and

best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 1/22/2020

Last Publication 2/19/2020

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE
DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registra-

tion number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Jeffrey E. Motz #35972 Paul E. Motz #7740 Motz Law Firm, LLC P.O. Box 779, Alamosa, CO 81101 (719) 589-6676

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting

to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur

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NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER SALES SOUTH ZONE TIMBER SALE ACCOUNTING AND CONTRACT-ING CENTER

The South Zone Timber Sale Accounting and Contracting Center (TSAC) will be making changes to the method used to advertise tim-

ber sales in the future. We will no longer be advertising a hardcopy newspaper publication, as more newspapers move to a digital only format it becomes more difficult to publish a hard copy advertisement We have therefore determined that in an effort to be proactive to this issue, TSAC will be advertising online at our website (http://www. fs.usda.gov/goto/South_Zone_Timber_Sales), digitally in the current

newspapers, and possibly at a later date, by Social Media. The only change to the current process is the hardcopy newspaper publication. If you, as a member of the public, would like to receive a hardcopy notice of timber sales being advertised, please contact David Phil-lips, david.phillips@usda.gov (970)874-6680, or Dawn Heiser, dawn. heiser@usda.gov (970)874-6617. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. No. 1301

Published in the Valley Courier February 12 2020

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 907-19 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the fol-

lowing described Deed of Trust:

On December 2, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust de-scribed below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records. Original Grantor(s) Angela M. Lucero and Joaquin Lucero

Original Beneficiary(ies)

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network Inc., its successors and assigns Current Holder of Evidence of Debt US Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of Cabana Series III

Date of Deed of Trust May 04, 2006 County of Recording Alamosa

Recording Date of Deed of Trust May 10, 2006

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)

trust and other violations thereof

326343 riginal Principal Amount \$306,000.00

Outstanding Principal Balance \$310,687.22

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. Lot 26, Block 6, the Cottonwoods Subdivision, the plat of which was filed July 20, 1978 under Reception No. 198640, County of Alamosa,

**This loan has been modified by a Modification Agreement dated Also known by street and number as: 700 Cottonwood Circle, Ala-

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED

OF TRUST. The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of

Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/01/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and

best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 2/5/2020 Last Publication 3/4/2020

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

DATE: 12/02/2019 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registra-tion number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the

indebtedness is: Toni M. Owan #30580 Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd., Ste 250, Lakewood,

CO 80228 (303) 274-0155 Attorney File # 81015-BSI

to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur-Published in the Valley Courier on February 05, 12, 19, 26, and March

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 905-19 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the fol-

lowing described Deed of Trust: On November 12, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records TRĂCY ARCHULETA

Original Beneficiary(ies)
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACT-ING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF

COLORADO, LLC Current Holder of Evidence of Debt PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Date of Deed of Trust County of Recording

Recording Date of Deed of Trust

November 02, 2009 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)

Outstanding Principal Balance

Original Principal Amount \$100,917.00

\$87,598.19 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other pay

ments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN

LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 29, GODFREY AND BOYD'S FIRST AD-DITION TO THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION DEEDED TO VAL DURAN AND VICKIE M. MARTINEZ IN DEED RECORDED APRIL 4, 2002 AT RECEPTION NO. 305958, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 184 BIO GRANDE AVE ALA-MOSA CO 81101

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at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/11/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 1/15/2020 Last Publication 2/12/2020

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DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 11/12/2019 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

By: Jurice Montova, Deputy Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registra-

tion number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711 Attorney File # 8669814 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting

to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur-Published in the Valley Courier on January 16, 22, 29, February 5,

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call (719) 376-6799. (2/20)DEL NORTE ELE-MENTARY School is seeking an energetic, caring candidate to serve as a PARA-ED-UCATOR. Applicants must have a high school diploma. Please submit your application to Amy Duda, DNES Principal at 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO 81132; aduda@urtigers.co; or call 719-657-4030. The position will be opened until filled. Please pick up an application at the District Office or online at dncsd.org.(2/27)

SOUTH CONEJOS **SCHOOL** District is currently seeking to hire a Health and Wellness Coordinator. This is a .5 position. This position will start immediately and will run through the duration of the grant 2022. Interested parties must have a minimum of an LPN license and must have experience working in public schools. The position calls for coordinating activities of service providers with other services in the school district, create systems and processes to track the schools' progress in attaining a culture of wellness. If interested, please apply to apply@southconejos. com. Applications will be accepted through, Tuesday, February 20, 2020. (2/20) LOOKING FOR A ca-

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OFFICE ADMIN-ISTRATOR, FULL-**TIME** The Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust is hiring a full-time Office Administrator to work in our Del Norte office. Find the iob announcement at http://www.riograndelandtrust.org/job-opportunities or email Joelle Marier at ioellem@riograndelandtrust.org for more information.(2/27) THE CITY OF Alamo-

sa 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)

FREE CERTI-FIED NURSE AIDE COURSE: River Valley Inn Nursing Home in Del Norte Colorado is offering a free Certified Nurse Aide class. Starting March 4, 2020 class will be on Wed/Thurs Deadline for applicants is February 24th, 2020 Please come in for application, 1335 6th Street, Del Norte CO. 81132. (719)-657-1105 (RVI is an EOE)(2/19)

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sume and cover letter to carey@restorativeprograms.org. Position open until filled. CRP is a EOE. (2/19) RIO GRANDE COUNTY Department of Social Services is accepting applications for a Child Protection Caseworker. Full time position with County benefits. Full job description and application available at www. riograndecounty.org. or at Human Resources, 925 6th St., Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. (2/12 #3)THE SAN LUIS Valley Department of Human/Social Services is accepting proposals for an AND Navigator to serve the following

counties: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, and Rio Grande/Mineral. This individual should be SOAR certified or commit to becoming certified within a quick timeframe. This is a contracted position whose primary function will be to assist DSS/DHS applicants with the application/ appeal of SSI benefits. Please submit letter of interest and proposed outreach strategy that would illustrate how services will be managed in each of these counties to Nicholas Barela, P.O. BOX 68, Conejos, CO 81129 or nicholas.bare-

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2/17/2020 (2/14)

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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a High School Head Volleyball Coach (with possible teaching positions available). Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website http:// ww2.monte.k12.co.us/ employment-opportunities.html or call 719-852-5996. (2/25)

EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS UNIT Case Manager needed for Rio Grande County Department of Social Services. Requires High School Diploma or GED, as well as one to three months related experience, including thorough knowledge of TANF rules and regulations and other assistance programs. Computer skills required may include word processing, spreadsheet applications, and various accounting programs. Application and job description available on line at www.riograndecounty.org or pick up and submit to Human Resources 925 6th Street, Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132(2/13)

full-time jail cook. High school diploma or general education degree (GED). Must be 21 years of age, pass background investigation and drug test screening. \$13.95/ per hour, 40 hours a week, full County benefits. Pick up and submit applications to Human Resources, 925 6th St., Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. Applications and job description available on-line at www.riograndecounty. org. Deadline: Until filled. (2/12 #1) RIO GRANDE **COUNTY** is seeking

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a Dispatch/Detention Officer. High school diploma or general education degree (GED), or one to three months related experience and/ or training, or equivalent services, intensive case combination of educamanagement, working tion and experience. Must be 21 years of age, with individuals with behavioral health ispass background investigation and 5 panel drug sues and working with community partners test, including marijuana and families. Spanrequired. Inmate interaction required. \$15.43/ ish speaking and wraparound experience a per hour. Pick up and plus. Applicants should submit applications to have a 3 years relevant Human Resources 925 experience. Email re-6th St. Room 200 Del Norte, CO. 81132. Applications also available on-line at www.riograndecounty.org. Deadline: Until Filled (2/12 #2)

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CITY OF ALAMOSA is seeking a Full Time Maintenance Worker I with a hiring salary of\$14.42 - \$15.86 per hour (DOQ), to provide routine maintenance tasks in and around the City Facilities. Applications can be found online at www. cityofalamosa.org under Employment or at the HR Department, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Closing date is February 13, 2020 at

4:30 pm. (2/15 #2)

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL District is currently accepting applications for a High School Spanish Teacher/ELL Director. Applicants must have a current state certification/license or in the process of receiving a certification/license and enrolled in an educational program for completion or endorsement. Application forms are available at the district office located at 17523 E. Hwy 160 Blanca, CO 81123 or on the District's website at www.sierragrandeschool.net Applications may be submitted to Mr. Brandon Mizokami at bmizokami@ sierragrandeschool.net For more information please contact Mrs. DeAnn Arellano at 719-379-3257.(2/22)

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sa is seeking a Full-Time Maintenance Worker II in the Streets Department to perform semi-skilled and skilled work in the construction, modification, maintenance and repair of streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm drains, graffiti removal, and traffic signs; and performs related work as assigned. The candidate must possess a High School Diploma or equivalent, a valid Colorado Class B Commercial Driver License with an acceptable driving record, and the ability to frequently lift and carry equipment weighing over 50 lbs. Starting salary is \$15.25 - \$16.78 per hour (DOQ), including a comprehensive health benefits package, CO PERA retirement, and vacation, personal, and sick leave. Applications can be found online at www.cityofalamosa.org under Employment or at the Human Resources

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Mom fears teen dating drama will lead to principal's office

new one for you. My beautiful 16-year-old daughter was interested in a boy her age from school. He was interested in her, too. He told her he wanted to date her, but that he is "polyamorous" and would be dating many girls simultaneously. She told him he's too young to know what he is yet, and he was just using it as an excuse to date multiple girls, and she wasn't interested.

They are part of the same friend group. He has been acting very hurt, pouty and angry. He told a mutual friend he is "deeply hurt" he came out to my daughter and that she won't accept him as he is. I'm worried this will escalate, and he will claim that she shamed

him for this. Abby, I am all about supporting how people selfidentify, but this is absolutely ridiculous. What are your thoughts? Is this the new normal? If you refuse to date a boy who dates a ton of other girls simultaneously, does that make you guilty of shaming? Personally, I think it's hilarious that this is the new excuse to be promiscuous and so does she, but I won't be laughing

FUNNY IN COLORADO DEAR NOT FUNNY: That boy is sulking because his pitch didn't sell. Polyamory is the practice of openly engaging in multiple intimate relationships with the consent of ALL the people involved. What affair.

if we get called into the

principal's office. -- NOT

that boy may have meant was he enjoys "playing the field." Your daughter didn't discriminate; she showed good common sense. If the principal hears about it, the administrator not only won't call your daughter into the office, I'm pretty sure the person will get a chuckle out of this.

DEAR ABBY: Our brother-in-law made a terrible mistake and is now serving time. My younger sister, "Tess," and I have visited him on a few occasions. We support him by listening and have told him that although he made a horrible mistake, he has to move forward.

Well, something happened that has put a damper on things. This brother-in-law sent Tess a letter, and in it he confessed to her that he had a dream, and she was in it. It wasn't a horrible letter, but I believe it was very inappropriate. He alluded to the fact that it was a sexual dream.

Tess has asked me if she should let our older sister, "Jane," know what her husband wrote. Jane has been through so much, so I told Tess it would not be a good idea to disclose it and add to her misery. Tess says it isn't fair to her to have to swallow this pill for the sake of not making waves. She feels Jane should know what kind of man her husband is. Abby, Jane knows exactly what kind of man she has. Part of what he

did wrong was have a cyber



ABIGAIL Van Buren Should Tess inform Jane

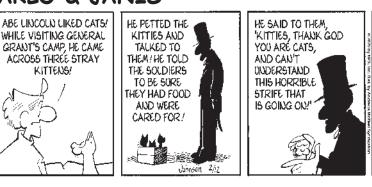
that her husband has been inappropriate? She now refuses to visit our brotherin-law and has basically written him off. Please give me your opinion and advice. -- TORN UP OVER THIS IN TEXAS

DEAR TORN UP: Tess is right. It appears incarceration hasn't discouraged your brother-in-law from writing inappropriate material to inappropriate recipients. Tess should not be discouraged from informing Jane about what her husband has done and showing her the letter, if it is still in her possession. Jane has a right to know. Please respect that Tess needs to distance herself from this troubled individual and his fantasies, and don't encourage her to visit him again. In light of what's happened, I'm not sure you should

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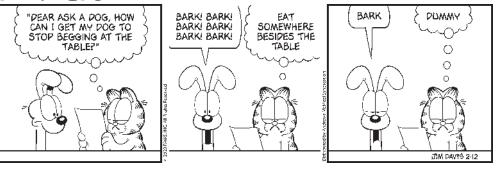
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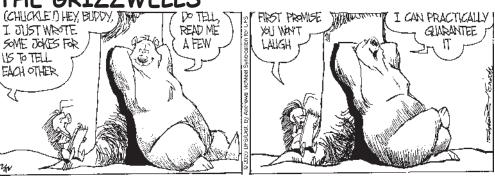
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DHHS adds that bilingual

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from being bilingual be-

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The ability to speak



How being bilingual benefits youngsters Being bilingual is a cognitive benefits to becontrol is a key indicator ing bilingual as opposed of academic success. The

to monolingual. These

benefits include a greater

ability to use logic, focus,

remember and make deci-

DEVELOPMENT

National Academy of Sci-

ence found that children

who grow up in bilingual

households exhibit better

self-control than those

who grow up in monolin-

gual households. That's

an important benefit, as

the DHHS notes that self-

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Researchers with the

necessity for millions of people across the globe.

While many United States citizens may never need to speak any language other than English, that's not the case for people who reside in other parts of the world. Even some citizens of America's neighbor to the north, Canada, may need to learn both French and English depending on where they live.

Fluency in more than one language can produce some surprising benefits. For example, a 2017 study published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America found that lifelong bilingualism may help to delay the onset of dementia by as much as five years. In addition, numerous studies, including one conducted by an economist at MIT, found that people fluent in more than one language can earn tens of thousands of dollars more than their monolingual peers over the course of their careers.

Perhaps in recognition of the benefits of bilingualism in an increasingly global world, foreign language programs are now part of the curriculum at many day-care facilities and preschools. That might come as a surprise to parents who did not begin studying foreign languages until junior high or even high school. But the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services notes that the following are some of the ways that being bilingual can benefit kids.

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

The DHHS notes that a nearly 20-year-old study from the National Clearinghouse for Bilingual Education found that bilingual students had an easier time understanding math concepts and solving word problems than their peers who were not bilingual. The DHHS also notes that researchers have uncov-



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Tips for learning a foreign language At the start of a new year, many people overwhelmed by the vast task of learning would like to make changes that can lead a new language. to personal growth and future success.

One of the skills that can open more doors, and even help create personal satisfaction, is learning a new language.

There are many reasons to learn a new language. Doing so can help people land a new job or speak fluently on an overseas

Knowing more than one language can have various cognitive benefits as well. The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages states speaking more than one language can lead to improved memory and problem-solving skills, and may enhance one's ability to concentrate.

Bilingual or multilingual people also may stave off mental aging.

Children take to foreign languages quickly and readily, but people of all ages can learn a foreign language.

▶ Set learning goals. Focus on specific, measurable outcomes. This can include learning a set number of words in a certain period of time to reduce feelings of being

Invest the time. Set aside consistent time each day to devote to learning a new language. Neuroplasticity, or the ability of the brain to form and reorganize connections, doesn't come as easily for adults as it does for children. Therefore, practice is necessary for adults to learn new skills.

▶ Use the correct learning style. Some people are visual learners and others auditory. Finding out one's learning style can make the process go smoothly.

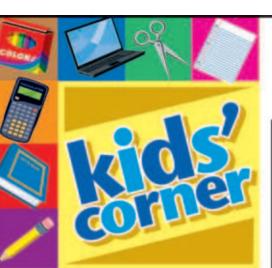
Tie learning to culture. Having a vested interest in the culture of the language a person is trying to learn can facilitate the process and make it more interesting.

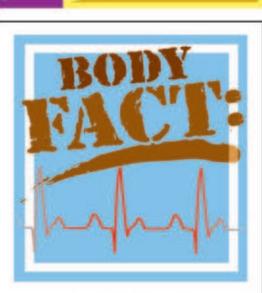
▶ There's no "easy" language. Keep in mind that all languages have their challenges, and one is not easier to learn than another, say linguists. Accepting challenges and sticking with the process can help avid learners along.

Learning a new language can open doors and lead to both professional and personal growth. TF191622

Einstein, Churchil Do you relish the idea of an afternoon II have taken naps

nap? If so, you're in good company. According to the National Sleep Foundation, John F. Kennedy, Winston Churchill, Napoleon, and Albert Einstein each fancied afternoon naps. Youngsters nap, and so do many seniors. But by and large, humans are part of the minority of mammals that do not sleep for short periods of time throughout the day, instead dividing their days between sleep and wakefulness. However, there are some benefits to catching a midday snooze. The Mayo Clinic says napping can be a way to catch up on sleep lost during the night or if a person is feeling sleep-deprived. It also may be a way to relax, increase alertness and improve mood. Naps should take place before 3 p.m. and not exceed 20 minutes. The longer and later one naps, the greater the potential it will interfere with nighttime sleeping or backfire and cause daytime grogginess. TF203783





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ANSWER: HEART

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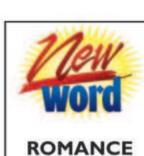




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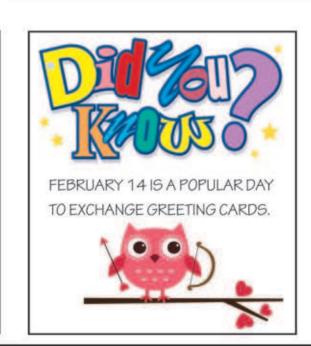
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