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Blue Rooster set to crow at Wildwood Sounds.

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## SLY Today **Property** taxes due

ALAMOSA — This is a reminder that the first half of property taxes are due to the Alamosa County Treasurer's Office by Feb. 29. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and does not close for lunch. The phone number is 719-589-3626 and the office accepts phone payments with credit card or ECheck. One can also visit www.alamosacounty.org and make an online payment. If one prefers to stop by the office it is located at 8999 Independence Way,

### More tax information

Alamosa."

ALAMOSA—It has come to the City's attention that some retailers in Alamosa may be charging City sales tax in excess of the approved sales tax amount. To clarify: Colorado Sales Tax, 2.9%; Alamosa County Sales Tax, 3%: City of Alamosa Tax. 2.5%; Total sales tax collected in Alamosa, 8.4% For more info, contact 719-589-2593 or ikelloff@ ci.alamosa.co.us.

### BINGO

ALAMOSA — American Legion Bingo will host \$1,199 must go. Doors open at 5 p.m. and Bingo begins at 7 tonight.



**SLV WEATHER** 



Mostly Sunny 54/17

Fri.: Sunny 55/23 Sat.: Sunny 53/22

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# TSJC's nursing ranks high

## Alamosa-based program No. 3 out of 28 schools in Colorado

ALAMOSA—Trinidad State's nursing program in Alamosa was recently ranked number three out of 28 college nursing programs in Colorado according to registerednursing.org. The ranking is based on stu-

 $dent\, performance\, on\, the\, NCLEX$ Registered Nurse exam. NCLEX is the National Council Licensure Examination, which is used by all state boards of nursing across the United States. Nursing programs were as-

sessed on several factors, which represent how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond. TSJC analyzed past and present first-time NCLEX-RN "pass-rates" — weighted by year.

For this ranking, five years of NCLEX-RN test scores were weighted and averaged. The



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Courtesy photo

Nursing instructor Martin Dineen with a student at the Valley campus.

most recent test scores were given more weight than those from five years ago. Using that average Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs scored 98.79 out of 100. Front Range Community College in Fort Collins had a 97.37 and Trinidad State's Valley Campus in Alamosa scored 96.39. Only two rural colleges scored in the top ten.

"This is a credit to our hardworking faculty at our Valley Campus," said Trinidad State Dean of Instruction LoriRae Hamilton. "Our students put in long hours applying nursing concepts and performing procedures, which one day may mean ■ See LIFE page 3

# 'Just Say No' contest winners announced

ALAMOSA winners have been chosen in the Valley Courier's annual "Just Say No to Drugs" coloring The three first-place

winners will each receive \$25, which will be available at the Courier office on Tuesday. Zavian Romero of Ala-

mosa topped the pre-kindergarten to first-grade division, with Ava-Rae Gonzales of La Jara winning the second-thirdgrade group.

Frankie Garcia of Center won the fourth- fifth grade division.

Honorable mention goes to Sophie Sowards of Manassa, Mariah Sheffield and Kevin Sheffield of Alamosa, and Oceana Garcia of Center.

Courtesy photos

# **CCCF** invests Nestlé gift into waste study

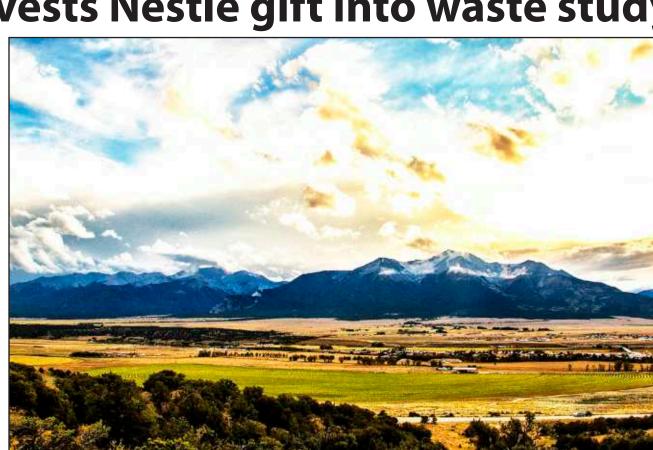
The Chaffee County Community Foundation (CCCF) announced it has directed a gift from Nestlé Waters of North America (NWNA) to fund the initial phase of a waste assessment to be led by the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association's (GARNA) Chaffee Green Sustainability Program.

As GARNA's project overview explains, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Chaffee County has increased nearly 23% in the last decade (2000 =16,315; 2018 = 20,027),and this trend is expected to continue.

In addition to attracting new residents, Chaffee County has been incredibly successful at attracting an ever-increasing number of tourists each year with double-digit growth on the Arkansas River, and in the surrounding mountain ranges. While all this growth is surging, changes in the recycling markets and systems have forced costs to rise and services to contract. Both Buena Vista and Salida approved a single-year increase in recycling funding to Angel of Shavano recyclers for 2020, while acknowledging they would not be able to sustain the increase into

the future. The outcome of this phase of the waste assessment will be a better understanding of the current annual waste generated and diverted in Chaffee pacts on the quality of life County, with monthly estimates if possible. This information will build into a larger request for funds to the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment to fund a deeper audit to better understand the amount of waste visitors generate in the summer months and to expand GARNA's education and outreach er Larry Lawrence. "Edu $programs \, focused \, on \, waste$ diversion, including youth education. In addition,

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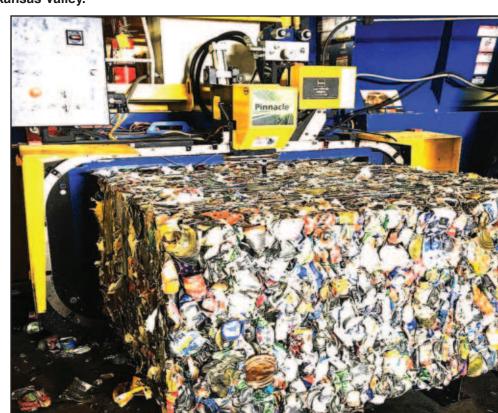
A picturesque view of Arkansas Valley.

these assessments will inform and help shape the sustainability plan as a part of the new county comprehensive plan.

CCCF will work with NWNA to direct larger future investments into the recycling and waste diversion capacity of Chaffee County. This work would not happen without NW-NA's strategic deployment of resources and will have long-term, positive imand environmental health of the county and local community.

"We are so pleased to support this phase in Chaffee County's effort to build its sustainability plan, and we commend GARNA and CCCF for spearheading such an important initiative," said Natural Resource Managcating people about how to

■ See WASTE page 3



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# Record

### **OBITUARY**

### Sam Burris, 84

ALAMOSA — Sam Burris, 84, passed away at home on Monday Feb.

He was born on Dec. 12, 1935 to George and Helen (White) Burris. Sam was a beloved man.

He was fond of all things that went fast, if it

had wheels and a motor, he had a talent for it. Sam is survived by his significant other Shirley;

children, Kenda Burris of Colorado Springs; Charlie Burris of Phoenix, Brenda (Steve) Ehrhardt of Colorado Springs; stepchildren, Bryan (Jill) Sims of Denver, and Jim (Sylvia) Evans of Alamosa; sisters, Phyllis Worden of Cheyenne, Wyom., and Shirley June Josephs of Alamosa; nephew, Steve (Donna) Burris of Mosca; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, other nephews, nieces and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Helen; his



brother, Kenneth; and his former wives, Carol and Virginia.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, Feb. 28 at the Alamosa Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask you to make contributions to Hospice Del Valle, which can be sent to the Funeral Home.

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

To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

### COURIER POLICY ON OBITUARIES

The Courier charges \$30 for each obituary per day. Pending arrangements or death notices are free. This charge affects funeral homes, family or other representatives that place obituaries. All paid obituaries are published on www.alamosanews.com, for no additional fee.

Please email obituaries if possible to news@ alamosanews.com If the newspaper errors in publishing an obit, corrections will be made and the obit rerun. If the errors are on the part of the submitting party, an additional fee will be assessed.

### 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.

### **ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT**

# Police respond to a wide variety of calls

**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa police report from Feb.

Feb. 10

Richard A. Espinoza, 23, was cited with aggravated motor theft at 610 Main St.

Jacqueline M. Compos, 44, was cited with unlawful

possession of a controlled substance at 1310 Main St. Vincent Compos, 41, was cited with obstruction of government operations, second-degree assault, false imprisonment, domestic violence, and violation of a restraining order, at 310 14th St.

Jimmy B. Quirico, 74, was cited with limitations on/ unsafe backing at 3333 Clark St.

Jose A. Duran, 74, was cited with limitations on/

unsafe backing at 612 Del Sol Dr. Feb. 11

Rico Elijah Simmons, 23, was cited for the operation of an unregistered vehicle, failure to provide proof of insurance, and displaying expired tags at the intersec-

tion of Stuart and Victoria St. Feb. 12

Candelaria F. Atencio, 60, was cited because she failed to obey/ disregarded a traffic control device at the intersection of West Ave. and 10th St.

Feb. 13

Jamie M. Sanchez, 26, was cited for driving under restraint/ revoked license, failure to present proof of insurance, and expired temporary tags at the intersection of 8th St. and State Ave.

Myron R. Peterson, 89, was cited for failing to drive in designated lane at the intersection of Clark and

Walter Archuleta, 63, was cited for violation of a restraining order at 69 State Ave.

Feb. 14

Maria R. Avila, 38, was cited with dog running at large, posessing the vicious animal, without proper license or vaccinations at 1900 Blk. Craig Dr.

Matthew Espinoza, 39, was cited with criminal mischief and first-degree criminal trespassing at 6156th St.

## **Adams State Spring** Career Fair is March 5

**ALAMOSA** — Meet over 35 potential employers at the Adams State University Office of Civic Engagement and Career Services spring 2020 Career and Graduate School Fair. The event is open to students, alumni and

The fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, in the Adams State Student Union Building banquet rooms on the first floor.

For more information call the Civic Engagement and Career Services Office, at 719-587-8105 or civicengage ment@adams.edu.

Report courtesy of a press release from ASU News, 719-587-7827; adams.edu; lsrelyea@adams.edu; Shirley Atencio (Civic Engagement) 719-587-8105; civicengage-

ment@adams.edu.

## **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 Mill- #113, Alamosa, holds its er, 719-873-5466 or email mkmillermink@aol.com

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 719-372-5985.

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

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — American Legion Auxiliary Unit monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday at the American Legion Building at 514 Fourth

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

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

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

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.

MONTE VISTA—Vallev Fiber Art Guild — VFA 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. Callor 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 Lodge, Main and San Juan.

ALAMOSA — A Caregivers Support Group month. For more information, 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 learn-by-doing environment that allows them to achieve their goals at their own pace. Call (719) 588-5127.

ALAMOSA-TheGFWC 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 McCov-Hanna at Tu Casa, Inc. 719-589-

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

### AA MEETINGS

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

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

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

**SUNDAY** 

5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa

7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

**MONDAY** 

12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa

ALAMOSA — One

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The Adams State Uni-

versity Zacheis Planetari-

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throughout March, with

the exception of spring

break, March 14 through

Thursdays, 7 p.m.

March 5: Lamps of

and 7:45 p.m.:

Atlantis and Cleopatra's

catch a show.

March 21.

Universe

ing 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

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa 6 p.m. Senior Citizen's

Building at 710 Main St., Antonito 6 p.m. Amistad of San

Luis 7:15 p.m. RV Park in

Luis at 403 Main St., San

Blanca 7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall

at 598 Spruce, Del Norte. 12 p.m. First Christian 5 p.m. Women's Meet- Church at 1st and State,

**Zacheis Planetarium March** 

schedule includes new movie

March 12: Distant

Alamosa

**THURSDAY** 

Church at 1st and State, Alamosa

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

7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede Dr. Monte Vista 7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

Baptist Church at 751 Lin-9S., Alamosa coln St., Monte Vista

**FRIDAY** School at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa Alamosa.

**SATURDAY** 

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Building at 710 Main St., Antonito. 8 p.m. Mountain View

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tween Space and Time,

Vista For schedule changes, 12 p.m. First Christian please contact your group service representative

> (GSR) **AL-ANON**

> > **TUESDAY**

8 p.m. 15 Country Club WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior

7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Health Group at 8745 CR

**THURSDAY** 

5:30 p.m. First Christian 7 p.m. Sacred Heart Church at 518 1st St.,

7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thurs-



#### BREAKFAST Sports Bites Mozzarella Cheese Stick

Egg Patty Hashbrowns

Juice & Fruit

Pancake Vegetable Bar

> Pancake Vegetable Bar

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news release from Linda Relyea 719-587-7827; lsrelyea@adams.edu;

#### Worlds: Alien Life? and NEW movie Supervolcanos As always, admission March 26: Supervolcais free for everyone, just noes and To Space and check in at the front desk.

and 3:45 p.m.: March 7: The Sun: Our Living Star, NEW movie,

Saturdays, 3 p.m.

and Lucy's Cradle: The Birth of Wonder

March 28: Oasis in Space and Mexica Archaeoastronomy: Be-

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors open 15 minutes before the first show. Report courtesy of a

www.adams.edu/news.

ELEMENTARY

SECONDARY Egg Patty Hashbrowns

# **Bridge of Alamosa reaches out**



Bridge at Alamosa Bazaar Activities Director Marquis Heizer reports that his organization sold homemade items and raised \$644, which was donated to Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue. Front row, from left to right, are Marquis Heizer, Delphine Mead, Joyce Houle and Harriet Glasgow; back, Jupee McCallister, Amelia McCallister, Olivier DeRaet, Jeff Tokar, Bruce Morrison, Don Thompson and Kenneth Fichter.

# **Hunters urged** to look into new license requirements

**DENVER** — Hunters hoping to draw a big-game license in Colorado in 2020 are urged to study up on all the changes in license requirements and fees prior to the March 1 opening of the application period (March 1-April 7 at 8 p.m. MST).

For a good overview of what's in store, check out CPW's "What's New' video for the 2020 big-game

Important changes for hunters to take note of

#### **ADJUSTMENTS** TO LICENSE FEES

The Future Generations Act, which passed through the Colorado Legislature in 2018, allows CPW to adjust resident license prices to keep up with the cost of inflation. This year, that means an increase of 1.3% or 30 cents to a few dollars on most licenses (bear license prices have

#### actually gone down). QUALIFYING LICENSES

In order to participate in the Big Game primary draws and new secondary draws, hunters will need to purchase a qualifying license. If one applied for big game in Colorado last year, one recalls that all applicants including, youth ages 12-17, must buy a qualifying license prior to applying for the big game license draw. Qualifying licenses include: spring

turkey licenses, annual small game, annual resident combination small game/fishing, veteran's lifetime resident combination small game/fishing, senior combination small game/fishing (new) and disabled first responder combination small game/ fishing (new). Please note that any remaining leftover limited licenses that become available on a first-come-first-serve basis (Aug. 4 at 9 a.m. MST) and over the counter licenses (Aug. 6 at 9 a.m. MST), will not require a qualifying license.

#### VALID DATES FOR ANNUAL LICENSES HAVE CHANGED

 $The\,2020\,annual\,licenses$ go on sale March 1, including qualifying licenses, at the same time as big game applications. The 2020 annual licenses, including qualifying licenses, are valid March 1, 2020-March 31, 2021. Remember, to be a valid qualifying license for the big game draws, the license must be valid for the 2020 license year.

Secondary draw replaces the leftover draw in 2020

Hunters who don't draw a license in this year's primary draw should be aware they still have the opportunity to draw a license in the new secondary big game draw. The secondary draw replaces the old leftover draw.

New in 2020, most elk,



Courtesy photo

anyone, whether they applied for the primary draw or not. Secondary draw applications are accepted June 5-July 7, 8 p.m. MST.

Visit CPW's website for more information about the new secondary draw.

#### REVIEW APPLICA-TION AND ACCOUNT TO AVOID ISSUES WITH ONE'S DRAW

Apply early to avoid any issues with an application. Once one has submitted his or her application, please review the emailed receipt to confirm the hunt codes entered. Application modifications can be made to a submitted application before April 7 at 8 p.m.

To avoid any issues if one draws a license, make sure one's credit card on file is up to date and that one's email and mailing address are correct when applying. The payment deadline for the primary big game draws is June 19.

#### MANDATORY TEST-ING FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

CPW is continuing mandatory Chronic Wasting Disease testing for selected game management units (GMUs) as part of its Chronic Wasting Disease

state.co.us/cwd for more info). There is no charge for mandatory testing. Eighty-nine GMUs will be tested in 2020, mostly in western Colorado. If you're hunting deer (either sex) in these units, and you harvest, you will need to bring your head in to a CWD submission location so Colorado Parks and Wildlife technicians can collect a lymph node sample for testing. A complete list of GMUs where mandatory testing will be required is available on page 21 of the 2020 Colorado Big Game Brochure.

"It's very important all hunters read the 2020 Colorado Big Game brochure, which is available at all CPW office locations and online," said CPW Public Information Officer Travis Duncan. "We're encouraging all hunters to check their online accounts to ensure their contact information is current and credit card information is up-to-date. Then check your account after the draw to see the draw results, your preference point levels and the status of your payments,' Duncan said.

NOTE TO HUNTERS: CPW harvest data from 2019-2020 will not be available until mid-March.

# Correction



On page 3 of the Tuesday, Feb. 25 Courier the wrong photo was sent with the cutline below. The correct cutline that matches the photo is: Win the 23rd Crane Quilt. Members of the Kiwanis Club of Monte Vista are again sponsoring their Annual Crane Quilt Raffle. Proceeds from the raffle primarily fund the Monte Vista Key Club Scholarship Program with remaining funds used for community service projects. The 2020 Crane Quilt, "Time to Take Flight" was designed, pieced, and quilted by Raydene Plane. The center of the quilt is graced by a hand-painted Sandhill Crane. The winner of the 2019 Crane Quilt was Charlotte Thompson from Dolores. Tickets are on sale at one ticket for \$2 or three tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held during the Crane Festival on March 8 at 2 p.m. at Ski Hi Park in Monte Vista. The winner does not need to be present to win. Tickets are available from Kiwanis members at the following locations: Rio Grande Savings and Loan-Monte Vista; Joseph A. Lucero DDS; Tri County Senior Citizens; Kay's Bookkeeping Services; Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce; and Kiwanians Wayne Wittner, Colette Skeff, Debbie Palmgren, Karen Widger, Michael and Linda Couch, and Janet and Don Noland, Tickets will also be available at Ski Hi Park during the festival. A Key Club Scholarship for \$1,000 was awarded to Alyssa Rawinski, Monte Vista High School Key Club Member in May, 2019.

### Sweeping operations start Sun.

ALAMOSA, CONEJOS COUNTIES—The Colorado Department of Transportation will be performing nighttime sweeping operations on U.S. Highway 285 south of Alamosa, beginning Sunday, March 1. The highway sweeping is needed to reduce the amount of loose rock chips on the roadway, also minimizcaused by hazardous debris like stones, trash, rusty nails

or broken glass. Beginning Sunday, March 1 and continuing for several nights, sweeping operations will take place from 9 p.m.-5 a.m. The mobile operation will take place on U.S. 285 along a 21-mile stretch between Antonito and Alamosa, mile points 6.5 - 27. The work is weather dependent.

The public should watch the flashing lights of safety vehicles leading and following the sweeper equipment and mobile operations. Motorists are urged to slow down and follow the speed reductions. The Colorado State Patrol will increase patrols of this area during the nights of operation.

■ Continued from Page 1 the difference between life and death for a patient. We truly appreciate the support of the San Luis Valley healthcare faciliing the potential of incidents ties and the support of our alumni. To score 96 out of a hundred is truly impressive."

> Hamilton oversees the nursing faculty at the Valley Campus.

> Trinidad State will build on this strong program with an online RN-Bachelor of Science in Nursing program starting in August. For more information on any of the Trinidad State nursing programs please go to trinidadstate. edu/nursing or email lorirae.hamilton@trinidad-

Report courtesy of a press release from Greg Boyce, Trinidad State Junior College director of communications, greg. bovce@trinidadstate.edu, 719-846-5530, office, 719-821-6397, cell.

# Waste

■ Continued from Page 1 to do so more often is an important priority of NWNA. In addition to funding this waste assessment in Chaffee, we are working around the United States to help improve plastics collections and support recycling infrastructure through indirect investments, including our \$6 million investment in the Closed Loop Infrastructure Fund, which supports projects that help increase recycling capabilities in cities all over the United

Increasing strategic philanthropic investments is part of the core purpose of CCCF. Executive Director Joseph Teipel shares that "this project is a great first step to building a sustainable waste diversion and recycling environment in Chaffee County. We must start our work as a community with data, and let that data direct future efforts." The study will be carried out by new Chaffee County

resident Dr. Erica Wohldmann-Gift, who earned her doctorate in cognitive psychology and cognitive science and served as the Interim Director for the Institute for Sustainability at the California State University, Northridge.

ABOUT CCCF CCCF envisions a resilient Chaffee County where residents, nonprofits, businesses, and governments are thriving, interconnected, and well resourced. CCCF's mission is to act as a catalyst to inspire positive change through the power of philanthropy to enrich the lives of all people in Chaffee County. To do this, CCCF is working with nonprofits, residents, businesses, and municipal governments to increase philanthropy, provide capacity building and technical support to nonprofits, and invest in catalytic projects in the areas of Community Vitality, Community Health, and Community Capacity. In addition, CCCF aims to act as a "center for the common good" by holding

space for community conversations and dialogue on tough issues. Learn more at www.chaffeecom-

munity.org. ABOUT GARNA Focused on more than environmental issues, the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association recognizes that how it builds, plans and cares for the communities in the Upper Arkansas Valley increases community resilience, and that makes a difference in how the community values and stewards the natural environment. GARNA is a community connector through its Youth Ecological Literacy Program, its popular clubs, such as the Birding, Hiking, Photography and Book Clubs, as well as its community education programs that draw residents and visitors to the area. GARNA manages the largest group of volunteers in the Upper Arkansas River valley. Each year, over 200 hardworking volunteers clean, maintain and improve the health of the watershed

and on public lands of the

Upper Arkansas Valley. GARNA public education programs reach over 5,000 people per year, with a Youth Ecological Literacy Program that reaches 1,800 youth per year with place-based, pro-social and STEM programs in Chaffee and Lake coun-

GARNA, through community collaboration, inspires a conservation ethic by providing educational opportunities and experiences so that those who live, work and play in the Upper Arkansas Valley are motivated to take care of the natural resources and leave a legacy of responsible use of the natural environment.

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# God bless **America HOLLYWOOD** — God Bless Amer-

ica, and how's everybody?

New Orleans rolled out the welcome

mat for the city's spectacular annual Mardi Gras parade Tuesday night. When I was in college at OU, my fra-

ternity brothers and I attended Mardi Gras, and I learned a valuable lesson in the French Quarter. Never pick up a woman wearing a Super Bowl ring.

Hollywood movie studio mogul Harvey Weinstein was taken to jail following his guilty verdict Monday in Manhattan.

Before he could be processed, Weinstein complained of severe chest pains and was taken by ambulance to Belleview Hospital. Fifteen minutes later,

he took a turn for the nurse.

The L.A. District Attorney said Harvey Weinstein will face more charges of rape in L.A. after the N.Y. case is finished. The first N.Y. jury vote could only agree on third-degree sexual as-In Hollywood third-degree sexual

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assault is defined as sex that was consensual, but you didn't get the part. Forbes reported Michael Jackson and

Elvis Presley were the two top-earning dead celebrities last year at 60 and 40 Whitney Houston's hologram will be

performing on a North American concert tour this summer. It's only right, a whole gram is what made her what

Berlin newspapers said German narcotics police in Saxony last weekend seized thousands and thousands of orange Ecstasy tablets that have Donald Trump's face on each tablet.

We must destroy every one of them. The last thing anyone wants to see is for Germany to become Great Again.

President Trump was blamed for the spread of Corona Virus by the media and Democrats for not internationalizing America's effort to battle it Tuesday.

They're giving the Russians a much needed week off. Adam Schiff just announced he has proof that Trump colluded with the Coronans.

Wall Street endured the greatest two-day sell-off in market history on Monday and Tuesday as fears of the Corona Virus affecting business spread.

President Trump issued a statement co calm market jitters over the overseas pandemic. Trump said there are good people on both sides of the virus. President Trump returned from India

on Tuesday following a great reception  $there.\,A\,recent\,poll\,shows\,that\,Trump's$ approval rating in India is over 60%.

It just shows that in a country where there are no blacks, no Hispanics and no Muslims, Trump could get re-elected in a landslide.

Joe Biden's mind went wandering into fantasy again during his speech

Joe claimed he was arrested in South Africa 30 years ago while trying to meet Nelson Mandela right after he was released from captivity. Joe knows how conservatives just love those big

game hunting posters. Joe Biden told South Carolina voters five times he's running for re-election to the Senate and added that his son

is the Attorney General.

He's a comedian's dream. I'm waiting for when Joe discloses that he was sitting on the front row when Don King gave his famous I Have a Dream speech.

United Airlines came in last of the major airlines in customer satisfaction in a recent survey of air passengers.

The last time I flew United, they lost my luggage and it was carry-on. A graduating college senior arrived three hours late for a job interview with United and they hired him on the spot.

Modern Health recommended that people with healthy hearts who want

to live a very long life maintain a regimen of fish and vegetables and exercise to get to the century mark.

Last week the oldest man on the planet died at the age of 112. Why does

this keep happening?

Steven Spielberg said he's embarrassed and concerned that his adopted daughter Mikaela is going into porn.

She could have had a legitimate career in films if only she had some show business connections.

My guess is, they made her feel like the most unwanted adopted child since

Prince Harry.

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# Greedy wheel gets the grease

Sometimes, the prescription for pain the San Luis Valley's water, which is Cranes who come here to mate. is found in nature.

**Native Writes** 

**Sylvia** 

Lobato

I'm not talking about herbal remedies, but a walk. A plain old walk. For me, it's a vast source of knowledge.

For me, it is the Rio Grande, which flows along oblivious to the seemingly endless water wars going on around it and how living creatures draw sustenance from it and its tributaries.

The legendary river originates in the high country of the San Juan Mountains. What happens at its origin rules what happens below. As a rookie reporter in 1968, one of

the first court cases I covered was an assault case involving two farmers and One of the men had begun to draw

his irrigation water a bit too early and

the other whacked him in the head with a shovel. There was no intent to commit murder and no one died, but the shovel wielder

was charged with attempting to kill. Listening to him in the hallway, I

think he was angry enough. He had to pay the other man's medi-

Today, huge urban conglomerates peddle half-truths while fighting over produced by nature, owned by the users and pumped out of the underground aguifer. There is a busy water court.

The people who live here have girded for battle several times over the years as the thirsty suburbs sought to purchase water rights and then pump the precious resource to the consumptive Front Range. The courts have become the shovels, the taxpaver pays the tab ... The river flows across the broad, flat valley floor at about 7,500-8,000 feet in elevation, above an aquifer system that has long sustained extensive wetlands, identified as "marshes" by early explorers in the area.

Sitting on my rock, I would agree. It's soggy out there. Some folks have been drawing their water from cans and bottles that have piled up nearby, where an errant stream has pooled up.

Historic estimates show that, in this high, dry region, where the average rainfall on the valley floor is 6-to-8 inches per year, the aquifers and snowmelt from the mountains sustain more than 200,000 acres of internationally important wetlands.

These range from the lush riparian zone along the Rio Grande and its tributaries to extensive plateaus and expansive wetlands, often watered by agricultural water diversions.

The diverse wetlands support vast numbers of waterfowl, waterbirds and shorebirds and is a breeding ground for migrating flock of Greater Sandhill

Recorded history and prehistoric rock art show this has long been nature's cycle. New Mexico and Texas are constantly suing Colorado for more water, though increasing snowfall is not up to

The greatest job development around my church comes from nature, while greed greases its wheels.



# Reader feels behind in career trajectory

DEAR HARRIETTE: I constantly feel like I am behind the eight ball. I had a robust career that ended some years ago when my industry began to tank.

I have worked independently since then on a variety of projects. From the outside, I look successful, but my bank account tells a different story. Plus, I keep seeing people in my field who seem to be prosperous trying out new technology or aligning with big brands while I seem to be scrambling for crumbs.

I am beginning to feel like there's no more room for me and my talents and creativity. But I'm still in my 50s and have a family.

I have to keep working, but I'm not sure what to do to reinvent myself. I don't want to give up, but I need some guidance. — Second Act

DEAR SECOND ACT: Do not despair. You are not alone. In fact, statistics show that there are more seniors than 18 year olds in the United States. This is a time when our mature population should be valued more, and there are organizations out there that are trying to make that happen.

Open your eyes to the possibilities for people in your age group with your skills. Polish your resume, and highlight the things that you have excelled at over the years. Stop worrying about your contemporaries, and look for opportunities that feel right for you.

You must also work on your mindset. If you are feeling down, you will not attract the bounty that you want and deserve. To change your attitude, you can exercise more, drink a lot of water,

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choose to think positive thoughts, surround yourself with people you love who are supportive of you, and seek professional help if you need it.

When you look for jobs, you can go to various online job boards, but be sure to narrow your search based on your skills and abilities.

Look for sites that specialize in your field, or go to jobs.aarp.org to check out a job board for older people that might have leads for you. For ideas on how to reinvent yourself, go to bit.ly/REIN-VENTSS

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have been making many friends recently. A couple of days ago, I befriended a guy and we hit it off. We had many things in common, and we talked for hours.

However, there were some red flags that were going off when I was around him. He would make me uncomfortable and touch me in places I didn't want to be touched. I told him to keep his hands off, and he would comply but eventually continue anyway.

My biggest mistake was giving him my contact information. He texts me every day, from morning to evening, asking me too many personal questions.

I don't want to be mean to him, but whenever I tell him to leave me alone, he persists. I am scared, and I don't know what to do. — Always Followed

DEAR ALWAYS FOLLOWED: Block this person from your social media and your phone. Refuse to respond to his texts. Silence may work to make him realize you really are no longer interested in him.

If it escalates, you may need to report him to the police to get this incident on

the record. Harriette Cole is a lifestylist and founder of DREAMLEAPERS, an initiative to help people access and activate their dreams. You can send questions to askharriette@harriettecole.com or c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130

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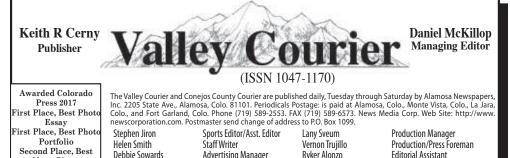
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## **Church Calendar**

# Football star fights to honor his commitments

As a teenager, Trey Smith kept praying that he would reach 6 foot 5 — the right height for a blue-chip lineman coming out of high school, and then a college star who would rise high in the National Football On Religion

League draft.

His mother, Dorsetta preacher's daughter—had dreams of her own, including that her son would honor his academic commitments and, after picking a good university, earn his degree. This was something they talked about while

young Trey watched his mother wrestle with congestive heart failure, then die at age 51. All of that was on Smith's mind when

**Terry Mattingly** 

he won the Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Award. The NCAA version of the NFL's Walter Payton Man of the Year award, it goes to a student leader who has exhibited "exceptional courage, integrity and sportsmanship both on and off the field.' Smith apologized and asked the au-

dience at the Dallas Cowboys practice facility in Frisco, Texas, to give him a moment as he wrestled with his emotions. Then he thanked God, his family, teammates, coaches, academic advisers and the medical specialists who have literally helped keep him alive and playing in the University of Tennessee offensive line.

There was a moment last year, he said, when doctors treating him for blood clots in his lungs told him, "You know, to graduate on schedule — honoring his man, hang it up. Hang it up. You're done playing football. This is it. 'Something you dream about as a kid.

A promise you made to your mom on her deathbed. Hearing that it's done? You know, it's devastating ... I kept thinking ... 'it's not over yet.' God put a vision inside of me that night and that whole week, saying, 'I don't care what they say, I've got more glory, I have more honor for you.' God had a bigger purpose for me.' "The spotlight on Smith's fight to keep

playing has allowed fans everywhere a chance to watch a dramatic case of the mental, physical, emotional and, often, spiritual challenges student-athletes face season after season," said Chris Walker, a former Volunteer defensive end, who is the university's campus director of the Fellowship of Christian "Some people think athletes are basi-

cally dumb jocks ... What they need to remember is that, for the majority of us, we're first-generation college students, said Walker. "You take all the work and pressures of being a student and then you add another full-time job to that or more than a full-time job.

"Yes, these players signed up for this. But that pressure is always there, and it can take its toll.

"In the case of the Smith family, this player's giant talent and battle with a life-threatening disease have only made this painful puzzle more visible to outsiders," said Walker.

Smith recently took the calculated risk of not entering the NFL draft, coming back for a senior year that will allow him

promise to his mother. He will continue his volunteer work

with the Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries and similar projects. Coaches and doctors will continue to monitor his health.

Walker said outsiders need to realize that most college athletes, at one time or another, face injuries and academic challenges that threaten their goals and dreams.

Many know that, for their families and friends, they represent a "chance to get up and out" of lives often shaped by single-parent homes and low incomes. Some athletes are forced to become realists about their pro-sports potential. Others grow to realize the importance of a college degree. All of this can "brew a storm of emotions that some athletes may not be equipped to handle," said Walker.

In Smith's case, his words from that platform in Texas, "were not a show. That was not an act. That was just him being the young man that he is ... Trey has made commitments to God, his mother and to others who depend on him. He knows that he's being watched."

At the end of those remarks, Smith added: "It's not about me ... We have to impact people while we have this time

"As I write this next chapter in my journey, I have a lot of work to do.'

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# **'UUs, Mustard Seed of Generosity"**

ALAMOSA — The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Alamosa welcomes speaker Bill Drain who claims that generosity is a redemptive act because we don't have to be generous. What compels

generosity? Generosity is the mustard seed—the least of all seeds becomes one of the greatest herbs.

All are welcome. Call Jan Oen, 719-480-4771 for additional information.

# Symbolism of candles on Holy Saturday

Easter is the most important day of the year on the Christian calendar. A celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Easter commemorates the very core of the Christian faith. So it comes as no surprise that such an important day is steeped in

Easter traditions such as Easter Sunday Mass are widely known. But there are many unique Easter traditions across the globe that, while they may not be as widely known, illustrate the power of this very special day in the Christian community.

India: India may not be the first nation to come to mind when thinking of countries which Christianity has a strong foot hold. And while only a small percentage of people in India identify as Christian, Easter celebrations in the country are elaborate. For example, in the small state of Goa, Easter celebrants host carnivals and exchange gifts with fellow Christians. Those gifts include the Holy Cross, which is exchanged after Easter church services have ended. Such services are then followed by Easter parties, where families and friends gather and break bread together, much like Christian celebrants do in other parts of the world.

▶ Italy: Residents of Florence celebrate Easter Sunday with a genuine flash. In a tradition that dates back several centuries, Florentines load a cart with fireworks before exploding it outside the famed Florence Cathedral.

DEurope: Many European Christian communities burn an effigy of Judas Iscariot as part of their Easter celebrations. Christians believe the apostle Judas betrayed Jesus Christ, a betrayal that led to Christ's crucifixion. Despite some groups denouncing the burning of Judas as anti-Semitic, the practice continues in many countries.

▶ Spain: Holy Week commemorates the entire week preceding Easter Sunday, in cluding Holy Thursday and Good Friday. In the Spanish town of Verges, Christians commemorate Holy Thursday by reenacting scenes from the Passion, which refers to the short period at the end of Christ's life. The "Dansa de la Mort (Death Dance)" is part of that commemoration, and during this dance, participants dress up like

Easter celebrations across the globe are steeped in tradition, including some that might surprise even the most devout Christians. TF204829

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52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship \*Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week\*

Pre-School frieugh 5th grade Church: 589-4611, School: 589-3271 Conejos Carryon Community Chapel

20062 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Fellowhip Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service Mountain Valley Church 408 State St. 17, Alamosa Pastor: Richard Pinkerton

589-2999 or 588-7662 Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service Presbylerian Church of Monte Vista 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista

Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship Seventh-day Adventist

Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship

United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church

5385 Barker Street, Mosca. 720-254-5564 Reverend Hugh Harris Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m.

Unitarian Universalist

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 330 San Juan Ave. Alamosa North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church

Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am Sunday. United Presbyterian Church of Antonito P.O. Box 665, Antonito

Office Hrs. Tues, 9:00am -12:00 Sunday -9:45am - Sunday School

Valley Church of the Nazarene Sunday Moming Worship 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School Classes 9:00 a.m. Every other Wednesday, 6 p.m. (575)758-5876 for information for class schedule Church of Scientology 511 Main Street, Suite #12, Alamosa

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One Golden Rule for a **Happy Marriage** I think most people would agree

that a good marriage isn't just going to "happen." It requires some give and take. And more than anything, the key to a having a great relationship is a commitment to do things God's way. For example, one major way I've

discovered I can improve my marriage is by having an attitude of giving, rather than getting. Our natural inclination is to focus on ourselves-what we want and how we can be happy. But Acts 20:35 says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (NIV). If you enter marriage with the

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

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

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

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

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

Likewise, Dave has made an effort to learn what I like. Many times he will clean up the kitchen in the evening just because he knows how much it blesses me. It may seem like a little thing, but it goes a long way toward sustaining a healthy relationship! Remember Acts 20:35: "It is more

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

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

more than he did! Why? Because I got my mind off myself and focused on being good to someone else. The truth is we can never out-give necessarily reflect those of Joyce God. Even if you feel right now like Meyer Ministries.

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taking a few minutes each morning to "set" your mind in the direction of giving instead of getting. Purposely think of something you can do for your As you choose to spend time making

their life better, you'll begin experiencing more happiness yourself...and truly have a marriage you both enjoy! For more on this topic, order Joyce's CD and DVD resource Marriage. You

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# Teamwork leads to national reputation at TSJC

By MARGARET SANDERSON Trinidad State Junior College **ALAMOSA** — It would be an understatement to say Lauren Martin hit the ground running when she arrived at Trinidad State in Alamosa in the fall of 2016. Herself a national champion, Martin set to work building a running program from the ground up. Since then she and her assistant have coached three runners to national titles: Elias Gedyon (2017), Derek Holdsworth (2018 & 2019), and Benedine

In addition, their women's team placed 7th in the 2018 NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) Cross Country Championships. In 2019 the men's team finished in 5th place. On March 7 and 8 the team is headed to Lynchburg, Virginia to the Indoor Track National Championships.

In her first year, with the addition of indoor and outdoor track, Martin's coaching responsibilities multiplied exponentially. Cross country extends from mid-August to the first week in November followed by indoor track from the first week in December to the first weekend in March. Outdoor track begins in March and runs through the middle of May with cross country practicing year-round. "And recruiting never ends," said Martin. Kyle Masterson, her then-fiancé, was already assisting Martin as much as he could on a volunteer basis. but Martin needed more. "There are men's sprint and middle-distance groups and two men's long-distance groups along with women's middle and long-distance groups, all requiring timing," said Masterson. "Six groups all doing slightly different things." "In track, you get a little bit of everything from the 100-meter sprint to the hammer throw," said Martin. "It's a wide variety

In June 2017, Martin married Masterson who was then hired full-time in 2018 as assistant head coach for cross country/ track and field as well as assistant athletic

director. "It's something that fits well and I like to do," said Kyle who, like Lauren, is a nationally recognized distance runner. Both coaches, who have qualified for the 2020 Olympic tryouts, have been training hard, running an average of 120 to 125 miles a week. The tryouts are in Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday, February 29, 2020. The Mastersons share an office at the

college adjacent to the workout room they

initiated. "One of the great things we've done is create an area that allows, not just our student-athletes, but the whole campus to have an opportunity to get on the treadmills, especially with Alamosa conditions," said Lauren. Yesterday it was a blizzard. We had our kids on the treadmill and cranking through some workouts." "That's what's good about Trinidad State," added Lauren. "They're good at making the best of things, taking what we have and turning it into what we need.'

Kyle added, "We're fortunate that the student body and the administration supported that. It helps the students and the feel of the campus." A feeling of "Trojan pride" is emerging on the Valley Campus, which, for the first time, has teams on campus to root for. This year 19 students are participating.

"Most of our goals are based around helping each student-athlete achieve their goals," explained Lauren. "Typically, that leads to team results. We like to work with those who won national titles, like Benedine Chelimo (from Kenya). We took her from All American her first year to a national champion in her last race." In

2019 fearless and determined Chelimo won first place (outdoor track) in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, the premier grueling obstacle race, with a time of 11:25.05. "We like that caliber of runner but we also like the people who come in and work really hard and see them PR," Lauren said. The term PR (personal record) is often used by coaches and team players in reference to performance improvement.

Kyle explained, "We tell the students 'We can guide you and give you the plan, and the rest is up to you and the work you put in.'We try to give them the best plan athletically and set them up for success in the classroom. Our overall goal is to help develop people.

Some of their students come with that process well underway. Mary Baldwin had been running competitively since 2010. She prefers mountain running and 5 and 10 Ks. A kilometer is .62 miles. I'm in a unique

position and I've trained on my own for a long time," said Baldwin. I enjoy racing and training for races." She finished in the top 12 at a few international races in Austria; and, in Sweden last summer, she earned 4th and 8th place finishes. This year she qualified in the 5K (3.1 miles) for nationals. (Cross country for the women is always 5 K and for the men, it's 8000 meters (about 5 miles).

Baldwin grew up in the Midwest and moved to Colorado in 2014 to finish her bachelor's in sociology and public health. During that time, she met her husband, also a competitive runner. They moved to  $the Valley \\ \overline{\ } where \\ he \\ was \\ returning \\ to \\ work$ as a physical therapist. "I'm growing more

By STEPHEN JIRON

Courier Sports Editor

MONTE VISTA — In a semifinal

Alamosa (16-4) drew a first-round bye

after going undefeated in the league and

taking the first seed in the tournament.

Pagosa's victory over Monte Vista meant

the Pagosa Pirates (10-11) would be

Alamosa's opponent on Thursday night.

team started with two buckets to put

Alamosa's Donovan Ramirez got his

matchup, Alamosa topped Pagosa

Springs by a score of 45-34.

interested in the clinical side of health care," she said and thought she would go into nursing. "When we looked at moving, I saw that TSJC has a nursing program that is reputable with a great outcome and that's how I ended up here. I'm definitely looking at higher education within the nursing world – a master's or doctorate eventually, possibly nurse anesthetist."

"One of the things we enjoy about Trinidad State," said Kyle, "is the different student population. We have students in different trades – auto mechanics, diesel, welding, machining, aquaculture, etc. Most trade schools don't have an athletic program or a team, especially a cross country/track team. We get a lot of people who are interested because they couldn't do both (run competitively and study) just about anywhere else, but here they can. It's fun for us because we get to work with a lot of different people with

different backgrounds. Miguel Coca, from Las Vegas, New Mexico, attended an out-of-state community college in his first year. It didn't go well. He ran track but a combination of homesickness and culture shock left him discouraged. He told his mom he was going to quit running. But his mom did some research and learned Trinidad State had a cross country/track program in Alamosa. She encouraged Miguel to move closer to

home and 'Give it another shot.' "She's always been there for me," said Coca. "I really appreciate that. Even when I'm at my weakest point, she'll say, "Try again." He said if it had not been for his mom, he wouldn't be here (at TSJC) today. After he got here and started talking to the coaches, he felt better. "Now we're just really close," said Coca who plans to complete some basics at Trinidad State and move on to become a dental hygienist. "In cross country, you pretty much have to run for them and they run for you," he continued. "If you start hurting, you keep going because you're running as a team."

# Grizzlies close season at home

By AARON KINNISCHTZKE ASU Sports Information Director

**ALAMOSA** — The Adams State Grizzlies Men's and women's basketball teams hit the hardwood for one final time in the 2019-20 season, as they prepare to host Fort Lewis Friday night at home. The evening is Corporate Appreciation Night, as corporate supporters of Adams State Athletics will be honored for their contributions to the department. Friday is also senior night, as seniors for both the men's and women's team will be honored following the women's game, prior to the men's game.

On the Men's Side

The 7-20 Grizzlies hope to end 2020 on a high note and keep their home record above .500 with a win against RMAC foe Fort Lewis. Before the game, the Grizzlies will Honor seniors Rickey Norris, Juwan

Green and Logan Longo with a Senior Night presentation, culminating the work and leadership they have provided for the team. They are up against a Fort Lewis Skyhawks team who is also eliminated from the playoffs but hopes to come into Alamosa and get a win to conclude their season. The Skyhawks defeated the Grizzlies by a score of 76-90 back on December 21st in a game that saw the Grizzlies shoot just 40% from the field and 22% from three-point range. With a good shooting night, the Grizzlies can hopefully reverse their fortunes against Fort Lewis and end their season with a home victory. Tip-off for the game is set for 7:30 PM. On the Women's Side

The Women did not fare any better than the men back on December 21st, as they dropped an ugly performance in Durango in their first meeting with the Skyhawks losing by a score of 48-63. The Grizzlies'

offense has come a long way since then, and they hope to end their year on a high note as well and defeat their conference foes. Seniors Maddie Dorris, Zakiya Beckles, Marshell Hollins, and Danielle Jimenez will be honored following their game against the Skyhawks, for their contributions to Adams State Women's Basketball. Having lost a close game to Colorado Mesa last Saturday, the Grizzlies come into Friday with a great deal of confidence in order to knock out a Fort Lewis team who is fighting for a playoff spot. Tip-off is set for 5:30 PM from Plachy Hall.

Tipoff for the women's game Friday night is set for 5:30 PM. Following the conclusion of the women's game and prior to shoot-around for the men's game. both the men's and women's seniors will be honored in a short ceremony. The Men's game will follow, with

Moose up 14-10 after 1.

leading 23-13.

4-0. Ramirez would score a third basket

to lead Alamosa in scoring in the first

quarter with 6 points to help put the

looked to grind the pace way down

limiting scoring to Alamosa's Lincoln

Tuioti-Mariner and Pagosa Springs'

Mason Snarr with a basket each. That

is until Alamosa's Ian Jackson went on

a run stringing together 7 unanswered

points to send the Moose to the break

Facing a double-digit deficit in the

second half Pagosa utilized the distance

game with Kyler Hammer and Mitch

Lewis each cashing in on a 3-pointer.

It wasn't enough to combat Alamosa's

sheer volume, 4 points each from Isaiah

Harrell and Tuioti-Mariner helped send

Alamosa to the final 8 minutes leading

Pagosa Springs would get the first 6

points of the final quarter and would outscore Alamosa 11-10 but would not

overcome the lead Alamosa had built.

Alamosa's Brenden Crowther took the

lead in scoring for Alamosa posting 11

points in the win. Crowther was followed

in scoring by teammates Ian Jackson

and Donovan Ramirez who each posted

In the second quarter, the Pirates

tip-off set for 7:30 PM.

Alamosa bests Pagosa in district play

# Intermountain League boys in district semifinals

### Centauri rolls over Bayfield in semifinals

By STEPHEN JIRON

Courier Sports Editor MONTE VISTA — In a one-sided game it was the two seed, Centauri, that got an easier path to the championship game. The Falcons (18-2) belted Bayfield 61-31 thanks to a second-half avalanche. The Falcons earned a first-round bye in

district play thanks to coming in second behind Alamosa. Bayfield (4-17) extended their season by shocking the defending IML champions, Montezuma-

Cortez, 65-63 on the road.

When the action got underway Bayfield looked like the team that had earned their way on to the court. The Falcons struck first, Mason Claunch scored 5 unanswered and Centauri as a team chugged right along to a 13-2 lead midway through the first quarter. Then Bayfield struck back, Crosby Edwards and Kacey Chandler each contributed a 3-pointer to a 10-2 run for Bayfield to close the first quarter with Centauri in control 15-12. Following a 5-point spurt from Centauri's Baron Holman, the Wolverines resumed running at max capacity. Edwards led a 10-point charge from the designated visiting team and Bayfield would take their first lead of the game at 22-20. It would also be their only lead of the game, Bayfield seemingly blew their engine. Ten unanswered points from Centauri to close the half and the Falcons went to the break with the lead, 30-22, and all

of the momentum. Centauri ran wild in the second half outscoring the Wolverines 15-3 in the third quarter and 16-6 in a fourth-quarter manned by the Falcon reserves. Centauri's Cody Bagwell and Baron Holman tied for the lead in scoring with 10 points. The win sends the Falcons to the IML Championship game for a one-two matchup where they'll meet Alamosa. The Mean Moose own the edge in the regular-season series taking both meetings by an average 11-point margin. Alamosa-Centauri III is set for Saturday in Monte Vista at 7:30 p.m..



Courier photo by Stephen Jiron

Seniors, Owen Richardson (11) fo Centauri and Ian Jackson (24) of Alamosa will face off in the district finals on Saturday in Monte Vista at 7:30 p.m.

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9 points Thursday night. The win sends Alamosa to the IML boys basketball championship game on

35-23.

Saturday at 7:30 p.m..

### Results

Prep Basketball Feb. 22

Feb. 25

Center 45, Custer County 42 (G) Center 57, Custer County 37 (B) 3 p.m. Caprock at Moffat-Mt. Valley (B) Del Norte 45, Sanford 27 (G) Sanford 69, Del Norte 30 (B)

1A District 6 Play-ins Creede 47, Antonito 39 (B) La Veta 45, Moffat-Mtn.Valley 41 (B) Manzanola 67, Creede 37 (G) Sierra Grande FFW, Lake City FFL (G)

3A Intermountain League Pagosa Springs 58, Monte Vista 53 (B) Alamosa 54, Monte Vista (G) 2A District 1

Sargent 50, South Park 21 (G) Center 43, Custer County 39 (G) Sanford 80, South Park 33 (B) Del Norte 53, Sargent 44 (B) Center 67, Custer County 56 (B) 1A District 1
Sangre de Cristo 73, Manzanola 12 (G)
Sangre de Cristo 78, Creede 37 (B)
Cotopaxi 60, Centennial 28 (B)
Antonito 60, La Veta 36 (G)
Cotopaxi 63, Sierra Grande 29 (G)

1A District 1 Manzanola 52, Sierra Grande 38 (B)

3A Intermountain League at Monte Vista H.S. Alamosa 45, Pagosa Springs 34 (B) Centauri 61, Bayfield 31 (B)

Prep Wrestling Feb. 20-22

State Championships 3A - 5.Alamosa- 91

2A. 5. Centauri- 91, 32. Monte Vista - 11, 33. Del Norte- 10, 40. Sierra Grande/Centennial - 3,

### **Upcoming Events**

Adams State Baseball Feb. 29

1 p.m. ASU at CSU-P March 1 1 p.m. ASU at CSU-P

Adams State Basketball Feb. 28 5:30/7:30 p.m. Fort Lewis at ASU (W/M)

3A Intermountain League at Monte Vista H.S. 7:30 p.m. Centauri vs Alamosa (G)

2A District 1 at Alamosa H.S. 3 p.m. 1.Del Norte vs 4.Center (G) 4:30 p.m. 1.Crested Butte vs. 5.Del Norte (B) 6 p.m. 2. Sanford vs 3. Sargent (G) 7:30 p.m. 2.Sanford vs. 3.Del Norte (B)

1A District 1 at Del Norte H.S.
3 p.m. 1. Sangre de Cristo vs 4. Antonito (G)
4:30 p.m. Sangre de Cristo vs. Manzanola (B)
6 p.m. 2. Cotopaxi vs Moffat-Mtn Valley or Centennial (G)
Feb. 29
3A Intermountain League at Monte Vista H.S.
7:30 p.m. Centauri vs Alamosa (B)-1st place game

Adams State Lacrosse

3 p.m. Otterbein Univeristy at ASU (M)

Adams State Softball Feb. 29 12/2 p.m. Colorado Christian at ASU (DH)

Adams State Wrestling Feb. 29

March 1 11 a.m./ 1 p.m. Colorado Christian at ASU (DH)

West Regional All Day ASU at Nebraska-Kearney

Schedules subject to change

# Lifestyle

# **Blue Rooster** set to crow at Wildwood Sounds

CRESTONE Hey, let's get together and play some music!"

The stars aligned and Blue Rooster started to crow. Hailing from diverse educational, administrative, evenfull-time promusician

backgrounds.

Blue Rooster is comprised of Peter Taylor, harmonica; guitar and percussion, Eli Dokson; Dale Smith, drums and cajon; and John Hefty, electric bass. All four are accomplished vocalists and contribute to an eclectic mix of rock.'n'roll, blues, soul and Americana covers, adding strong originalcompositionstotheirset

Blue Rooster travels the length of the San Luis Valley, with occasional treks to Colorado's Front Range and northern New Mexico, playing clubs

plus select festival dates and even car shows. Having come of age in the 'Golden '60s, all members are seasoned but sound, making a point to bring their best to audiences both large and small. "A room full of dancing, smilingpeopleiswhatwe're after" is the Blue Rooster mantra, and the band does love to play. Check out Blue Rooster's online presence at www. blueroosterband.org and on Facebook at "BlueRoosterBandCrestone". Cockadoodle doo.

Tickets cost \$20 at the door — reserve by calling 719-657-4757 or email wwshcv7@gmail. com. Doors open at 6:30 and music stars around 7 p.m. This is a sweetie, snackie potluck. Anyone can bring his or her favorite treats to share with coffee and tea on the house. Wildwood Sounds is lo-



cated at 850 Grande Ave. in Del Norte on Hwy 160.

The venue will be hosting its 731st show and sports a perfect listening room with space for dancing.

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This tabloid section which will be delivered to more than 9,000 Valley homes will also be overprinted for each organization to have copies to use to promote their own interests.

# **El Paso County joins** effort to say no to force wolf introduction

COLORADO SPRINGS — Wednesday, Colorado Stop the Wolf Coalition announced the latest Colorado county to pass a resolution against forced wolf introduction in the state.

ElPasoCountyCommissioners voted unanimously on Tuesday to oppose forced wolf introduction. As one of the fastestgrowing counties along Colorado's Front Range, El Paso County Commissioners acknowledged that forcing wolves into Colorado will have negative impacts statewide. The resolution pointed out that El Paso County is not only home to agricultural and ranching businesses that would be negatively impacted by forced wolf introduction, but also hurt the county's tourism industry, which draws millions of people every year to area trails and open spaces. "This is the right thing to do, the economic impact is clear in the state of Colorado, not only would it be a danger to the very important industries of ranching and farming in be a danger to those that enjoy the outdoors so much," said commissioner Stan VanderWerf. "And I don't even get it, it's not a natural species to the state of Colorado. anyone would want to introduce," he concluded. El Paso County now joins Douglas and Elbert counties as high population counties along the Front Range that are officially opposing any efforts to force the introduction of wolves in Colorado.

Counties now opposing forced wolf introduction stands at over 30, with that number expected to rise in the coming months. The list of Colorado counties opposed, and their resolutions, can be found here. "We're grateful for commissioner Stan Vander-Werf's leadership on this important issue, and the unanimous support from his fellow El Paso County

"Our coalition was happy to work with them in providing the facts, grass-roots support, and

commissioners.

our state, it also would research they needed to pass a strong No Wolf Introduction Resolution," said Denny Behrens, co-chairman of Colorado Stop the Wolf Coalition. "There's a good reason why El Paso County, Colosoitisn't even logical why rado Parks and Wildlife, and many other agencies  $have \, opposed \, introduction \,$ of wolves in Colorado. They've seen the data from other states that have tried this foolish idea before and the resulting devastating consequences.

Not only is wolf introduction a bad idea, but The number of Colorado it's not fair to the wolves that would be uprooted from their native lands and forced into our populated state," concluded Behrens.

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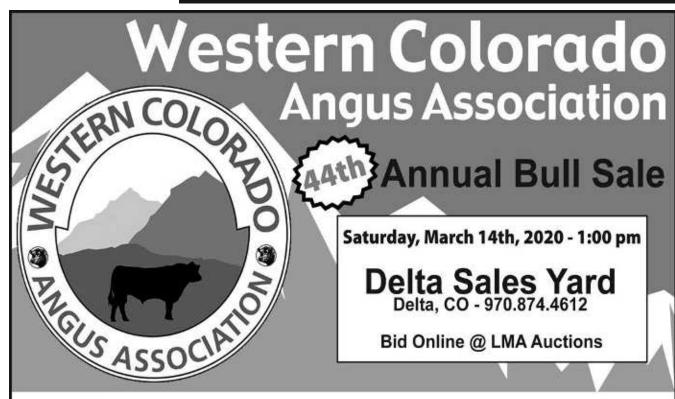
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# Lifestyle



**Director Emily Barton** teaches the cast a song while Melissa Faucette plays the accompaniment on the piano.

Courtesy Photo

"We are beyond excited to share our love of storytelling."

> —Emily Martin Sanford School music director

# Seussical Jr. Will be a success at Sanford School

**SANFORD** — Sanford drama is preparing to take

The auditions for Seussical Jr. were held Feb. 7 and ver 40 students auditioned.

Emily Barton is directing the musical, which will be performed on May 1-2 at Sanford School.

"We had 40 kids between grades 3 and 12 come to auditions," Barton said. "Everyone who auditioned this year showed us so much talent, and we saw big improvements from those who auditioned last year.

"We are beyond excited to share our love of storytelling with these kids and show them how to give a compelling performance.'

After a huge success last year with Annie Jr., everyone is excited to get working on another musical.

The amount of talent that the students possess is amazing. Having a theater program really helps students explore another avenue of talent they might not have known they had. This year, more students are expected to help back-

stage, along with a few high school students who have a chance to learn lights and sounds.Parents and other members of the community are great at supporting the efforts of these students. They help with costumes, props and other technical aspects of the show.

Seussical Jr. includes favorite Dr. Seuss characters like Cat in the Hat and Horton, but there are lots of other characters, too. Over 44 books or characters are referenced in the musical. Don't miss the musical performance and watch as one's favorite Dr. Seuss characters interweave together into one wild story.

Press release for report courtesy of Sanford School secretary Amy Larson

# Popular classroom learning apps

nore the immense popularity of digital learning tools in today's schools.

Teachers routinely turn to online tools and available applications to offer students all the resources they need to become wellrounded individuals.

According to research from Grunwald Associates, LLC, 71% of parents embrace mobile devices and feel they open up learning opportunities for students that didn't previously exist. The research also suggests that a similar percentage of parents would like teachers to recommend apps for students.

Navigating learning apps can be daunting due to the sheer volume of apps available. According to Apps for Education, there are more than 500,000 educational apps currently available for

download. Apps can be stimulating and fun, but finding quality resources may involve sorting through

those that aren't necessarily valuable. The following are some apps parents may want to

▶ Memrise: Learning a second or third language

consider.

can be a boon to students of any age. Some schools may be limited in the number of languages thev offer.

Therefore, an app may be a great resource for students looking to learn a new language. Memrise drills students on vocabulary, phrases, aural recognition and more.

▶ Kahoot: Kahoot is a platform to create games and review content. Players answer questions on their individual devices, while games are dis-

played on a shared screen. Kahoot can be an ideal

It is impossible to ig- way for several students to prepare for a test in a digital study session.

> ▶ Reading Eggs: This comprehensive learning system covers essential components of reading: awareness, vocabulary, phonics, fluency and comprehension. Parents can see progress reports and know if and where extra attention may be necessary.

▶ Edmodo: This app is designed to streamline workloads for teachers and help make it easier for them to stay connected with the classroom and their students.

Parents can set up accounts and stay abreast of their children's activities, grades, messages and progress. Though it's not a learning app, Edmodo can be a valuable tool for classroom management.

▶ Epic: This online children's subscription book service offers immediate, on-demand access to high-quality reading materials for children ages 12 and under.

Voracious readers will always have content they can access, in addition to audio books, educational videos and educational quizzes.

▶ Photomath: This app enables students to snap pictures of complicated math problems and get step-by-step directions on how to answer them.

Instead of simply giving the answer, Photomath provides students with the tools to answer the problems on their own.

▶ StudyBlue: Students can create and share mobile flash cards, study guides, quizzes and choose from other study materials to help reinforce lessons.

Educational apps play a vital role in educating today's students. BS197059



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# Wolf Creek Ski Area going strong ${\bf PAGOSASPRINGS} - {\bf Wolf Creek \, Ski \, Area \, in \, Southern}$

Colorado is celebrating its 80th anniversary of abundant powder and an atmosphere unique to the family owned and operated ski area.

Since commemorating the 75th season of Wolf Creek in 2014-15, various milestones, achievements, improvements and upgrades have been accomplished.

The 2014-15 ski season was one for the books. With Kingsbury Pitcher being inducted to the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, the installment of Wolf Creek's eighth chairlift named Elma an upgrade to the Fun Races with the construction of a Race Hutch and offering a snowboard version of Wolf Pups, named Wolf Riders.

In the five seasons since the 80th anniversary, Wolf Creek Ski Area has continued to organically evolve with: the addition of two new lifts; online ski school reservations; a lift ticket specific to ages 65 and older; an espresso bar atop the Continental Divide; and the development of the largest exploder system in North America; just to name a few.

Wolf Creek Pass saw its 100th year of travel in 2016 with \$9 million dollars in improvements during 2018-2019. In 2016, the Pitcher Family celebrated 40 years of operating Wolf Creek. The family has gone from hand-stamped lift and lesson tickets with metal wickets to a point-of-sale system with bar-coded tickets and a computerized system that also allows season pass holders to go directly to the lift.

The point-of-sale system has moved Wolf Creek Ski Area into e-signing season pass contracts and waivers and rental liability forms. This system only further **complements** the sustainable and eco-friendly practices the Pitcher's have implemented during the 45-year stewardship of its U.S. Forest Service Special use permit. Wolf Creek Ski Area has also made its mark in the ski

100% solar power during day use and other sustainable energy sources for night use. Wolf Creek's 79th season was memorable with over 550

industry as the first ski area in the country to operate on

inches of snow and Wolf Creek Ski Area's second-earliest opening in history, Oct. 13.

Wolf Creek Ski Area's improvements from 2019-2020: ▶ The full-service Lynx Learning Center complete with rentals, lessons and tickets for beginner skiers; two new major trails, Orion's Beltway and Feather Duster; the introduction of the Charity Jane Express and the accompanving terrain

▶ Raven Grill upgrade with sunroom and BBQ smoker The Pitchers look forward to the anniversaries, milestones improvements and upgrades to come. Help commemorate the 80th season with some turns here at Wolf

View how Wolf Creek Ski Area came to be at Wolf Creek's YouTube Channel.

Report courtesy of a press release from Sarah Stephens-Sparrow, Marketing, Wolf Creek Ski Area, P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-5639, www.  $WolfCree\bar{k}Ski.com.$ 

# **Activity** monitors for pets

Activity trackers are wearable electronic accessories that many individuals use to track their health and help them meet their fitness goals.

Though activity trackers are a useful tool for humans looking to improve their well-being, they may also be beneficial to pet owners looking for more insight into the health metrics of their furry friend.

Dr. Lori Teller, a clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, offers some insight on the benefits and drawbacks of these monitors, as well as whether an activity tracker is right for your pet.

Activity monitors for pets may be able to measure step count, quality of sleep, heart rate, respiration rate, ambient temperature and the pet's location via GPS.

"Owners who use their own trackers may find it fun to compare with their pet's information or use it as motivation to increase their pet's activity," Teller said. Data collected from these

activity trackers also can be useful in establishing trends in your pet's health.

"If a pet has maintained a certain level of activity and then it decreases, that could be reflective of early illness or an injury," Teller said. "Veterinarians could also use the activity data to measure response to

treatment." Activity trackers most commonly attach to a pet's

For accurate data collection, it is essential that the tracker and collar fit correctly. Since some trackers are heavy, a proper fit can also decrease the likelihood

that a pet experiences discomfort from wearing the device.

These monitors also may encounter more challenges than their human counter-

"Because dogs and cats have four legs and a different walking motion than bipeds, measuring steps in the classical human sense is very difficult," Teller said. "The technology behind 3D accelerometers (used in pet activity monitors) measures motion instead of steps. This technology is used in research studies and appears to be reliable."

Though activity trackers for pets provide an innovative method for pet owners to engage with the health of their animal, Teller advises owners to exercise caution in how much trust they place in these devices.

"Owners should determine if an activity tracker will provide them with information that they want or that their veterinarian could use, especially when monitoring chronic conditions or response to treatment plans," Teller said.

"This is a relatively new area in veterinary medicine, so the data obtained from activity monitors should only be used as one method of assessing your pet's health," she said. "Activity monitors do not replace regular veterinary visits and common sense."

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the web at vetmed.tamu. edu/news/pet-talk. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@

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# **Public Notices**

Request For Bids

Alamosa Public Schools is seeking bids from qualified Asbestos Abatement Contractors for Asbestos Abatement at Ortega Middle School located at, 401 Victoria Street in Alamosa, Colorado.

The following is a list of the work required but not limited to:

1) Asbestos Abatement of 7 rooms

2) Ceiling tiles, floor tiles and transite panels

3) Work must start May 26, 2020
4) Estimate of time required to complete work required

Coordinate with District Environmental Engineer 6) Contractor required to provide State Permit 7) Contractor to provide restroom facilities

8) Electrical and water will be available at NO cost to contractor

 Written minimum 2 year warranty for all work.
 Worker Compensation Certificate required (All certificates required before work starts)

11) Minimum \$1,000,000 Liability, vehicle coverage required with school district endorsement

12) Successful contractor must submit Back ground checks for all

ON-SITE employees
All interested contactors must attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meet-

ing to be held at the District Administration Office located at 209 Victoria Street on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Alamosa Public Schools reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and according to BOE policies is not required to accept the lowest bid.

The deadline for sealed bids will be Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and must be addressed to Alamosa School District, Ortega Middle School Asbestos Abatement, 209 Victoria Street, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. No late bids will be accepted or opened. Questions can be directed to Charlie Jackson, Director of Maintenance at (719)-588-2093.

Request For Bids

Alamosa Public Schools is seeking bids from qualified Concrete Contractors for pouring Concrete Slabs at the Alamosa K-2 Elementary School located at 1707 West 10th Street, in Alamosa, Colorado. The following is a list of the work required but not limited to:

 Removal and stock piling of landscape rock and boulders 2) Removal of sod, trees, shrubs and misc, plants is required

4) Provide material and labor for approx. 3,050 sq. ft. of concrete

Concrete to be 4500 psi with wire and fiber mesh and air

6) Control joints are to be included

7) Broom finished with curing compound 8) Protection of existing concrete is required

Colored concrete is part of this project

 Contractor to provide restroom facilities 1) Electrical and water will be available at NO cost to contractor

Written minimum 2 year warranty for all work 13) Worker Compensation Certificate required (All certificates re-

14) Minimum \$1,000,000 Liability, vehicle coverage required with

15) Successful contractor must submit Back ground checks for all

ON-SITE employees 16) All interested contactors must attend the MANDATORY pre-bid

meeting to be held at the District Administration Office located at 209 Victoria Street on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Alamosa Public Schools reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and according to BOE policies is not required to accept the lowest bid. The deadline for sealed bids will be Friday, March 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and must be addressed to Alamosa School District, Alamosa K-2 Elementary School Concrete Bid, 209 Victoria Street, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. No late bids will be accepted or opened. Questions can be directed to Charlie Jackson, Director of Maintenance at (719)-

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

BIDS BEING SOUGHT

for garage door instal-

lation at the Bus Garage

of the Upper Rio Grande

School District. For more

information, please con-

tact the Administrative

Offices at 719-657-4040.

Bids due by April 1.(4/1)

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**HELP WANTED** 

THE BOE OF Center

applications for Substi-

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tions: Must be at least 18

years of age with a high

school diploma or equiva-

lent, or, such alternative to

the above qualifications

as the Board of Educa-

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pass background checks.

Current or former Head

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parents encouraged to

apply. For information

and application materials

please call (719) 754-3442

or visit the District's web-

site at www.center.k12.

co.us and click on the Em-

ployment Opportunities

and "Non-Certified Staff

Application". Application

Deadline: Until Position

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GRAND OPENING **DEL** Norte Community Acupuncture Clinic Every Thursday 3:00pm to 6:00pm \$30.00 For Flu Prevention, Pain, Digestive issues, Trigger Point Therapy and Dry ment call Jim Fox L.AC 360-821-9006, 99 6th St., Del Norte CO. (3/11)

2020 COLORADO be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 @ 2:00PM. Doors open at 1:00 Meeting Room 128 Alamosa Family Recreation Center for all Alamosa County Precincts Questions admin@alamosademocrats.org Info www.alamosademocrats.org Ron Brink Chair Alamosa County Dems 719-480-

3265. (3/7)

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

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

and all bids.(2/29)

#### 221 **HELP WANTED**

**CONEJOS COUNTY** IS seeking a Heavy Equipment Operator/ Driver/Laborer. Applicant must be able to operate a loader, grader, belly dump, and drive a semi, must have a class A Commercial Drivers License, clean driving record and pass a pre-employment drug screen. \$16.25/ HR County application form required. Applications available at County Human Resources/Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos CO. or via email upon request at cricci@ co.coneios.co.us. Deadline is Friday, March 6, 2020. Inquiries call (719)

376-6799.(3/6) ALAMOSA HOUSING AUTHORITY is seeking a qualified individual for a full -time Maintenance Laborer I position. General: Under supervision performs work of semi-skilled nature in the area of housing maintenance and grounds. Clean/paint apartments, operate landscaping equipment, repair minor furnace problems, perform plumbing duties. Must be able to be on call for emergency maintenance requests. Job Qualifications: Working knowledge of maintenance of appliances, electrical, plumbing and grounds. Minimum of one year experience in electrical repair, plumbing, maintenance or similar, able to follow directions. Desirable but not required. Knowledge of common hand tools, carpentry, plumbing, etc. general mechanical understanding and ability, valid Colorado Driver's License good driving record, must be able to pass Colorado Background Investigation. Benefits

include \$12.00 an hour, medical, dental, and vi-

sion. Apply at Alamosa

Housing Authority at 213

Murphy Drive. Job will

close on March 13, 2020

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SOUTH CONEJOS

#### SCHOOL District is 112 - BUSINESS now accepting applications for Anticipated **OPPORTUNITIES** K-12 Principal for the LICENSED PLUMBER 2020-2021 school year. **DOES** all types of plumb-Start date will be July ing repairs and plumbing 2020, with a competitive remodel done at reasonable rate. Call 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593.

salary based on experience, plus and attractive benefit package. Qualifications: Experience as a vice-principal or comparable administrative experience. Must hold a Colorado Administrative License. Interested individuals should submit Schools is now accepting a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@Southconejos. the remaining 2019-2020 School Year. Qualifica-

com by March 13, 2020. (3/13#1)SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is now accepting applications for the following Anticipated Teaching Positions for the 2020-2021 school year: Secondary math teacher, Teacher of grade 1, .5 Art, and .5 Social Studies. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Please submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@southconejos. com by March 13, 2020. (3/13#2)

# is Filled. EOE.(2/29 #1) **\$30,000+**

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### **HELP WANTED**

LOOKING FOR A career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st South-West Bank is growing and hiring in the following positions, Teller, Loan Assistant, and Loan Processor, offering a strong benefits package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to https://www.fswb. bank/who-we-are/careers/ for more details & to apply.(3/5) SOUTH CONEJOS

SCHOOL District is seeking a current paraprofessional. Candidate must possess Early Childhood Credentials, have great communication skills, and the ability to multi-task. Interested individuals should submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@ Southconejos.com by March 13, 2020.(3/13#3) THE ALAMOSA

SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position for the 2020-2021 school year: English Teacher (AHS) Must possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teachers License Applications are available online at https:// alamosa.k12.co.us. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE (3/3)

## **HELP WANTED**

GIVEN THAT THE present attorney for the Town of La Jara has announced his intent to retire effective April 1, 2020, the town is accepting applications from attorneys who might be interested in accepting this position. This is not a full-time position. The successful applicant must be a graduate of an accredited law school and in good standing with the Colorado Supreme Court with no prior grievances to the Disciplinary Committee. The successful applicant will be expected to attend in person all regular and special meetings of the Board of Trustees. Compensation is negotiable by mutual agreement. Please submit Letter of Intent together with supporting documentation to include a resume, personal information, past experience, if any, in municipal government and not less than three references. Please submit application by no later than March 20, 2020, to the Town Clerk, 719-274-5363, PO Box 273, La

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Jara, CO 81140. (3/12)

#### 221 **HELP WANTED**

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is seeking dynamic, people oriented candidates for the position of Monte Vista Middle School Principal. Start date will be August 1, 2020, with a competitive salary based on experience, plus an attractive benefit package. Interested individuals should submit application materials electronically in pdf format to mary@monte. k12.co.us by March 26, 2020. A full description of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website https://ww2. monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities. html. Applications are available to download on the district web site or call (719)852-5996. (3/24)

NIGHT STAFF **NEEDED** at La Puente Home. Need Mature, dynamic, compassionate person, able to deal with all types of people. Must be able to work weekend and graveyard shifts. (21+). Bilingual preferred. Looking for the unique applicant who will be a part of an awesome team of individuals helping others. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Send resume to: hr@lapuente.net (3/5)

### 221 **HELP WANTED**

MONTE VISTA **SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for a Fifth Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The person in this position will teach both Science and Language Arts. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website http:// ww2.monte.k12.co.us/ employment-opportunities.html. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by March 23, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996. (3/12)

THE ALAMOSA PO-LICE Department is seeking a FT Police Officer, \$19.86 per hour to join the Alamosa Police Department. Some duties include, protecting the lives, health, welfare, and property of individuals within the city limits by enforcing municipal, state, and federal statutes, ordinances, and laws. For a full job description and to apply please visit the cityofalamosa.org. Open

# **HELP WANTED**

Friday, February 28, 2020

THE NORTH CONE-JOS School District is accepting applications for (1) full time Manassa and La Jara Elementary music teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. NCSD offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Applications are available at the Administration office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www. northconejos.com. Application deadline is until position is filled. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE(3/4)

THE NORTH CONE-JOS School District is accepting applications for (1) full time custodian offering a competitive benefit package with up to \$915 towards health insurance. Applications are available at the Administration Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www. northconejos.com. Please call 719-274-5174 with questions. Application deadline is until positions are filled. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE (2/28)

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### 221 **HELP WANTED**

CONEJOS COUNTY cial Services is seeking a Case Manager (CM). Responsibilities include: Determines eligibility for Food Stamps, Adult programs, Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid. Ability to apply critical thinking to a wide range of situations. Must have strong computer and interviewing skills. A broad knowledge of community services a plus. High School Diploma or equivalent required, two years of education and customer service experience preferred. County Application Form Required. Applications are available at Conejos County Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos, CO 81129, or via email upon request at cricci@co.conejos.co.us. Deadline is Tuesday,

20. (3/3) THE BOE OF Center Schools is now accepting applications for Elementary Teacher Assistant for the remaining 2019-2020 School Year. Oualifications: Highly Qualified according to NCLB or, such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. For information and application materials please call (719) 754-3442 or visit the District's website at www.center.k12. co.us and click on the Employment Opportunities and "Non-Certified Staff Application". Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.(2/29 #2)

March 3, 2019. Inquiries

call 719-376-6799 ÊEOE

MONTE VISTA **SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for a HS Girls Golf Coach. 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/employmentopportunities.html or call 719-852-5996.(3/5)

#### **221 HELP WANTED**

THE BOE OF Center Schools is now accepting applications for Anticipated Elementary Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. For information and application materials please call (719) 754-3442 or visit the District's website at www.center. k12.co.us and click on the Employment Opportunities and "Certified Staff Application". Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.(2/29#3)

KRISTI MOUNTAIN **SPORTS** is now seeking sales associates to join our team. Please apply online at www.surveymonkey com/r/KMSAPPLY (2/29) MONTE VISTA

SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Middle School Track Coach (2019-2020 school year), a Middle School Volleyball Coach (2020-2021 school year), a Middle School Football Coach (2020-2021 school year), and a Middle School Boys Basketball Coach (2020-2021 school year). Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, ĈO 81144. Each position will be open until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website http://ww2.monte. k12.co.us/employmentopportunities.html or call 719-852-5996. (3/11)

LOOKING FOR FULL-**TIME** employee to help farm. Welding experience and driving farm equipment call 719-850-2137.

**RIVER VALLEY INN** is seeking a Transportation Aide / CNA Must have a current Colorado drivers license with a clean driving record, 25 years of age, dependable will float on the floor as needed interviews will be conducted with the Director of Nursing and Administrator. please stop in @ 1335 6th st. for an application. (2/29)

#### 221 **HELP WANTED**

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

RIO GRANDE INN Nursing Home is now hiring Cook/Dietary Aide, RN, LPN and CNA's Come join our TEAM! Must have a License for Nursing and CPR Please stop in for an application 39 Calle Miller La Jara, CO or call 719-274-3311 Ask for Charlotte or Denise.

THE SAN LUIS Valley Local Foods Coalition is excited to announce it is hiring for the Rio Grande Farm Park Farm Manager Position. Job description available at www.slvlocalfoods.org. Please submit Resume and Cover Letter to opportunity. slvlocalfoods@gmail. com Open until filled. Questions call 719-937-2319.(3/5) WORKING TO-

GETHER FAMILY

Advocate - The Adelante Family Services Program is hiring a grant funded case manager to provide outreach, assessment, and financial literacy to WT families living in Alamosa, Costilla and Saguache counties. The cm will coordinate educational and vocational goals for families and monitor their progress, including home visits. CM will work as part of a team to help alleviate barriers to family success. Requirements: 4 year college degree or equivalent work experience, prefer prior case manager experience, ability to work with diverse populations, driver's license. Bilingual preferred. Send cover letter, resume and references to: hr@lapuente.net. 719-589-5909.

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THE CITY OF Monte

Vista is seeking a Chief

of Police. Candidates should possess demonstrated leadership skills, high integrity, demonstrated success in problem-solving policing methods, the development and implementation of police budgets, data-driven deployment methodologies and department-level financial management. Minimum requirements: Bachelors' degree in police or criminal justice, public administration, law enforcement or a directly related field. A Masters' degree and /or leadership training such as: FBÎ National Academy, Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command or equivalent preferred. Colorado POST certification, or the demonstrated ability to obtain Colorado certification, is required. Candidates must have been a peace officer for a minimum of 10 years, including 6 years of police supervisory/leadership experience at the rank of sergeant or higher. The position has a competitive salary and excellent benefit package. The general hiring minimum salary is \$82,000. Salary at appointment is dependent on qualifications. To be considered for this position you must complete a City of Monte Vista employment application at www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov. Please submit your completed job application (resume optional) and a cover letter to the Human Resources office, 95 W. 1st Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144 or e-mail your application to hrman-

EXPERIENCED **DENTAL HYGIEN-**IST wanted. Established practice in Alamosa, full time or part time. Must have active license. Send resume to PO Box 1841 Alamosa, CO 81101.

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ager@ci.monte-vista.

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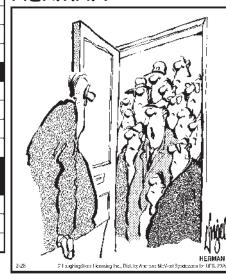
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"Are you the guy who advertised he'd found a wallet?"

### CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

UFK CZZм IFZZ. JPB

Previous Solution: "I am an actor. I do a movie, that's the end of it. You have to realize we are just clowns for hire." — Leonardo DiCaprio

# Woman feels little connection to mom begging her for money

father gave me up for adoption to his well-to-do sister. My narcissistic adoptive physically, mentally and emotionally as a child, and tormented me financially as an adult. I no longer speak to her.

My biological mother has been attempting to have a relationship with me as her daughter. But I don't regard her as my mother. I don't feel anything toward her. All those years of abuse have left me feeling ... jaded.

My biological mother is still poor, and she constantly asks me for money to help my nieces and nephews with their needs. afford to support them financially. They have had plenty of opportunities in the past to better their lives but decided to live off handouts. How do I find validation that I am a person and not just a piggy bank? -- JADED IN

DEAR JADED: Considering the circumstances in which you were raised, it may not be easy. A way to would be to start establishto see a licensed mental

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DEAR ABBY: I was born would benefit greatly by into a poor family, and my scheduling some sessions. Not only will it help you to get your priorities straight, it may also help you to feel mother severely abused me less guilty about saying no to relatives with ulterior

motives.

DEAR ABBY: I felt.compelled to write after seeing your Dec. 15 response to "Anywhere, USA," the hosts seeking guidance about how to respond to the daughter of longtime friends who had recently visited. The daughter had emailed asking for a report on her parents' habits and

conduct during their trip. As a caregiving daughter myself, knowing many other caregiving adult children and belonging to I understand that they a few support groups for are blood, but I work hard caregivers, I believe inquirfor my money and cannot ing of family friends and other relatives about their loved ones is not wrong or invasive. Our loved ones behave differently in different situations. How they negotiate changes and social situations without the caregiver present may provide important clues and information regarding their mental/cognitive

Caregivers try to give their loved ones as much find some of that validation freedom as safely possible. Gaining information about ing some boundaries in the visit would possibly give your life. If you can afford clues regarding the ability to travel independently or health professional, you not, and whether they can



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still negotiate social and public situations appropriately. These are examples of things that a caregiver will never observe without the eyes of others.

Many caregivers out there read your column, and others who have aging, declining friends with caregiving kids. People must not hesitate to say something when they notice a change in behavior. - LOYAL READER IN **NEW JERSEY** 

DEAR READER: I'm printing your letter because it is representative of the response I received about "Anywhere, USA's" letter. You raise an important issue about how it 'takes a village" to band together and to share observations about changes in older people's comportment beyond simple aging.

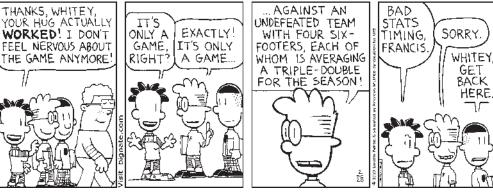
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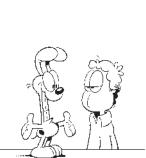


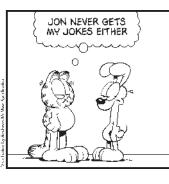
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