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Property taxes are due soon

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,

TEFAP offers free food

RIO GRANDE COUNTY — The TEFAP program will be distributing commodities in Rio Grande County on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Ski-Hi Park starting at approximately 10 a.m. until the food is gone. Eligible TEFAP recipients are able to receive each month in Monte Vista as long as they are Rio Grande County residents.

Conservation District meeting

ALAMOSA — The Mosca-Hooper Conservation District will hold its annual meeting from 9 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, March 11 and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, at the Alamosa County Meeting Room, 8900 Independence Way, Building A&B.

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Wind, fire destroy home

Neighbor rushed to hospital with chest pain

By DANIEL McKILLOP
Courier Editor

HOOPER — A fire fed off high-velocity winds, which quickly led to the demise of a trailer home at 11701 North Highway 17 in Hooper on Monday afternoon.

Nobody was in the home during the fire, so there were no injuries reported; however, Mosca-Hooper VFD Chief Blaine Witherspoon said an unidentified man who lived next door to the fire was suffering from chest pain and was transported to the hospital.

"There were no injuries, no pets, nothing like that in the house," he said.

Mother Nature had a hand in

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Firefighters in a Mosca-Hooper fire truck observe smoke coming from a blaze at 11701 North Highway 17 on Monday afternoon.

SdCNHA presents scholarships

9 students earn funds to further their education

ALAMOSA — The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (SdCNHA) presented nine students with \$3,500 worth of History Fair Scholarships.

SdCNHA provides annual scholarships to students who participate and compete in the Regional History Fair, with projects based on this year's theme "Breaking Barriers" that involve local history, culture or traditions.

The Regional History Fair took place at Adams State University and was hosted by the Adams State University Department of History, Anthropology, Philosophy, Political Science and Spanish (HAPPSS).

The Regional History Fair is part one of the National History Day competition that takes place nationwide. Students participate in a project-based learning curriculum that emphasizes critical reading and thinking, research, analysis, and the drawing of meaningful conclusions. Students can complete these projects in groups or as individuals in one of five categories: documentary, paper, exhibit, performance or website.

This year's round of annual Regional History Day submissions demonstrated the broad array of historical topics rooted in history from the San Luis Valley. One senior group performance, one junior group exhibit and three papers qualified for our SdCNHA scholarship.

Parker Buhr, Tyler Barte, Elena Dunn, Danee Cowles, Garrick Pettigrew, Isai Lemis, Will Lipke, Seanna Mackey and Derek Rodriguez are the student SdCNHA scholarship winners for 2020. The winners will move on to National History Day in Colorado on May 2.

Dunn wrote a paper on "Breaking Barriers: Kit Carson and Native Americans." In the paper, she writes about how Kit Carson was able to break the barrier between himself and the Native Americans.

Lemus, Lipke, Mackey, and Rodriguez offered a captivating performance called "Breaking the School Segregation Barrier: Shone vs. Maestas Case" about the nation's earliest and longest-

Crane Festival coming soon

MONTE VISTA — The spring migration of tens of thousands of Sandhill Cranes through Colorado's San Luis Valley is truly one of the country's top wildlife-watching experiences.

The Monte Vista Crane Festival, from March 6-8, celebrates the cranes' annual return, offering wildlife viewing tours to iconic Valley destinations, as well as the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, where cranes amass as far as the eye can see.

While other states boast the biggest numbers of cranes, the San Luis Valley unequivocally offers some of the most picturesque scenery in the world.

"It's a spectacular setting for wildlife photography, cranes flying gracefully with the majestic snow-capped Sangre de Cristo Mountains and alpine desert as a backdrop," said photographer Ed Mackerrow.

"You've got incredibly powerful scenes of cranes performing their elaborate courtship dance, allowing photographers a rare opportunity. From the thousands of migratory birds to stunning landscapes, the solitude of San Luis Valley provides the nature photographer a fantastic experience."

This year promises even more amazing photo opportunities due to a full moon rising on March 8.

"The Sandhill Crane's journey begins in southern New Mexico's Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge and ends in the crane's nesting grounds around the Greater Yellowstone area and even further north for some of the longer-traveled birds," said crane festival committee president Jenny Nehring.

Now in its 37th year, the Monte Vista Crane Festival is one of the oldest birding festivals in the country and the oldest in Colorado.

The festival began in celebration of a project aimed at boosting the once-dwindling Whooping Crane population. The project placed Whooping Crane eggs in Sandhill Crane nests with the intent of Sandhill Crane parents raising the Whooping Crane chick as their own.

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Above, administrators pose with student poses at the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area during the History Share Scholarships ceremony; right, Elena Dunn wrote a paper on "Breaking Barriers: Kit Carson and Native Americans," and also was among nine students recognized by her peers and the administrators for their work.

Courier photos by Daniel McKillop



Achievers pose with their awards, from left to right, are Danee Cowles; Nick Saenz, SdCNHA board president; Garrick Pettigrew; Tyler Barte; Will Lipke; Derek Rodriguez; Seanna Mackey; and Helen Sigmond, SdCNHA board secretary. Not pictured are Parker Buhr, Elena Dunn and Isai Lemis.

unheralded victory in the war against educational segregation.

Barte, wrote a paper on "Overcoming Barriers to Farming in the San Luis Valley." His paper includes the barrier of irrigation and how the farmers overcame the fight.



Cowles and Pettigrew created a traditional exhibit about "Fort Garland Penitentes-La Fraternidad de Nuestro Padre de Nazareno."

Buhr, wrote a paper on "Beyond Pennsylvania." The paper talks about the Amish community and the struggles migrating to Colorado, specifically the San Luis Valley.

The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area congratulates all students who participated in this year's competition and is excited to see what heritage area youth come up with next year. For more information on National History Day, visit www.nhd.org. For more information on SdCNHA scholarships and fieldtrip grants, visit www.sangreheritage.org.

Alina Marquez, Marketing & Outreach Coordinator, Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, PO Box 844, Alamosa, CO, 7195808044, sangreheritage.org.

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OBITUARIES

George Robert Merkey, 90

MONTE VISTA—Monte Vista resident George Robert "Bob" Merkey, 90, passed away on Feb. 20, 2020.

He was born on July 12, 1929 in Hutchinson, Kan., to George and Jessie (Ball) Merkey.

Bob was a farmer at heart. After leaving his farm in Kansas to join the Marines, he returned to his farm and married Grace Breckenridge in August of 1954. All four of their children were born while living on their farm in Portis, Kan.

Bob had sheep, chickens, cows and one ornery goat. He also grew alfalfa. After the third child was born the grandpas brought running water into the home, including a bathroom.

In 1963, Bob moved his family to Wiley to work as a parts man, the family then moved to Monte Vista in 1967.

He enjoyed playfully teasing his family and friends, to hunt and fish as well as plant and harvest his garden. He enjoyed his family and especially cherished his time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Teaching them how to plant and harvest a garden gave him great joy.

Bob is survived by his wife of 65 years, Elizabeth "Grace" Merkey; his four children, Jim (Peggy) Merkey, Janice (Jim) Melby, Jeanine (Scott) Noll and Judi (Troy) Golden; his grandchildren, Melanie (Eric) Toth, Jacob (Ally) Merkey, Stephen (Semhar) Merkey, Justin Merkey,



Josh (Amy) Melby, Leah Melby, Kerri (Sam) Maxy, Rebecca (Zach) Moeller, Bryan Noll, Cody (Christina) Golden and Amanda (Kyle) Kaus; as well as 15 great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his two sisters, Rowena (Bob) Wilson and Arlene Merkey; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation was selected and a memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Presbyterian Church in Monte Vista.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the charity of your choice in memory of Bob. To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

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

Frances Marie Worley McCullough, 91

MONTE VISTA—Frances "Fran" Marie Worley McCullough passed away on Feb. 19, 2020 at River Valley Inn in Del Norte, Colorado. She was 91 years old.

Born on Jan. 24, 1929 on a farm outside of Monte Vista, she was the only child of Franklin Pierce Worley and Lola (Koch) Worley.

Fran was a proud alumna of Sargent Schools, graduating in 1945, the second of four generations to attend. Subsequently, she attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., until 1947 and then transferred to the University of Colorado in Boulder. She earned a degree in journalism at CU and graduated in 1949.

While attending the University of Colorado, she noticed a photograph of a handsome young man belonging to her roommate, Elaine (McCullough) Lavoie. On April 8, 1950, Fran married the young man from the photograph, Elaine's brother, Robert "Bob" L. McCullough, having met on a blind date.

After spending their newlywed year in Denver, Bob and Fran moved to Monte Vista in 1951 to work alongside Fran's father, Frank Worley on the family farm. Together, they raised three children, Lynn, Julie and James "Jim;" and worked hard to build the family farm, the operation of which continues today.

Having studied journalism at the University of Colorado, Fran had a deep interest in researching and documenting the history of the San Luis Valley. She spent many years as the editor of The San Luis Valley Historian, carefully gathering history and curating many issues of the periodical to preserve the rich history of The Valley for generations to come.

She also worked with many others in the Sargent community to create several volumes of the Sargent-Stanley History, forever preserving the early history of agriculture in the area and the happenings of the many families who called the Sargent and Stanley communities home. Fran was an active member of the Monte Vista and Sargent communities.



She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Monte Vista where she played the piano and organ for many years.

She served on many committees within the church, published the church newsletter and kept the entryway to the church fellowship hall beautifully decorated with each changing season.

Tradition was important to Fran, and she especially loved establishing Christmas traditions with her children and grandchildren. Whether it was decorating the house, carefully assembling the family nativity (she kept a careful log of which child placed baby Jesus in the manger each year for over 40 years), or meticulously decorating gingerbread boys and girls, she was sure to leave the family with fond holiday memories.

After retirement, Bob and Fran traveled extensively, visiting six of the seven continents, including a trip around the world on the Concorde. In their later years, they explored the United States in their motor home.

Frances was a matriarch of the McCullough Family, the Sargent community and the San Luis Valley who leaves a lasting legacy.

She is preceded in death by her husband Bob, of 66 years, and is survived by their children: Lynn, Julie and Jim; and their families, including many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Monte Vista on Saturday Feb. 29 at 11 a.m. with interment following in the Monte Vista Cemetery. To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

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

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.com

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

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

MONTE VISTA — The

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

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

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

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

MONDAY
12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa
5 p.m. Women's Meet-

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 Vista

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

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 #113, Alamosa, holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday at the American Legion Building at 514 Fourth

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

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth, is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Krishna, Meditation & Lamp-lighting School. Contact Martin at 575-758-5876 or talentlocal@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 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 — Valley 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. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or wcouzens-smith@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 — Silver Linings, an open and free positivity group, meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Nestle Toll House Café in downtown Alamosa.

ALAMOSA — Groups are held for women who have experienced domestic violence every second Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Grizzly Training Center, Alamosa. There will be refreshments and childcare provided. Contact Jennifer McCoy-Hanna at Tu Casa, Inc. 719-589-2465.

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ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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OBITUARIES

Laurel Burger, 80

ALAMOSA — Laurel Burger, 80, of St. George, Utah, and formerly of Alamosa, passed away at her home on Feb. 24, 2020 surrounded by her family. Viewing will be Thursday, Feb. 27, from 6-8 p.m. at the LDS Chapel, 259 N. Mall Dr.

The funeral will be Friday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m., at the church, with a viewing before from 9-9:40 a.m.

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

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School Menu -
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Feb. 25, 2020

BREAKFAST
Waffles
Juice & Fruit

ELEMENTARY
Domino's Pizza
Steamed Broccoli
Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY
Sweet Chili Thai Chicken
Egg Roll
Rice
Vegetable Bar

An assortment of fresh fruit and canned fruit as well as fresh vegetables and canned vegetables will be offered weekly. Menu subject to change.

To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

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Fire

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making it more difficult for the firefighters.

“That’s the first thing that came to my mind, ‘Oh no,’” said Witherspoon, in reference to the wind when he got the call at about 2 p.m. “That was the main factor in it burning fast.”

Witherspoon said that he estimated that the wind was 30-plus mph.

“I had guys a half-mile from there and it was already involved,” said Witherspoon, in reference to the intensity of the fire.

When his seven trucks and 16 firefighters arrived on the scene, Witherspoon said, “there wasn’t much we could do except put it out and protect the homes around it.”

Witherspoon said the Alamosa-based Colorado Division of Fire also rushed two fire trucks to the scene.

It took three hours to put the fire out, Witherspoon said, as the firemen completed the job at 5 p.m.

The Chief said the cause of the blaze has not been determined, but he added that it started in the kitchen.

Witherspoon said he did not know the identity of the residents of the trailer.



Courtesy photo

Firefighters work to contain the blaze in Hooper on Monday.

Cranes

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The experiment worked for a while, but the resulting Whooping Crane population remained small, eventually petering out because the Whooping Cranes failed to reproduce with other Whooping Cranes and instead looked to mate with Sandhill Cranes.

San Luis Valley residents have since grown to appreciate Sandhill Cranes not only for their beauty but also for the economic benefit that comes from visiting bird lovers. Many local businesses sponsor

the all-volunteer effort behind the event and participate in the “Crane Craze,” a movement that focuses on building excitement around the festival, cranes and natural beauty of the San Luis Valley.

The town flies crane flags from light posts. A new crane art project showcases life-sized metal cranes around town painted by local artists. And restaurants like Mountain View and Sun-flour Bakery will be offering food and drink specials named after cranes.

The Colorado Farm Brewery,

another top festival sponsor, will be brewing up a refreshing field-to-glass IPA dubbed “The Hazy Crane.” Located about 12 miles southeast of the refuge, the farm brewery will also have limited offerings of glassware with unique crane etchings. In downtown Monte Vista, the Nazarene Thrift Store will once again decorate its windows with “allthingscrane,” while Rio Bravo Liquors is working on a display with Crane Lake wines.

And then there’s the craft and nature, fair filled with vendors selling everything from beaded

bird earrings to crane-embossed soaps, bird wood carvings, nature quilt pieces, birdhouses and more.

For the full festival schedule and ticket information, visit www.mvcranefest.org. The schedule and details about speakers, movies and other happenings will also be in the upcoming “Lifestyles” pullout section of Valley Publishing.

Ruthanne Johnson, Media contact for the Monte Vista Crane, Ruthanne.mvcranefest@gmail.com, 720-740-7561, www.mvcranefest.org.

Crane quilt funds scholarships



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.



Courtesy photo

Seven nurses earn recognition for their effort; posing left to right are: Bev Strnad, Alamosa Health Department; Reina Chacon, SLV Health; Julie Bryant, SLV Health; Amy Oaks, SLV Health; Justine Bitler, Rio Grande Hospital; Trudy Ruybal, Rio Grande Hospital; and Samantha Crawford, SLV Health. Not pictured: Tammy Garcia, Alamosa Nursing Service and Alyssa O’Brien, Colorado State Veterans Center, Homelake.

Dinner recognizes outstanding SLV nurses

ALAMOSA — Congratulations to nine Valley registered nurses who were honored at the 16th San Luis Valley Nightingale Dinner on Feb. 21, at Adams State University.

Justine Bitler, Julie

Bryant, Reina Chacon, Samantha Crawford, Tammy Garcia, Amy Oaks, Alyssa O’Brien, Trudy Ruybal, Nicole Sandoval and Bev Strnad were recognized for their commitment to their patients and provid-

ing excellent nursing care.

The dinner was attended by family members and co-workers. Bitler, Crawford and Ruybal were selected as luminaries for the statewide event on May 9 in Denver.

Thanks to SLV Health, Rio Grande Hospital, SLV Area Health Education Center, Valley Wide Health Systems and SLV Federal Bank for the many generous donations that made this event possible.

Women’s Veterans Forum to meet Wednesday

ALAMOSA — The third VCSLV Women Veterans Forum (WVF), on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

“We hope you have marked this date on your calendar and plan to attend,” said Richard Nagley, President of the Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley. “An exciting agenda has been planned with key VA personnel to be present in the room.

“Any men receiving this email are asked to forward it to a woman veteran or woman provider in your organization.”

The team organizing the event has attempted to create a “safe space” for one to discuss women’s issues, needs and opportunities, Nagley said. “On behalf of the Veterans Coalition Board of Directors, I would like to thank all for your participation in the first

two forums and hope you will find the third forum equally worthwhile.”

Valley CVSOs are especially asked to help pass the word to women veterans.

Health Care Providers and any male — veteran or not — that encounters this email is asked to also pass the word to women veterans.

For more information, please contact Mary Cor-

num or Toni Cordova at 719-992-4108.

If there is anything Nagley or the Board of Directors can do to help, please let them know.

Report for press release courtesy of Richard Nagley, President, Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley, Box 975, 223 6th St. #A, Alamosa, CO 81101-2695, 719-496-7234.

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Lifestyle

Society Hall welcomes back Salt & Pepper for CD release show

ALAMOSA — Society Hall, at 400 Ross Avenue in Alamosa, is proud to present a special CD release concert of blues, jazz and Motown style music with the Salt & Pepper Band on Friday, March 6th at 7 p.m. Tony Nardi (Hammond B-3, piano, vocals) and Eddie Mobley (percussion, vocals) are the core of Salt & Pepper, but for this special CD release show they will be joined by Paul Pearcy on drums, Robear Bosdorf on guitar and Don Richmond on guitar and fiddle, all of whom played on the new CD, titled "No Visible Scars." Doors open at 6 p.m. with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 advance and \$25 at the door and are available online at www.societyhall.org and in Alamosa at The Green Spot, 711 State Ave.

The new release was recorded half in Tony and Eddie's old home of Hot Springs, Ark., and half at Don Richmond's Howlin' Dog Records studio outside of Alamosa. It features top players from both the Arkansas and Colorado/New Mexico areas. Richmond said: "This is just a superb record, with great songs and great playing throughout. Tony is an absolute master of the Hammond and Eddie's vocals are as soulful and captivating as they can be, and all the supporting cast just nail it." All but one of the songs on "No Visible Scars" are original, with music composed by Tony and lyrics composed by Tony's wife, Karla.

Tony Nardi and Eddie Mobley first met and recorded together as a group while

serving in the Air Force and stationed in Thailand in 1969. The soul and R & B duo named themselves Salt & Pepper Band as a nod to their mixed color, a rarity at that time. Although the group broke up after their tour of duty, Tony and Eddie continued to play together whenever possible. Eddie decided to make a permanent move to join musical forces again a few years ago after their original recording, "Man of My Word" made a comeback in the Northern Soul Dance Clubs in Europe and was reissued on Kent Records as a new 45 and on a compilation CD. Due to the recording's quality, rarity and renewed popularity, the original 45 has become a collector's item and fetches thousands for the few remaining copies. In December 2012, Salt & Pepper Band was the subject of an article in the German pop culture magazine, "Gethappy!?" And in 2013, were also featured in Samantha Goldie's article for NPR Magazine in Melbourne, Australia.

In January 2013, they represented their hometown of Hot Springs at the 29th International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tenn., and were named finalists in the solo-duo category after defeating rivals from around the globe in quarter and semifinals competitions. By advancing to the finals, they had the honor of playing at the fame Orpheum Theatre in Memphis in front of thousands of blues fans.

They play regularly in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Colorado.

The Salt & Pepper Band has played the Summerfest on the Rio for the last three years and perform on regular basis at the Historic Taos Inn in Taos N.M.

David Hughes of *Nightflying Magazine* noted "Watching Salt & Pepper Band perform, it's obvious that Mobley's assumption about the duo being destined to be together is right on.

"They blend together Motown, blues, and jazz and mix it with their own touches including their own very distinct voices, to create something that has both the past and present in it."

No one enjoys the true joy of music

more than these two veterans of the music industry.

The board of Society Hall, a 501c-3 non-profit organization, invites everyone to another wonderful musical evening with the Salt & Pepper band, Friday March 6 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the show and are available online at www.societyhall.org, or in Alamosa at the Green Spot. Society Hall — where the community celebrates.

For more information, contact Ruthie Brown at 719-580-7838 or Don Richmond 719-588-3453.



Moffat PK-12 School holds archery tournament

MOFFAT — Moffat students participated in a midseason archery tournament on Feb. 19, in the Moffat Gymnasium.

Moffat added archery to its curriculum in August, as part of the National Archery in the Schools Program. A Saguache County tax grant funded the purchase of archery equipment and instructor trainings. The program is under the direction of coaches, William Shellabarger and Jack Sciacca.

Over 50 archers, grades 5-12 competed for prizes in six divisions. Winners in each division are as follows: Cairn Pike, High School Boys; Nicole Berry, High School Girls; Riley Heater, Middle School Boys; Oriana Steele, Middle School Girls; William Maxfield, Elementary Boys; and Miwa Kato, Elementary Girls. Winners received awards, including personal archery gear, courtesy of the following

sponsors: Rocky Mountain Youth Project; Cougar Run Inc.; Kiana Creek Farms; Sorum Tractor Co., Inc.; U.S. Tractor & Harvest Inc.; Town & Country Automall-Alamosa; Metz Potato Company; K&K Farms; NAPA-Haynie's Inc. Alamosa-Monte Vista; Skoglund Excavating Inc.; Western Recreation; and Curtis Farms LLC.

Moffat submitted scores from the tournament, into the National Archery in the Schools Program database as part of the Colorado State Virtual Tournament. Results of the state tournament will be announced March 1. State standings may qualify archers for the NASP Western National Tournament in Sandy, Utah, on April 24.

For more information on the National Archery in the Schools Program, please visit: <https://www.naspschools.org/>.



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Moffat's Vanessa Blocker prepares to send an arrow downrange.



Moffat Archery Tournament winners in the Elementary Boys Division are left to right: Chase Shellabarger, second place; Preston Heater, third place; and William Maxfield, first place.

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Sports

Grizzlies take CMU down to the wire, but fall 91-94

By AARON KINNISCHTZKE
ASU Sports Information Director

ALAMOSA — If a fan were to watch the Adams State Grizzlies for the first time all season Saturday night, they would have never been able to tell that they were a team eliminated from postseason play, or that they were fresh off of five straight blowout losses. The Grizzlies fought to the absolute finish against fourth-place Colorado Mesa Saturday night, giving every ounce of grit and toughness they had, for the sake of their pride and reputation. In the end, unfortunately, they came up just short, falling to the Mavericks by a score of 91-94.

The Grizzlies made up for their size disadvantage against the lanky Mavericks with a series of defensive switches that forced them to go outside and take chance from deep. On this night, the Grizzlies were cooking from three-point range and would be able to counter anything CMU threw at them, thanks to their four key players on the night, Rickey Norris, Rylan O'Brien, Logan Longo and Kaelin Crane. The game appeared to be going down the wire the entire game with two offenses who had terrific nights, and it absolutely did.

Senior Forward Rickey Norris led the charge, as he registered what was perhaps the best performance of his Adams State Career. Mavericks bigs had no answer for Norris on the offensive end, as he dropped a season-high 25 points on the evening. His tenacity on defense was rewarded with 11 boards and a pair of steals, which kept the Grizzlies in the ballgame the entire way. Playing 38 minutes, Norris did his best to lead his team to a victory, and although the game ultimately resulted in a loss, Norris' complete game will remain a performance that many remember for years to come.



Joining Norris in double figures were sharpshooting guards Logan Longo and Rylan O'Brien, who each finished with 16 points. The duo was able to knock down timely buckets that were monumental in keeping the Grizzlies in the fast pace of the game. The Grizzlies'

slasher, guard Juwan Green was the floor general that executed the offensive game plan to near-perfection, as he finished with 15 on the evening. Forward Kaelin Crane finished with 9 to round out the Grizzlies starters but provided an earthquake of momentum throwing down a thunderous second-half dunk on a Maverick defender that rocked the crowd and let Colorado Mesa know that the Grizzlies were not backing down from the fight at any capacity.

With just 13 seconds remaining with the Grizzlies down two, they were forced to foul and hope that CMU guard Michael Skinner would miss a free throw. He hit the first but missed the second and the Grizzlies still clung to hope and put the ball in Juwan Green's hands to try and tie the game from three. Green's long attempt failed, but no one would argue that the Grizzlies did not bring their edge on this evening. There are no moral victories, but a game like this after the stretch that the team had just endured returns the identity to a very tough basketball team.

The Grizzlies will be back in action one final time in the 2019-20 season, as they prepare to host Fort Lewis next Friday.

Weather creates one-day tripleheader for ASU

By CORRI ZAIGER

ASU Sports Information Assistant

DENVER — Adams State Softball battled it out with the Regis Rangers in Denver, Colorado Saturday, Feb. 22. Due to inclement weather forecasts, the originally scheduled two games were shifted to three games of 5 innings. The Grizzlies went 0-3 in the weekend's tripleheader at Regis.

Game One

Adams State fell in a tough five-inning game one, 11-2. The Rangers earned a quick 0-3 lead in the bottom of the first from three singles and a throwing error by the Grizzlies. After a scoreless second inning, the Grizzlies added their first hit from a single through the right side by Kylea Wall.

Regis added their fourth run in the bottom of the third. With two outs the Rangers tripled to right-center and brought in their fourth run. Adams State got on the board in the top of the fourth. Jasmine Parker hit a leadoff single followed by a single by Tyler Hays. With one out, Shelby Haskins singled to center to score Parker. At the bottom of the fourth, the Rangers hit a three-run homer to lead the Grizzlies 7-1.

Adams State responded in the top of the fifth with a leadoff double to left-center by Baylie Fryar. Kyrar Archibald singled to center to score Fryar for the Grizzlies scoring their second run. Regis tacked on four more runs in the bottom of the fifth, getting the win over the Grizzlies, 11-2.

Haskins and Archibald led the Grizzlies in game one each going 1-2 with an RBI. Jade Garbiso led the Grizzlies in the circle, completing 4 innings facing 24 batters.

Game Two

Adams State added the first run on the board in the top of the second inning. With two outs, Fryar homered to left, giving the Grizzlies their first lead of the day. The Rangers responded in the bottom of the second with four runs on four hits.

With a one, two, three top and bottom of the third inning, the Grizzlies tied the game at four in the top of the fourth. Adams State got the inning started with a walk to Breck Smith. Haskins followed with an RBI double to right-center to score Smith. Analiese Rodriguez followed up with a two-run homer to left field, to tie the game 4-4.

The Rangers went up 5-4 in the bottom of the fifth. The Rangers scored from a leadoff single up the middle and was brought in by a single to left. Regis went up 10-4 in the bottom of the sixth. With back to back double and single to center, the Rangers added five runs. The Rangers shut down the Grizzlies in the top of the seventh to end the game, 10-4.

The designated hitter, Rodriguez led the Grizzlies going 2-3 with 2 RBIs. In the circle for game two was Taylor Sandoval, completing 5 innings facing 29 batters.

Game Three

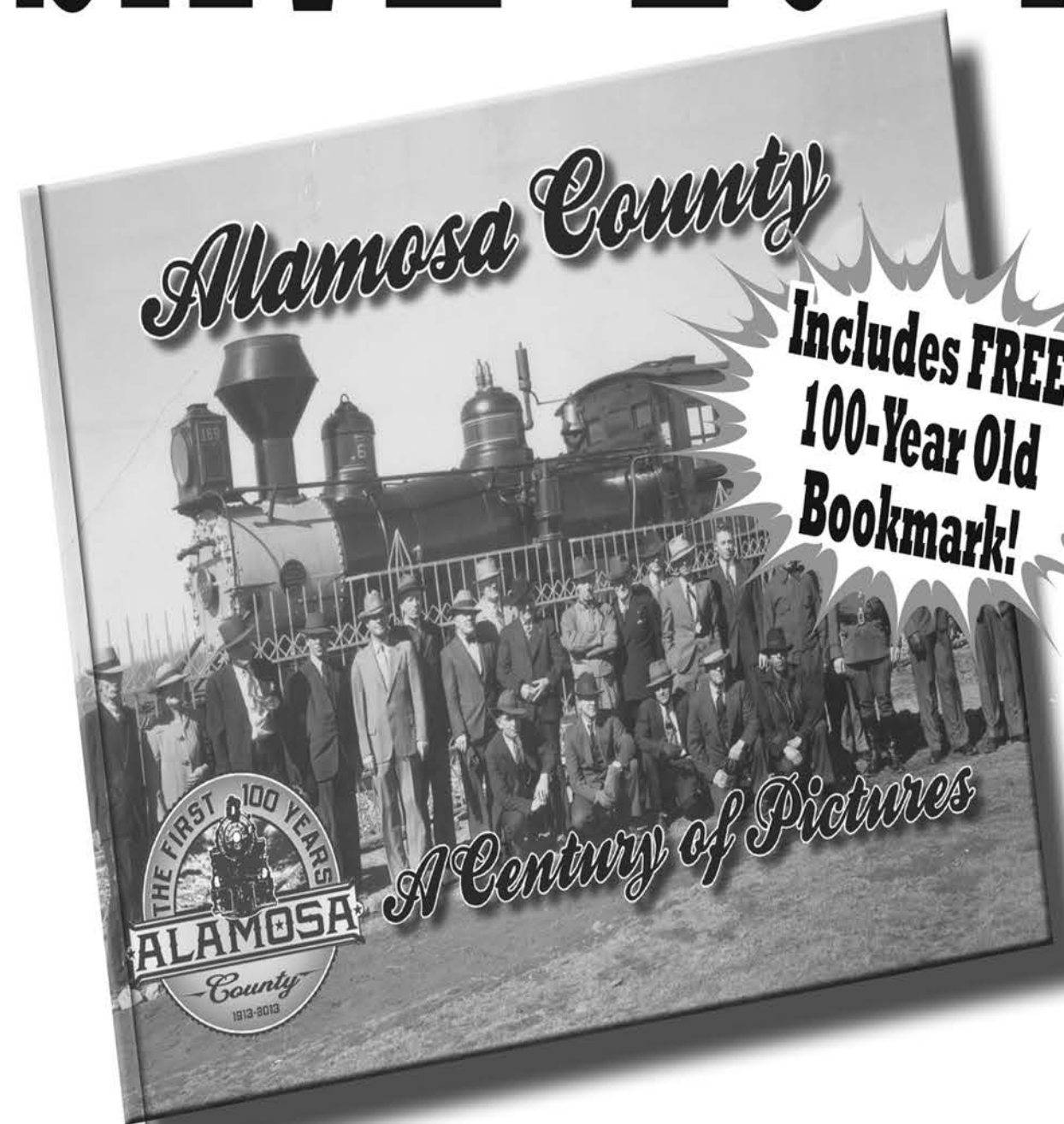
The Rangers got an early start at the bottom of the first inning of game three. The Rangers opened with a leadoff walk followed by back to back doubles to score two. Regis tacked on two more runs from a single and error in the outfield. The Rangers led the Grizzlies 4-0 at the end of the first. The Rangers added five more runs in the bottom of the second, four from a grand slam.

With a scoreless third, the Rangers tacked on two more runs in the bottom of the fourth, giving them an 11-0 lead over the Grizzlies. Adams State got on the board in the top of the fifth. The Grizzlies started the inning with a leadoff walk to Bailey Reid. Maya Ramos Moreno followed up with a single. Alyssa Berteaux-Solorzano came up to bat with an RBI single up the middle to score Reid. At the end of the inning, the Grizzlies fell 11-1.

The Grizzlies were led by Moreno and Beuteaux. Moreno went 1-1 in the game, with Berteaux getting the Grizzlies only RBI for the Grizzlies.

The game four finale between the Rangers has been postponed due to weather forecast conditions.

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Sports

State Championship wrestling comes to a close

Lucero earns state championship at 285 pounds

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Courier Sports Editor

DENVER — Hard work culminates in a three-day whirlwind at the Pepsi Center in Denver and before you know it, it has come and gone. On the final day of tournament competition, podium positions were shored up and champions were named.

In the 3A class, Alamosa placed plenty of competitors on the podium as they do every year. Despite that, the Moose could not earn their third state title in a row and would settle for the No. 5 spot garnering 91 points as a team. The team first-place finish was awarded to both Eaton and Valley in an odd turn of events that resulted in both teams tying at 105.5 points. At 106 pounds, freshman Kyler Liddell finished in 6th place, suffering a defeat by fall in the 5th place match to Javan Valdez. Older brother Colton Liddell also made it to the championship day morning session. Senior Liddell would also meet a Valley opponent best-

ing Noah Damian by a 4-0 decision in the 132-pound class. Alamosa's Hunter Smith would also take part in the morning session at the 170-pound class. A win in the consolation semifinals advanced Smith to the third-place match, unfortunately, Smith fell there and took fourth in the tournament. Suffering a loss in the championship quarterfinals, Alamosa's 195 pounder, Austin Trujillo, turned it around ripping off three straight wins in the consolation bracket to qualify for the third-place match. There, Mitchell Peabody of La Junta would earn a fall at 2:08 to place Trujillo fourth in his weight.

The lone wrestler in 3A to make it to the championship session was Alamosa's Davion Chavez at 113 pounds.

Chavez would take on defending champion Angelo Lozado of Jefferson in a 1v2 matchup where the Alamosa's Chavez was favored. Lozado earned a takedown in the first period giving him a 2-point lead that carried to the first choice, where Chavez chose the down position. When Lozado elected not to cover Chavez was awarded an escape point and it was a one-point match through the second period thanks to Lozado locking down any

offensive attempts from the challenger. In the third period, Lozado scored with another takedown and would manage 2 near fall points out of it to earn his second state title in a row with a 6-1 decision. The silver is Chavez's second of his high school career after taking state at 106 pounds in his freshman year.

In the 2A Class, it was Centauri and Del Norte advancing to Saturday competition. As teams, Centauri finished in fifth place with a score of 91. Del Norte took 33rd with 10 team points. First place was claimed by Wray with 162.5 team points. Del Norte and Centauri would get five wrestlers to the podium in the 2A class.

In the morning session, Del Norte's Malachi Gallegos would start his day with an 8-4 decision over Mario Vigil of Centauri. In the consolation semifinals, Gallegos would tweak his knee and later relent an 8-2 decision to Trae Kennedy of Meeker in the fifth-place match to take sixth in the tournament at 106 pounds.

At 132 pounds Eyan Chavez was upset the day before by Lain Yapoujian who went on to take state. In the morning session, Chavez made good on his oppor-

tunity and marched through the consolation bracket eventually besting Lucas Hefner of Highland with a 4-0 decision in the third-place match. Jordan Martin also took third for Centauri, doing it at the 145-pound weight. A tough 3-1 tie-breaker loss in the championship quarterfinals sent Martin to the consolation bracket. There, Martin went undefeated capping his weekend with a victory over Michael Gutierrez of Burlington to take third-place. Centauri's Byron Shawcroft went 2-2 in the morning session. A loss in the fifth-place match granted sixth place for the 170-pounder.

The lone San Luis Valley wrestler to make it to the champion session was Centauri's Remi Lucero in the heavy-weight class. In the championship match, Lucero met a familiar face in Rocky Ford's Peyton Froman. The first meeting was a 4-1 match in favor of Lucero. The second meeting looked like it might have some length to it until Lucero took all the momentum and forced a pin at 2:41. The win marks Lucero's first state title. For a complete listing of team results and individual brackets be sure to visit CHSAANow.com



Davion Chavez of Alamosa fights to avoid a takedown during his championship match with Angelo Lozado of Jefferson on Saturday night. Chavez was the runner up relenting a 6-1 victory to Lozado.



Centauri's Remi Lucero finds the Centauri crowd after pinning Peyton Froman of Rocky Ford in 2:41 to claim the 285 pound 2A State Title.

Courier photos by Stephen Jiron



Del Norte sophomore Malachi Gallegos attempts to turn the tide during his fifth-place match with Trae Kennedy of Meeker. Kennedy would take an 8-2 decision.



At 145 pounds Jordan Martin of Centauri pins the arm of Hotchkiss's J.D. Miller and looks for some guidance from his coaches during a consolation semifinal meeting. Martin went on to take third place on Saturday.



Alamosa senior Colton Lidell looks up from his opponent Colton Williams of Berthoud in the consolation semifinals on Saturday. Lidell went on to take third place in the 3A 132-pound class.

Results

Adams State Baseball
Feb. 15 ASU 12, Univ. of the Southwest 9
ASU 9, Univ. of the Southwest 5

Adams State Basketball
Feb. 21 Western Colorado 62, ASU 43 (W)
Western Colorado 83, ASU 58 (M)

Feb. 22 Colorado Mesa 63, ASU 51 (W)
Colorado Mesa 94, ASU 91 (M)

Prep Basketball
Feb. 20 Antonito FFW, Aguilar FFL (G)
La Veta 50, Sierra Grande 35 (G)
Sierra Grande 51, La Veta 43 (B)
Sangre de Cristo 61, Moffat-Mt.-Valley 17 (G)
Sangre de Cristo 54, Moffat-Mt.-Valley 35 (B)

Feb. 21 Sangre de Cristo 37, Kim-Branson 20 (G)
Kim-Branson 49, Sangre de Cristo 37 (B)
Hohne 36, Center 32 (G)
Center 61, Hoehne 55 (B)
Primero 64, Centennial 56 (B)
Ignacio 66, Sierra Grande 45 (B)
Sanford 52, Sargent 33 (G)
Sanford 61, Sargent 25 (B)

Feb. 22 Del Norte 62, South Park 14 (B)
Del Norte 65, South Park 37 (B)

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)

Sports Bulletin

Adams State Lacrosse
Feb. 21 Colorado Mesa 21, ASU 3 (M)

Feb. 23 Westminster 22, ASU 9 (M)

Adams State Softball
Feb. 22 Regis 11, ASU 2
Regis 10, ASU 4
Regis 11, ASU 1
ASU at Regis (DH)-Cancelled

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)

Prep Basketball
Feb. 25

3A Intermountain League
TBA Monte Vista at Pagosa Springs (B)
5:30 p.m. Monte Vista at Alamosa (G)

2A District 1
5 p.m. South Park at Sargent (G)
5 p.m. Custer County at Center (G)
6 p.m. South Park at Sanford (B)

6:30 p.m. Del Norte at Sargent (B)
6:30 p.m. Custer County at Center (B)

1A District 1
TBA Manzanola at Sangre de Cristo (G)
TBA Creede at Sangre de Cristo (B)
TBA Manzanola at Sierra Grande (B)
TBA Centennial at Cotopaxi (B)
5 p.m. La Veta at Antonito (G)
5 p.m. Sierra Grande at Cotopaxi (G)
5 p.m. Centennial at Moffat-Mtn. Valley (G)

Feb. 28

3A Intermountain League at Monte Vista H.S.
TBA Alamosa vs. TBA (B)
TBA Centauri vs TBA (B)
TBA Centauri vs TBA (G)

2A District 1 at Alamosa H.S.
TBA Del Norte vs TBA (G)
TBA Sanford vs TBA (G)

Adams State Lacrosse
March 2 3 p.m. Otterbein Univeristy at ASU (M)

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

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

Adams State Wrestling
Feb. 29

West Regional
All Day ASU at Nebraska-Kearney

Schedules subject to change

AP&R Youth Soccer

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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
 5) 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
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 All interested contractors must attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting 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.
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 1) Removal and stock piling of landscape rock and boulders
 2) Removal of sod, trees, shrubs and misc. plants is required
 3) Compact sub grade for new concrete
 4) Provide material and labor for approx. 3,050 sq. ft. of concrete slab work
 5) Concrete to be 4500 psi with wire and fiber mesh and air
 6) Control joints are to be included
 7) Room finished with curing compound
 8) Protection of existing concrete is required
 9) Colored concrete is part of this project
 10) Contractor to provide restroom facilities
 11) Electrical and water will be available at NO cost to contractor
 12) Written minimum 2 year warranty for all work
 13) Worker Compensation Certificate required (All certificates required before work starts)
 14) Minimum \$1,000,000 Liability, vehicle coverage required with school district endorsement
 15) Successful contractor must submit Back ground checks for all ON-SITE employees
 16) All interested contractors 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)-588-2093.
 NO. 1316
 Published in the Valley Courier on February 22, 25, 26, 27, and 28, 2020

The Monte Vista Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 947 First Avenue, Monte Vista, CO. There are 3 director positions open for election. Please submit your letter of interest prior to February 28, 2020 to PO Box 43, Monte Vista, CO.
 The Board of Directors would like to invite you to join us for an appreciation supper to thank you for the volunteer hours and donations you have provided through the years. It is because of the continual support of the Community we are able to maintain the beauty and integrity of the Monte Vista Cemetery. All are invited to join us. Please RSVP to 719-852-5196 or monte vistacemeteryassociation@gmail.com by February 28, 2020.
 NO. 1320
 Published in the Valley Courier on February 25, and March 03, 2020

\$30,000+
Immediate opening in multi-media sales. Experience appreciated.
 Send resume to: **KCerny@alamosanews.com**

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRANDE OPENING DEL Norte Community Acupuncture Clinic Every Thursday 3:00pm to 6:00pm. \$30.00 for Flu prevention, pain, digestive issues and Trigger Point Therapy, Dry needling. For apt call Jim Fox L.Ac, 990 6th St. Del Norte CO. 360-821-9006. (3/11)

2020 COLORADO CAUCUSES will 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 REQUEST FOR BIDS The East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District is accepting bids for a lease on an 80-acre parcel of farm ground located 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)

101 MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory
 Kassi & Baby Morgan
 2/25/92 - 2/25/15*

Five years ago we lost you and Baby Morgan. Your personality, your smile and your laugh are still here with us. Our Hearts will never be the same that you are gone. We miss you so much every day, every minute and every second of the day.
We miss you
 Our hearts still ache with sadness and many tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.
We hold you close within our hearts, and their you will remain, to walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.
Happy Birthday Kassi and Baby Morgan
 Love you always
 Love Dad, Mom, Kevin and her son Aiden

112 - BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

LICENSED PLUMBER DOES all types of plumbing repairs and plumbing remodel done at reasonable rate. Call 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593.(3/5)

221 HELP WANTED

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

CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT of Social 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, March 3, 2019. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 EEOE 20. (3/3)

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)

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), and 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, CO 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/employment-opportunities.html or call 719-852-5996. (3/11)

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/employment-opportunities.html or call 719-852-5996.(3/5)

THE BOE OF Center Schools is now accepting applications for Substitutes for Pre-School and Toddler Classrooms for the remaining 2019-2020 School Year. Qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent, or, such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. 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. www.lapuente.net (3/5)

221 HELP WANTED

WORKING TOGETHER 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. www.lapuente.net (3/5)

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RIVER VALLEY INN is seeking a Transportation Aide / CNA Must have a current Colorado drivers license with a clean driving record, 25years 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)

THE NORTH CONEJOS 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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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. (3/6)

THE SAN LUIS Valley Local Foods Coalition is excited to announce it is hiring for the Rio Grande Farm Park 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)

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)

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For More Information, Contact the Valley Courier at 589-2553 or Valley Publishing at 852-3531.

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Colorado Nonprofit Week

Classifieds

221 HELP WANTED

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

DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

is seeking an energetic, caring candidate to serve as a **PARA-EDUCATOR**. Applicants must have a high school diploma. Please submit your application to Amy Duda, DNES Principal at 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO 81132; aduda@urtigers.co; or call 719-657-4030. The position will be opened until filled. Please pick up an application at the District Office or on-line at dnscd.org (2/27)

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, FULL-TIME

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

THE CITY OF ALAMOSA

is seeking a Full-time Maintenance Worker I for the Streets Department with a starting salary of \$14,42 - \$15.86 per hour DOQ. For more information and to apply visit www.cityofalamosa.org or City Hall at 300 Hunt Avenue. Protected by the EOE law. Closing date February 24, 2020 at 4:30 pm. (2/27)

LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE

to help farm. Welding experience and driving farm equipment call 719-850-2137. (3/10)

EXPERIENCED DENTAL HYGIENIST

wanted. Established practice in Alamosa, full time or part time. Must have active license. Send resume to P.O. Box 1841 Alamosa, CO 81101. (1/15-TFN)

221 HELP WANTED

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

THE ALAMOSA POLICE 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 until filled. (3/3 #1)

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST NEEDED

immediately. Need to be dependable. Bring resume to Valley Courier, Attention Keith. (TFN)

NEED A SECOND INCOME?

child support? Car Repairs? Taxes Due? Earn up to \$800/month delivering the Valley Courier. Contact Keith at 589-2553. (2/26-TFN)

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345 WOOD

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351 LIVESTOCK

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360 - MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

OOPS! GOT PUPPIES who need a home? San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society is a nonprofit animal rescue dedicated to stopping the euthanasia of healthy adoptable pets. Having pets altered is the number one way to stop pet overpopulation. If your pet has had puppies contact us. We will take the puppies into our rescue and spay the mama dog for free after the puppies are weaned. If needed we will also provide dog food & gas money to get the dogs to us to help in this situation. Spay/neuter is one of the greatest gifts you can provide your pet, your family and your community. We have found good responsible homes for over 8,000 animals. Contact 719-587-9663 (WOOF); email: woof@slvaws.org. (TFN)

NEED CATS FOR MOUSERS?

Want to adopt kittens? Help trap/neuter/release efforts? Donate food/litter/supplies? Low cost spay/neuter clinic for cats. <http://www.catsaliveslv.com> 719-298-7028. (TFN)

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Adults and kittens. NO MOUSERS OR BARN CATS. Spay/neuter clinics coming to Alamosa in near future. Call Donna K 719-589-5952 or 719-580-9078. (TFN)

387 - WANTED TO BUY

LOOKING FOR A 2 or 3 bedroom mobile home 1981 or higher for \$15,000 or under. Call or text 719-580-9525(TFN-E)

409 FARM & RANCH LAND

FOR LEASE: 126 acres under pivot for hemp, near Moffat, CO. Please Call (719) 942-3286 or email kkenney163@gmail.com(3/3)

415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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420 - LOTS & ACREAGE

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601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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611 - HOMES FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM/ 1 bathroom 3 miles east of Alamosa passive solar. Closed carport- gas and elect incl. \$950/Mo \$800 deposit 719-580-1446. (2/25)

3 BEDROOM 1 Bathroom propane and wood heat fenced yard room for livestock.

970-640-9562. (3/20)

717 WATER SHARES

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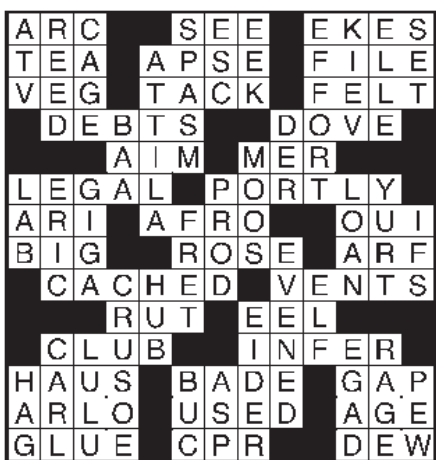
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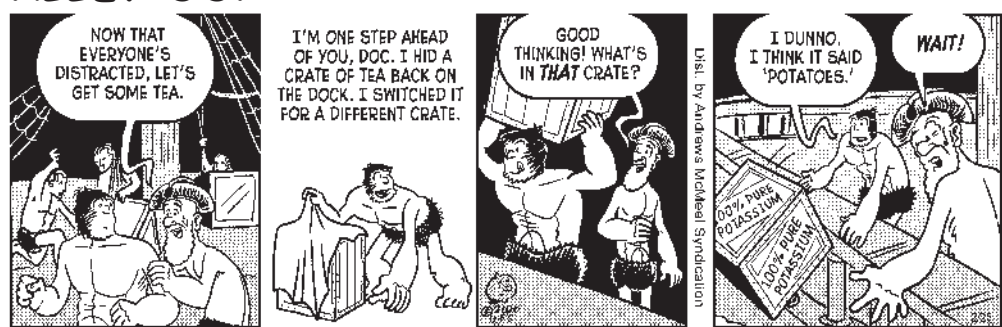
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 - 5 Mountain lion
 - 9 Daughter's brother
 - 12 Smell — —
 - 13 Cranston or Shepard
 - 14 Psychological self
 - 15 Memorandum
 - 16 Those asked to RSVP
 - 18 Feeler
 - 20 Cash
 - 21 Paris article
 - 22 Chilly and damp
 - 23 Runner-up
 - 26 Spanish dance
 - 29 Snow boot
 - 30 Unhappy destiny
 - 32 Timber wolf
 - 34 Chase flies
 - 36 Verse
 - 38 Sassy talk
 - 39 Combines
 - 41 That is (2 wds.)
 - 43 Rx giver
- DOWN**
- 44 Hurler's stat
 - 45 Owned apartment, for short
 - 48 Winter vehicles
 - 52 Cooperate (2 wds.)
 - 54 Uncluttered
 - 55 Boxing great
 - 56 Flu symptom
 - 57 Small combo
 - 58 Folk song mule
 - 59 Phooey!
 - 60 Kennel noise
 - 1 Emmy winner — Delany
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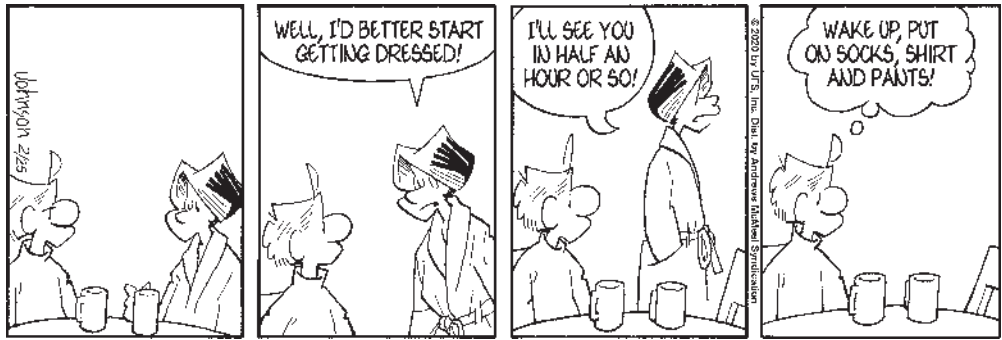


- 10** Type of arch
- 11** Too curious
- 17** Dry off
- 19** Social dud
- 22** Tiber city
- 23** DJ's albums
- 24** Island near Kauai
- 25** Glance over
- 26** Cries of disapproval
- 27** Audition hope
- 28** Osaka sashes
- 31** Fuel cartel
- 33** — out (withdraw)
- 35** Light-headed
- 37** Thick mud
- 40** "That's a shame" (2 wds.)
- 42** Pretty and delicate
- 44** DeGeneres sitcom
- 45** Audit aces
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- 47** Picture holder
- 48** Run words together
- 49** "Primal Fear" star
- 50** Acclaim
- 51** Remote button
- 53** Turkish honorific

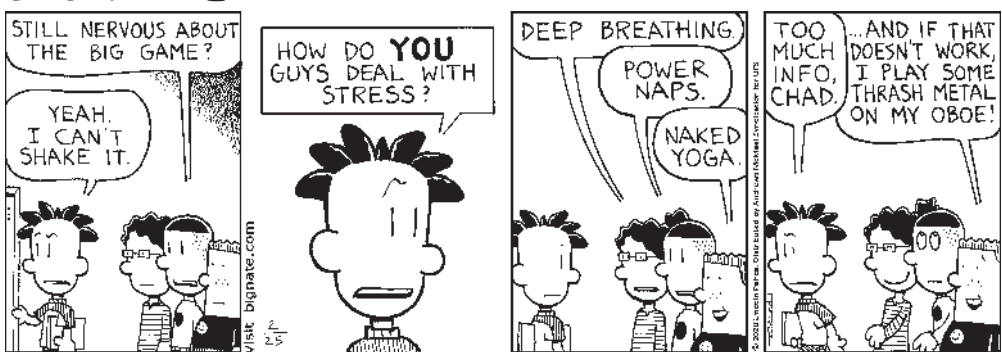
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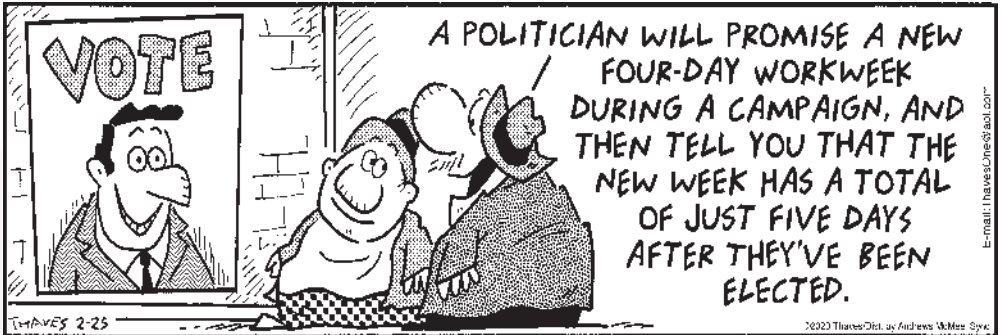
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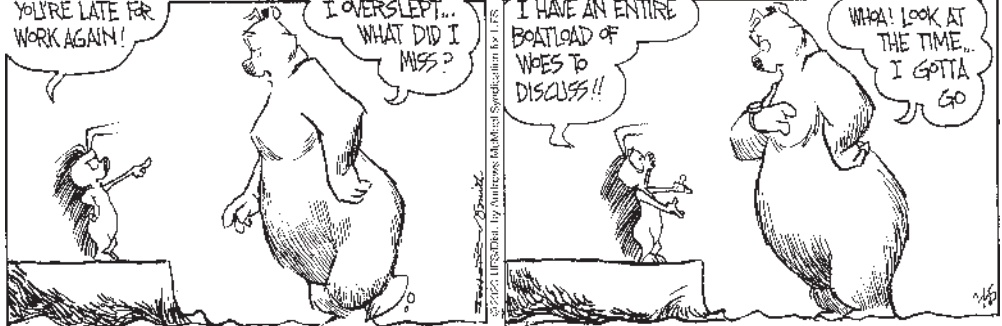
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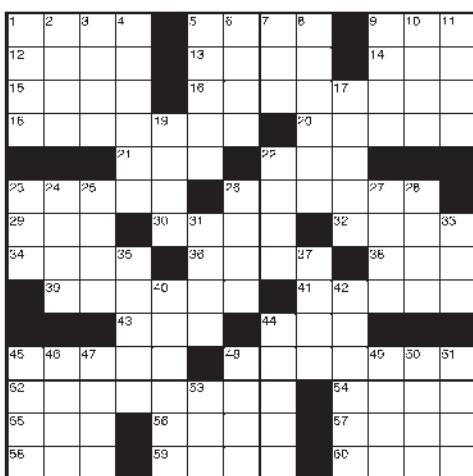
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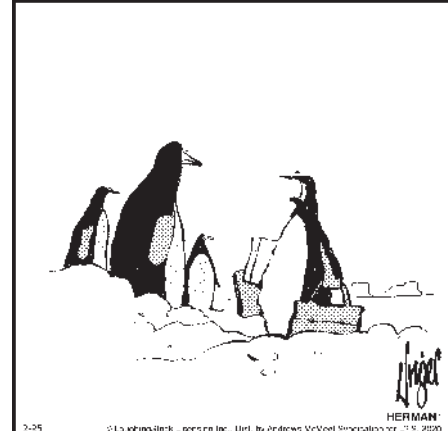
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"I would've been here sooner, but our iceberg hit a ship."

Happily unmarried couple reaches impasse over kids

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for more than a decade. We're nearly 30 now. We are happy not being married, and we both agreed early in our relationship that we would not have kids.

All of a sudden, my boyfriend has decided he wants children. I said maybe in the future, but he feels we're running out of time. I still don't want kids, and it's for selfish reasons. I enjoy traveling, having time to myself and just the two of us, peace and quiet, being able to do what I want when I want without having to worry about kids. Is that so wrong? Where do we go from here? -- AT ODDS IN MONTANA

DEAR AT ODDS: After 10-plus years, "the future" has arrived. It appears you and your boyfriend have reached a large fork in the road. From here you either go your separate ways or agree to relationship counseling to see if there may be a way to bridge this gap.

DEAR ABBY: For the last 25 years, we have gone on several weekend getaways with another couple. They are now suggesting a one-week vacation together. The issue is, they constantly either talk to or text their children

while we are with them. They call to tell them the weather, where we're eating, get updates on their various sporting events, etc.

We also have children and grandchildren, but we wait until we return home to reconnect and hear about their weekend and tell about ours. We love our kids, but we don't need to be constantly connected.

Except for us, this couple's entire social life appears to revolve around their children's lives, and it is pretty much all they talk about. We're not sure we can tolerate this for an entire week. We don't want to lose these friends, but don't know how to decline a week of this. Please advise. -- VACATION FROM THE VACATION

DEAR VACATION: Constantly texting and calling in the presence of others is rude. Because you are hesitant to call them on it, try this: Unless they know you take weeklong vacations with other friends, tell them you prefer shorter visits with other couples. In their case, it's the truth.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received an email from the grade school-aged son of a close friend, which included a link requesting funding to support his



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school sports program. My friend told me to expect such an email.

I'm not certain how to respond, as I always encouraged my children to communicate face-to-face when soliciting funds for their school programs, but that was years ago, and I realize this is a new era. It just seems so impersonal to ask for money electronically, especially when I barely know the young man. Are my expectations wrong? How would you handle this? -- CHECK'S IN THE E-MAIL

DEAR CHECK'S IN: Despite how the request was made, if you want to support the program, do so. If not, then don't. Personally, I would ignore the email, and if I was asked about it, I would politely decline.

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