Centuari hosts Alamosa for

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Mitguards bring unique style to Del Norte.

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ALAMOSA — Cloyde Snook Gallery, Adams State University Art Department, 208 Edgemont Blvd., Alamosa, CO 81101. Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. La Sierra, Shelby Head, Jan. 13-Feb. 6. Opening reception, Friday, Jan. 17, 5-7 p.m. For more information, contact the ASU Art Department at

SDCSBOE will meet Jan. 14

SANGRE DE CRISTO

lesliemacklin@adams.

edu, or call 719-587-7823.

-The Sangre de Cristo School Board of Education monthly meeting will be Jan. 14 in the school library at 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca, with an executive session from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and an open session at 6:30 p.m. Copies of agendas are posted at school site, the Hooper and Mosca post offices, and the Mosca Pit Stop. Meetings are open to the public.

Seniors will host dance

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Senior Citizens will hold its New Year's dance from 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m. on Friday at 92 Colorado Ave. Bernal and Alex will provide the music and the cost is \$5 per person or \$3 if one brings a snack





Partly Cloudy 28/-13

Sat.: Mostly sunny 23/-8 Sun.: Partly Cloudy 25/-4



Much ado about support drone

Clarification of Multi-Mission Aircraft involved in joint operations

CENTENNIAL — The Colorado Department of Public Safetv has received a high level of interest in and speculation about the participation of the state Multi-Mission Aircraft in a joint operation on Monday in relation to reports of suspicious drone activity in northeast Colorado. CDPS has offered its expertise

and resources to assist federal and local agencies as they investigate the reports of suspicious drone activity.

Three members of the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Colorado Information Analysis

COLORADO Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management Department of Public Safety Center attended a joint operation

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coordination meeting on Monday, and the CIAC has been actively monitoring information related to abnormal drone activity in Colorado. In discussing additional ways

CDPS could support our local and state partners, CDPS leaders decided to contribute one Multi-Mission Aircraft as a resource to coordinate the investigative ground resources involved in the one-night joint operation. On Monday, the MMA flew for

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4.8 hours in northeast Colorado, communicating with law enforcement vehicles on the ground. As calls came in reporting po-

tential suspicious drone activity, the MMA was prepared to identify which ground resource was closest to the sighting in order to deploy that vehicle in search of more information.

The aircraft typically flies 10,000 feet above ground level, well above drone operations. The MMA has the capability

to detect heat signatures; it did not detect any suspicious heat

signatures or drones related to the drone reportings during its flight. During the flight of the MMA,

every report of a suspicious

drone was investigated and was

resolved, and none was substantiated. The MMA was not diverted from any other operational needs in order to serve this mission. Press release for report courtesy

of Micki Trost, Strategic Communications Specialist, Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Contact information for Trost is 303-472-4087 by phone or micki. trost@state.co.us by email.

Sand Dunes will

burn this winter

apply a prescribed

MOSCA — The National Park

Service plans to burn several

piles of woody debris at Great

Sand Dunes National Park and

Preserve this winter. The piles

will only be burned if and when

the ground and adjacent fuels are sufficiently wet from rain or

snow, and these wet conditions

are present until the burning is

The piles consist of dead woody

material from previous hazard

fuel reduction projects. These

projects reduce fuels around

park infrastructure and park

boundaries directly adjacent to

the private land since this fuel

load represents a wildland fire

hazard within these areas. The

project will reduce the threat of

fire to private homes and help

protect the plants, wildlife, and

important resources in the park.

they are completely out. Local

residents and park visitors may

see open flames and/or smell

smoke in the vicinity of the park

during the burn. The project is

anticipated to be completed over

Prescribed fire smoke may

affect your health. For more

information see https://www.

colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-

National Park Service Wildland Fire Management Program, visit http://www.nps.gov/fire. To learn

how you can reduce wildfire risk

on your own property, please visit http://www.firewise.org. For

For more information on the

the course of five days.

smoke-and-health.

The piles will be ignited by

completed.

Putting on quite a production



Pinocchio (Owen Stults, who is pictured above,) sings a solo with the cast behind him, and the cast (pictured to the left) performs the opening number, Once Upon a Time as the students of St. Peters Lutheran School performed "No Strings Attached," a musical adaptation of Pinocchio, by Carlo Collodi in Monte Vista on Thursday afternoon.

Courier photos by Helen Smith



Snow raises avalanche concern

By LYNDSIE FERRELL Valley Publishiing

WOLF CREEK - It has been almost two weeks since the last snowstorm moved over the San Juan Mountain Range and now the older snow has heightened avalanche danger from minimal to moderate. According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center or CAIC the high country is heading into a period of unsettled weather beginning Thursday, Jan. 9. In a post shared on Facebook the

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Photo of a slab avalanche caused by a person snowshoeing at the top of the ridge.

information about the national park visit our website, http:// www.nps.gov/grsa, or follow us on Facebook (https://www. facebook.com/Great Sand Dunes

For more information regarding the prescribed burn, contact Chief Ranger, Dale Culver at 719-378-6321.

Report courtesy of Katherine Faz, Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services, Public Information Officer, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

State, SLV put generosity on display

Colorado Gives Day raises over \$183,000 for San Luis Valley nonprofits

ALAMOSA — Colorado Gives Day, which was held Dec. 10, raised \$39.6 million statewide.

In the San Luis Valley, over \$183,000 was raised for 26 nonprofit organizations that serve the

residents of the San Luis Valley. Special incentive winners were Habitat for Humanity and Valley Humane League. Business sponsors were the

Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad and SLV Brewing/The Roast.

Presented by Community First Foundation and FirstBank, Colorado Gives Day is an an-

ebrate and increase philanthropy through online giving. The event is powered by Colorado Gives.org, a year-round, online giving website. The Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley is the Regional Champion for Colorado

nual statewide movement to cel-

Gives Day in the San Luis Valley. Community First Foundation and FirstBank each contributed \$500,000 to create a \$1 Million Incentive Fund, one of the largest gives-day incentive funds in the

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OBITUARIES

Donald E. Henson, 82

ALAMOSA — Longtime Alamosa resident Donald (Don) Eugene Henson, 82, passed away on Dec. 18, Don was born on Jan. 4,

1937 in Alamosa to Curtis Clyde and Frances (Schoenberger) Henson.

Don married Carolyn Fave McGinnis on Oct. 9, 1960 in Alamosa.

Don chose banking as a profession. He began his career in Alamosa as a teller at the Alamosa National Bank and worked his way into various positions, including loan officer. After moving to California, he worked in Riverside and Los Angeles as a loan officer and branch manager. He returned to the Valley and finished his career in Monte Vista. Don served his country as a reservist in the Army National Guard and in the United States Air Force. He was a 50-plus year member of the Alamosa Elks Lodge, BPOE

He had a passion for art that started at a very young age. He was most noted hand-made Christmas orna-Yvonne.

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for a short time.





ments, and most recently built bird houses

He is survived by his children, Jeff (Carrie) Henson, Curtis Henson, and Christopher Henson; his grandchildren, Cole, Cameron, Cailyn, Cristyn, Samantha and Shelby, as well as his sister, Patti Bates.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn; his parents, Curtis and Frances; and his siblings, for his printing and cal- Harold, Genevieve, Theligraphy. He created signs, resa, Dorothy, Virginia and

Bertha Ribal, 81

SAN LUIS VALLEY— Bertha Ribal, age 81, died Jan. 2, 2020.

She died peacefully and without pain after her battle with cancer.

Bertha was born July 16, 1938 in Cumbres. Her parents were Cornelius and Adele Ribal from San Luis Valley.

She is survived by six daughters, Debra Looper, Yvonne Comar, Kathy Bailey, Cindy Whittington, Lisa King and Nichole Hughes.

She is survived by 17 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

A private memorial ser-

barium this summer in Colorado Springs. Lyle Joseph VenRooy, 66

DEL NORTE — Lyle Joseph VenRooy, age 66, died in his home in Del Norte on Sunday Jan. 5, 2020.

Lyle was born in Colby, Wisc. He served in the U.S. Army and spent most of his life as a bulldozer operator. He may be best known for cruising the San Luis Valley in his sparkly blue '56 Chevy, his love of Harley-Davidson motorcycles and his daily visits to the Del

Norte cafe. Lyle was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn; and his father, Harold. He is survived by his Lodge.



vice will be held in Mis-

Mt. St. Francis Colum-

She will be interred at

daughters, Laura and Michelle; son-in-law, Dylan Baker; grandson, Ryker; and ex-wife, Barbara; as well as siblings, nieces and nephews.

The family will hold private services and a celebration of life will be held 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at the Alamosa Elks

Gary Thomas Neamon, 69

MONTEVISTA—Gary Thomas Neamon, 69, of San Diego, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019.

He passed the way he lived: courageously and peacefully, with faith in God, and in the arms of his daughter, with his wife by his side.

Gary was born in Olean, N.Y., on Sept. 25, 1950, and raised in Delevan,

He graduated from Pioneer Central High School and went on to play college football in Colorado at TSJC, earned an AA and met the love of his life, Mary Catherine Romero.

He played football at Adams State, and married Mary in August of 1972. In 1980, Gary became a He worked in the private sector for 15 years before

spending 25 years as a teacher and coach at Center High School. He was an avid mountain biker, road biker, skier and world In January of 2012, Gary

became a grandfather to identical twin girls.

In July of 2013, Gary and Mary moved to San Diego to live with and care for their granddaughters. He lived in San Diego until his passing. Gary was a loyal, honest and hard-working man, whose word was his bond. He will be greatly



Mary, daughter, Jessica; granddaughters, Alexandra and Catherine; family by choice: Rex and Kathy Dickman, Gil and Bertha Gonzales, and Dave Furukawa; biological sisters, Patricia (Michael) Warner, Susan (Randy) Lester, Barbara (Rick) Muskopf, Margaret Kline and Kathleen (Mike) Riley; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Laura Neamon; brother, Don Neamon; and niece, Hannah Kline.

Gary's rosary will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista, where he was a parishioner and Knight of Colum-

bus for over 20 years. His vigil is Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. and his memorial mass is Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. at St.

SAN LUIS VALLEY FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 26°, humidity of 57%. Southeast wind 2 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Expect mostly clear skies with an overnight low of -12°. West wind 2 to 6 mph.

Tomorrow: Skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 25°, humidity of 54%. South wind 2 to 7 mph.

SAN LUIS VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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22/1

South Fork



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Del Norte

Monte Vista

24 / -11

Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 10% 25/5

REGIONAL FORECAST MAP

Saguache

26 / -12

Antonito 26 / -9

La Jara



Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 15% 23/3

Cañon City

Fort Garland

23/-7

San Luis

Walsenburg

32/14

Trinidad

Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 0% 26/6

Thursday

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Sun and Moon **Temperature** Yesterday's High Sunrise Today 7:18 a.m. Yesterday's Low 34 / -2 7:17 a.m. Record High Record Low 59 in 2018 -25 in 1964

0.00"





Sunset

Temperature and precipitation valid through 5 p.m. yesterday

Year to Date Avg. Year to Date Trace 0.06" **SNOWPACK INFORMATION**

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	Colorado	107% of Normal	Medano Pass	204% of Normal			
dv	Gunnison	103% of Normal	Rio Grande Res.	217% of Normal			
ω,	North Platte	111% of Normal	Stunner Pass	n/a			
0%	Yampa	117% of Normal	Trinchera	135% of Normal			
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Lifts

New Mid Mtn. Open Surface

Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 2°. South southwest wind 3 to 7 mph. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 18°, humidity of 61%. South southwest wind 6 mph. Sunday night, skies will be partly cloudy with an overnight low of 0°

> For latest weather updates: www.UpdatedWx.com/VC

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — The Optimist Club of Alamosa meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Contact the club at alamosa optimistclub@ 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@hot-

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 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.

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.

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 Valsecond and fourth Mondays Call Holly at 719-588-7066. 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 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 meets at First United Methodist Church, 2005 Mullins, Alamosa, on the first Monday of every 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 ALAMOSA—Opendrop- environment that allows

them to achieve their goals at their own pace. Call (719) 588-5127.

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

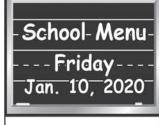
ALAMOSA — Made up of community members who write in many different genres, the Sophia Circle meets weekly to provide support for writers and their writing projects in the downstairs conference room at the Colorado Welcome Center at Alamosa, 6th and State on Sundays from 1-3 p.m.. Writers may drop in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

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

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

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

> ALAMOSA — Grief support group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Alamosa 1st United Methodist Church from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call Liz Hood,



BREAKFAST Bagel w/Cinnamon

Juice & Fruit **ELEMENTARY**

Lasagna Peas Garlic Bread Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY Lasagna Peas Garlic Bread

Vegetable Bar To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

AA MEETINGS these meeting schedules

Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous groups. A.A. members' primary

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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

for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083. **FRIDAY** 7 p.m. Sacred Heart

School at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa.

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

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

Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte NARCOTICS ANON-

8 p.m. Mountain View

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SATURDAY 9 a.m. Little Shepherd Episcopal Chapel at Alder

St., Crestone

Church, 1st, State

7 p.m. 1st Christian

Vatican debates concerning pachamama rites won't fade

The scene during the Vatican's Christmas concert was simple and even childlike, as a young woman from Latin America instructed participants — including smiling cardinals — to fold their arms over their chests.

But this was a religious ritual, not a 1990s Macarena

flashback. You will feel a strong vibration," she said, according to translations of the online video. "That is the heart — your heart, but also the heart of Mother Earth. And on the other side, where you feel the



On Religion

Terry Mattingly

silence, there is the spirit — the spirit that allows you to understand the message of the Mother.

"For us indigenous peoples ... Mother Earth, Hitchauaya, is everything. It is that Mother who provides food. She is the one who gives us the sacred water. She is the one who gives us medicinal plants and power and reminds us of our origin, the origin of our creation.'

The name "Hitchauava" was new, but battles over "Pachamama" rites had already emerged as one of the strangest Vatican news stories of late 2019. For weeks, progressives and conservatives argued about the relevancy of the first of the Ten Commandments: "You shall have no other gods before me."

Three events in Rome fueled the Earth Mother wars. For some Catholics, they became linked, theologically, to an early 2019 meeting in Abu Dhabi when Pope Francis signed an interfaith document that included this: "The pluralism and the diversity of religions, color, sex, race and language are willed by God in His

First, early in the fall's Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon region, there were rites that included wooden statues of a pregnant Amazonian woman. Some journalists reported that they represented "Our Lady of the Amazon" or were symbols of new life. Outraged Catholics then stole the statues and tossed them in the Tiber River.

Speaking as "bishop of this diocese," Pope Francis apologized and sought "forgiveness from those who have been offended by this gesture." He said the

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Valley Publishing photo by Trey Spaulding

Now, as of Jan. 1, a Colorado resident can have their firearms temporarily confiscated if evidence that a person poses a significant risk to self or others by having a firearm in his or her custody or control or by possessing, purchasing or receiving a firearm.

Local sheriffs respond to Red Flag law enforcement

By LYNDSIE FERRELL VALLEY PUBLISHING

SAN LUIS VALLEY— In light of the new year many new laws have come into effect as of Jan. 1, including the controversial Red Flag Gun Law.

The sheriffs in the western end of the Valley have gone on record about enforcement of the law.

The Red Flag law creates the ability for a family or household member or a law enforcement officer to petition the court for a temporary extreme risk protection order (ERPO).

The petitioner for an ERPO must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that a person poses a significant risk to self or others by having a firearm in his or her custody or control; or by possessing, purchasing or receiving a firearm.

The petitioner must submit an affidavit signed under oath and penalty of perjury that sets forth facts to support the issuance of a temporary ERPO and a reasonable basis for believing they exist.

The court must hold a temporary ERPO hearing in person or by telephone on the day the petition is filed or on the court day immediately following the day the petition is filed. Many Colorado residents believe the new law infringes on their constitutional rights.

In a brief interview with Rio Grande County Sheriff Don McDonald, the sheriff stated in reference to the new law that he and his crew will uphold the constitution and will handle each case on a case by case basis. "We already have restraining åorders and other laws that prohibit people that may be mentally unstable to be in possession of firearms. Those laws have worked for countless years and with this new law, I sincerely feel we have awoken a sleeping giant. There is no way that this law will do anyone any

good." McDonald and Rio Grande County Commissioners have passed a resolution classifying Rio Grande County as a "sanctuary" county.

The resolution states, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Grande County, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado Statute is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Rio Grande County, Colorado, and Whereas the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1791 as part of the Bill of

able and individual right of the people to keep and bear

The resolution declaring Rio Grande County as a "sanctuary" county was recorded by Rio Grande County Clerk and Recorder on March 21, 2019, and will be used as a means to uphold the Second and Fourth Amendments set forth by the Constitution and Bill of Rights and will be unforced by Rio Grande County Sheriff in light of the new law.

office on the Constitution and that is what we will uphold," stated McDonald.

Sheriff Fred Hosselkus in Mineral County took a similar stance on the topic but also stated that he will do as ordered by the courts. "We are a sanctuary county and will uphold the constitution, but we will do as ordered by a court of law if an order comes through to confiscate weapons. I trust the court system and will abide by those orders. Everything will be handled on will leave it up to the courts treatment and evaluation of to decide whether or not those referred by the courts. have a due process and an investigation will be performed before any action is taken."

In Saguache County, Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick says he cannot in good conscience enforce the passed red flag bill for Colorado. "I don't agree with it by any means," Warwick commented. "The law is poorly written and it violates constitutional rights."

Accused individuals should be issued a summons to appear in court for a hearing regarding having their guns removed, but as the law now stands, the accusations can be made against them and they have no right to be advised of the hearing or plead their case.

"This is no different than being charged with any other crime," Warwick pointed out. "You get your day in court. They can say it's a law, but that doesn't mean we have to enforce it.

"Who's to say what is more important - what takes precedence — to violate someone's constitutional rights or to obey the

The new law will face many legal challenges, he added, and until it is actually declared constitutional, which could take a U.S. Supreme Court determination, "I can't enforce the law

Rights, protects the inalien- if there is a constitutional question."

Warwick went on to explain that mental health providers should be the ones reporting potentially dangerous individuals to law enforcement or the courts because they have the expertise to determine when a true danger exists and when it does not. Privacy and legal issues, however, prevent them from providing this information, and these are the issues that should have

been addressed, he said. The legislature should "We took our oaths of have explored how to empower mental health to better make these determinations, Warwick observed, so they could distinguish who should temporarily have their firearms removed and returned within a short period of time and who should not possess firearms at all. Mental health providers would then be able to work in concert with the courts to provide such information on which a judge could base a decision. Better supervision and training of mental health personnel would also a case-by-case basis and we be in order to assure proper

we will confiscate weapons Colorado is the 15th state based on a complaint. We to pass a red flag law and pro-gun activists across the state have filed a lawsuit hoping to have the new law overturned in coming

> The law has caused an upheaval of controversy ever since it was proposed by Governor Jared Polis last summer.

> > The world of beauty is about to get ugly

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Conejos Gift of Giving grateful to those who made Christmas better Mr. & Mrs. Alan Reynolds

CONEJOS — The sixth annual Conejos County Gift of Giving Committee would like to thank all those who helped make this year a success for the children of Conejos County.

The committee, which served 750 children in Conejos County, works with the schools, churches and other services to help give the children a Merry

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Report courtesy of the Conejos County Gift of Giving Committee.

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Snow

■ Continued from Page 1 CAIC stated, "We are heading into a period of unsettled weather beginning Thursday. Before an incoming storm, forecasters pay close attention to the old snow surface. We ask ourselves what the new storm snow will be falling on.

"Will the new snow bond well to this surface? Or is it falling on a crust or surface facets that could be our next weak layer? As you move around your favorite back-country locale, be a forecaster; take a mental picture (or an actual picture), where are the wind slabs we have been avoiding the last week?

"How is the current snow surface going to interact with this week's new snow? You'll be prepared to make decisions as conditions change. This photo was taken yesterday by our Highway 550 forecasters looking at surface conditions in highway paths ahead of the next storm.

As of Dec. 30, Wolf Creek Ski Resort reported 193 inches of snow for the

A hardened 1- to 2-inch layer is now on top of powder snow.

This hardened surface can cause any new snow to slide especially around windrow piles and drifts or overhanging ridge lines.

Outdoor enthusiasts are urged to use caution while in the back country and to be aware of the surroundings before heading out to enjoy the snow. He added: "Look for

residents of the San Luis Valley," says Mike Roque,

Executive Director of the

signs of recent drifting to spot the danger. Avoid steep slopes with smooth pillows of stiff dense winddeposited snow. Seek out safer (and softer) conditions in lower angled, more wind-sheltered terrain. A triggered wind slab can step into older snow layers and become a dangerous persistent slab avalanche. We haven't seen a lot of that, but the possibility should not be overlooked.

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God bless **America**

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

Graceland in Memphis had a vigil Wednesday to mark the 85th anniversary of the birth of Elvis Presley. When he died, pathologists found in his blood large amounts of Dilaudid, Percodan, Demerol and codeine and

Elvis may be the only man in history who descended to

Heaven.

President Trump announced that tensions with Iran have eased Wednesday after Iran fired off wild missile shots missing U.S. personnel.

There won't be a war. The president's good news was quickly contested by his two leading Democrat critics,

Damned if He Does and Damned if He Doesn't.

Argus

Hamilton

Nancy Pelosi griped Tuesday that Trump didn't brief Congress before the U.S. attack on Iran's terrorist general. He'd just learned a new trick. Trump was going to send his attack plans over to Pelosi but he decided to hold them up until Congress lets him know how they're going to handle them. Nancy Pelosi reportedly declined a

phone call from Mike Pence intended to give her a security update on Iran on Tuesday as she was busy at a D.C. restaurant party.

No hard feelings. Trump just offered

to keep Nancy Pelosi in the loop on the Iran situation by inviting her to follow him on Twitter. Iran launched 15 missiles on Tues-

day intended to go in the general direction of a U.S. Army base in Western Iraq, 11 of which missed and four of which are unaccounted for. However, one Ukrainian airliner

is down. It's an awful thing for the Iranians to celebrate but I guess it's

President Trump said Iran has stood

down after their futile missile response to his drone strike on Iran's terrorist general. He gave up a lot to take him out. With

an \$80-million bounty on Trump's head, imagine how awful his hair is going to look now that he's cutting it

Joe Biden pitching for eco-votes called for a ban on plastic bags Wednesday. They're serious about that out here. Last year, California released thousands of prisoners convicted of selling drugs unless they sold the drugs in plastic baggies, and then more prison time was added to their sentences.

Harvey Weinstein's trial for rape and sexual assault got underway in Manhattan on Tuesday with jury selection.

He forgot where he was. Halfway through the proceedings, the judge threatened to throw Weinstein in jail for whipping it out in the courtroom, only this time it was just his cell phone.

President Trump's campaign just bought a 60-second Super Bowl ad this week in response to Mike Bloomberg purchasing a one-minute Super Bowl

It's unprecedented. In the past the Super Bowl has always banned issue ads, unless the issue is whether or not

cleavage sells Budweiser. The Daily Mail said Queen Elizabeth

will be handing over more royal duties

to Prince Charles this year. It's reported she drinks four cocktails a day plus a glass of champagne every night just before going to bed — that's

right a glass of champagne at bedtime. Who does she think she is, herself? The L.A. Times ripped Ricky Ger-

vais's Golden Globes hosting for ripping Hollywood hypocrisy Sunday. He's a liberal, but a free-speech advocate who refuses to live with political correctness.

Now is as good a time as any to say I am inexpressibly saddened by Ricky Gervais's suicide next week.

Retired General Jack Keane assured Fox News viewers during the missile attack Tuesday that Iran was staging a face-saving attack that would intentionally hit nothing, allowing Trump to avoid war and declare victory the

It played out just that way. The way Fox News cleverly uses beautiful blonde anchors to lure Trump into watching tutorials could win them the Nobel Peace Prize.

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Behind Bolton's decision

By BYRON YORK Column

Former national security adviser John Bolton shook up the Trump impeachment standoff recently with his announcement that, if subpoenaed, he is "prepared to testify" before a Senate

It's still not clear, of course, when or even if a trial might occur, since House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is withholding the articles of impeachment. But if there is a trial, and if the Senate subpoenas Bolton, he won't fight it.

Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer has demanded the trial include witnesses. Schumer specifically wants the Senate to hear testimony from Bolton, current White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, and two other White House officials, Robert Blair and Michael Duffey.

To testify or not to testify? The potential witnesses have a lot of thinking to do. Their situation is unprecedented. There is no guidebook to tell them what to do. So here are some of the factors that Bolton, Mulvaney and other possible witnesses have to weigh:

HOUSE VS. SENATE

Neither Bolton nor Mulvaney testified before the House impeachment inquiry. Bolton did not receive a subpoena. Mulvaney defied one, at the direction of the White House.

Bolton's former deputy, Charles Kupperman, was subpoenaed and asked a court to decide whether he would be required to testify. At that point, House Democrats abruptly withdrew the subpoena. Pelosi, impeachment leader Rep. Adam Schiff, and others claimed that a court fight would take too long, given the urgency that Trump be removed from office as soon as possible. So they dropped the issue.

A judge later declared the matter

Now, the questions surrounding potential testimony remain unanswered. If there was a problem requiring judicial resolution in the House, wouldn't there

also be a problem when the Senate seeks

The answer is yes, but possibly in different ways. First, it seems extremely unlikely that a court would rule that the president's aides have a blanket immunity that would prevent them from even appearing before the Senate. But at the same time it seems likely that some, or perhaps all, of the conversations between Bolton and the president, or Mulvaney and the president, would be covered by executive privilege

It is not clear whether the White House will assert the privilege. But there seems little doubt that the White House, should it seek to bar the president's closest advisers from answering at least some questions, would have some legal options to pursue. It's not clear that they would be winning options, but they could involve some fighting in court as the Senate trial gets underway.

THE ROBERTS FACTOR

House and Senate impeachment proceedings are entirely different from each other, and one of the biggest differences is the presence in the Senate trial of a representative of the judicial branch of government, in the person of the chief justice of the Supreme Court. The Constitution says the chief justice will "preside" over the Senate trial. On the other hand, the Constitution gives the Senate the "sole power" to try the impeachment. So it is highly unlikely that Chief Justice John Roberts will take charge of the Trump impeachment trial. Of the Bill Clinton trial in 1999, then-Chief Justice William Rehnquist wrote, "I did nothing in particular, and I did it very well." Roberts probably won't do much more.

But he will be there, even if he is just a rubber stamp — in other words, he will give the imprimatur of the judicial branch to the Senate's actions. So, say the Senate, with the chief justice presiding, voted to issue a subpoena to Bolton, or Mulvaney or anyone else. And say the recipient of the subpoena challenged it in court. How exactly would that work? Federal judges are not in the business

of overruling the chief justice of the Supreme Court. If an impeachment dispute ends up in court, Roberts' role could make the decisions of lower court judges — in other words, the entire federal judiciary — awkward at best.

SHOW UP, YES; ANSWER QUESTIONS, NO

Finally, even if Bolton or Mulvaney or others were subpoenaed, and even if they challenged the subpoena in court, and even if they lost, there is a difference between showing up to testify and actually answering questions. There is no doubt that both men, and perhaps others, could honor a subpoena, appear and then decline to answer a number of questions on the basis of executive privilege.

If executive privilege covers anything, it is a president's deliberations with his chief of staff and his national security adviser on the issue of foreign policy. The privilege is the president's, not Bolton's or Mulvaney's or anyone else's. Bolton's brief statement said that he is "prepared to testify," but it did not get into details of whether he would answer all questions or whether he would follow White House directions, if there were any, or

what else he might or might not do. That will be critical if Bolton, Mulvaney or other witnesses appear before the Senate. Each will be allowed to have a lawyer present, and it seems likely that White House lawyers will be present, too. Those lawyers could raise privilege issues repeatedly, depending on what is asked. Testimony that is billed as dramatic, and even explosive, might be

somewhat less exciting in reality. Bolton's statement is an important development. But there is a lot more to the question of how testimony would work in a Senate impeachment trial. It might not even happen — at least four Republican senators would have to join minority Democrats' call for witnesses. And even if it does, it could quickly turn

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into a very complicated affair.

Paine's 'Common Sense' published 243 years ago

Today is the 10th day of 2020 and the 21st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1776, Thomas Paine published his pro-independence pamphlet "Common Sense," which quickly sold some 100,000 copies.

In 1863, the London Underground

subway began operations.

In 1901, the Spindletop oil field was discovered in Beaumont, Texas, leading to the Texas Oil Boom.

In 2003, North Korea withdrew from the multi-nation treaty barring it from developing a nuclear weapons program.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ray Bolger (1904-1987), actor/dancer; Paul Henreid (1908-1992), actor; Stephen E. Ambrose (1936-2002), author/historian; Sal Mineo (1939-1976), actor; Jim Croce (1943-1973), singer-songwriter; Rod Stewart (1945-), singer-songwriter; George Foreman (1949-), boxer; Roy Blunt (1950-), U.S. senator; Pat Benatar (1953-), singer-songwriter; Jemaine Clement

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(1974-), actor/comedian.

TODAY'S FACT: The 29 oil refineries located in the state of Texas can process more than 5.7 million barrels of crude oil per day, accounting for more than a quarter of the total U.S. refining capacity.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1982, Dwight Clark caught a Joe Montana pass for a touchdown with 51 seconds left on the clock, securing a 28-27 San Francisco 49ers victory over the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC championship game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "At the core, the American citizen soldiers knew the difference between right and wrong, and they didn't want to live in a world in which wrong prevailed. So they fought, and won, and we all of us, living and yet to be born, must be forever profoundly grateful." — Stephen E. Ambrose, "Citizen Soldiers"

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Biblical salvation is a 'know-so' salvation

By PASTOR JEFFREY C. DAY

Guest column

Today we live in a hustle and bustle world where everybody seems to be going over a hundred miles per hour each and every day.

Stress levels have never been so high as people try to react to the demands that life and the workforce requires of

Most people have long ago stopped going to church. Many don't take time to think about God, about their own mortality or where they will spend their The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 4:3-

4, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." In case you didn't know, the god of this

world is Satan, not God. Satan currently rules in this world and that is why Jesus said in the Lord's prayer, "Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven". The implication is that God's will is not currently being done on earth, yet He gets blamed for many injustices that He had nothing to do with. It was the god of this world that created the injustices.

The god of this world has blinded the

are very high. The god of this world wants you to be too busy to stop and consider spiritual things.

He gives you headaches, deadlines, computers, video games, television sets, radios, anything that will keep you occupied so you don't consider the spirit world or your own standing with the God of the Universe.

Now, I'm not saying that those things, in and of themselves, are evil, but they pull us away from hearing the true God ..the Lord Jesus Christ. He, Jesus, never intended our lives

to be that way. In fact, He proves this when He said in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' Jesus did everything for you so that

salvation can be easy for you. A great preacher once said, "Salvation is free, but it ain't cheap.'

Salvation came at a cost, which the Lord Jesus Christ paid for in whole on the cross of Calvary. He wants to deliver you from your stressors and give you peace in your heart. Your circumstance most likely will not change, but you'll have the peace that comes from nothing other than the Lord Jesus Christ, and what's most amazing, is the salvation He offers is a "Know-so" salvation. You

eyes of people because the stakes for him don't have to sit around guessing about whether you are saved or not. You can know for sure that you are saved and that you are going to heaven. If you look in your Bible to 1 John 5:13,

it says, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. Many people have given up on church

and say things like, "I don't go to church because it's all a bunch of hypocrites." It's true that churches have hypocrites, but most have room for one more, come You see, we all are hypocrites to one

degree or another. It's not our "goodness" or "good acts" that distinguishes us as true Christians.

The book of Titus 3:5 states, "Not by

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works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;" You see, you cannot be "good enough" to earn your way to heaven. You are saved by the grace of God and it has nothing to do with the works you do.

Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

If you have given up on church, I invite you to come and join us for service. I can take just a few minutes and show you right out of the Bible how you can know that you are going to heaven. You see, it is a "know-so" salvation.

Pastor Day is from Alamosa's own Bible Believer's Community Church.

idols

■ Continued from Page 3 images were displayed 'without idolatrous intentions." A Vatican transcript indicated that Francis referred to the statues as "Pachamama," a traditional name for an Andean fertility goddess, or "Mother Earth."

Father Dwight Longenecker, a popular American commentator, outlined the ensuing confusion on Twitter: "It wasn't Pachamama but the pope said it was but he didn't really and it wasn't idolatry because they don't think she's god but she's a goddess sort of and they weren't bowing down to her but just a little maybe but it wasn't to her they were bowing down but to fertility

Rome buzzed with speculation that the Pachamama statues would reappear, in some way, during synod events. They didn't, but that wasn't the end of the story.

During the final synod Mass, a representative of the indigenous peoples of that it was planted at the in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Brazil carried a black bowl containing green plants, with red flowers - in the offertory procession. She presented this offering to Pope Francis, an act featured on page 1 of the Spanish edition of the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano. The pope gave the bowl to the master of ceremonies, who placed it on the altar near the candles. Videos showed that it remained there for the rest of the Mass, including the consecration

What was this offering? Conservatives circulated descriptions of traditional Pachamama rites, noting online guides to the use of pots containing plants, dirt, some kind of food and something red, a color frequently associated with Pachamama.

Conservative journalist Robert Moynihan wrote to the Vatican inquiring about the contents of the bowl and received a statement that there would be "no particular information about the plant. ... We only know

beginning of the Synod and delivered to the offertory to adorn the altar.'

A frequent critic of Pope Francis, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, argued that St. Peter's Basilica should be cleansed with new consecration rites after these "appalling idolatrous profanations." The synod, he told LifeSite News, was "a launching pad" for a "syncretistic, neo-pagan church, which is dedicated to the cult of Mother Earth.'

But Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schonborn defended these images as 'pro-life" symbols, telling Austrian newspaper Die Furche that the "controversial Pachamama statue is simply a heavily pregnant woman. ... As 'mother earth' and 'mother of life,' she is an archetype, which naturally has its place in Christian-

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UU's explore the baloney detection kit

Unitarian Universalists have as a core belief, "a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.'

But how do we know what to believe as truth? Carl Sagan, a noted Unitarian Universalist, used as his method of truth detection, what he called his baloney detection kit. Don Thompson will use Carl's baloney detection kit as a source to help us all resist the urge to pass on statements that are untrue.

The UU's will be meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at San Juan following a 9:30 a.m. community breakfast with the members of Alamosa Presbyterian Church.

For information, please call Don Thompson at 719-587-5529.

The Right Time for Your

When God created you, He made you a unique individual and He has a special plan for your life. You have a God-ordained destiny! As you pursue a personal relationship with Him, you can discover the wonderful life He has for you in Christ and become everything He's created you to be.

Your relationship with Christ is a daily, lifelong journey, and along the way God will give you dreams, desires, and hope for change in your life. Maybe you want to see a change in your family relationships, friendships, work situation, or finances. Or you may

be hoping and praying for changes to happen in your loved ones' lives. Whatever your hopes and dreams may be, God wants to help you fulfill His purposes in your life. But He usually won't tell you when those things will come to pass because you have to go through a season of preparation to be ready for them.

My Crazy Dream I remember when God put His dream in my heart in 1976 to teach the Bible to people all over the world. It seemed crazy because I was nobody from nowhere with a twelfth-grade education who almost failed English, and I hadn't been to Bible college or seminary. But I knew in my heart that God wanted to use me to preach the Gospel

When God speaks something to your heart, as crazy as it may seem, you can believe it! You have a passion to do it, it's on your mind a lot, and you will sacrifice anything to get it. From the day God revealed His call on my life, I have wanted to teach His Word more than anything else in the world.

But it didn't happen overnight. There were years of preparation I had to go through to get to the point where I could do what I'm doing today. It wasn't easy because I wanted my ministry to grow so badly and I couldn't understand why it was taking so long. But during these years, I learned what it means to really trust God and know that He will do the best thing for me at the right time.

Dream to Come True There are examples in the Bible of people who had to wait for God to fulfill their dreams:

Moses wanted to deliver his people

from slavery in Egypt and he spent 40 years in the desert before he was ready. Joseph spent 13 years in prison for something he didn't do before God gave him favor with Pharaoh, who gave him a position of authority over all the land of Egypt.

David was anointed to be king 20 years before he sat on the throne.

God wants to give us favor and the ability to fulfill our destinies, and He will do so as we learn to trust His timing with a good attitude.

You Can't Rush God

People are often in a hurry to reach their goals, but God is not. I've discovered that being frustrated about how long I have to wait will never make God hurry. God knows what we need to go through to prepare us to walk in His plans. The best thing we can do during these times is learn to wait patiently, trusting God's timing. Waiting patiently is not just waiting;

it's how we act while we're waiting. The training, or preparation, we go through in the process of reaching our dream teaches us how to trust God and

wait on His timing with a good attitude.
Psalm 31:14-15 (NIV) says, "I
trust in you, Lord; I say, 'You are my God," My times are in your hands," And Habakkuk 2:3 (AMP) says, "For the vision is yet for the appointed [future] time... Even though it delays, wait [patiently] for it, because it will certainly come; it will not delay."

These verses encourage us to be determined to trust God and wait on Him for His perfect timing. When it seems the dream He's put in your heart is delayed, you can stir up your hope in Christ for change to happen because God is faithful.

Your Destiny Is Beautiful in God's

We will be tempted to try and make things happen in our own effort



sometimes, but when we give in to it, we put off God's answer even longer. Your journey may be long, but you can enjoy it if you'll make up your mind to trust God. Don't be moved emotionally and try to give birth to your dream prematurely

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV) tells us, There is a time for everything, and season for every activity under e heavens." And verse II says, "He has made everything beautiful in its time...." The changes and breakthroughs we are praying for will certainly come as we wait on God. And they will be beautiful in the right time, but not outside of God's timing.

Choose to live in the rest of God... aceful in the midst of the storms of life and the seasons of waiting for change. Enjoy the freedom of not to know everything or have everything figured out. Instead, replace frustration with trust that God is good, He knows what He's doing, and He will do the best thing for you at the right

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Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade) Sunday, 10.45 am Teen Bible Study (5th-12th grade) Tuesday 7:00 pm Young Adults/College Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible Quizzing (1st-6th grade) Wednesday 6:30 pm Reign Youth Group (6th-12th grade) Wednesday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study* Saturday 5:00 cm Worship Service Small Groups meets throughout week, please call for info Nursery is available (Awks-rrek')

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Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass

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Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship

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rry Buckman, Pastor

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Alamosa Church of Christ

408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa

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Valley Fellowship 240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3904

First United Methodist Church 2005 Mullins Ave., Alamosa

719-589-2243

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589-6805

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Pastor Philip VanderWindt

Alamosa Christian Church

Group

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1:00 a.m.

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Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study

Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step

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Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class

Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday Bible Study 9 am

Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm

Sunday 9:50 a.m. free breakfast

Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service

Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

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- 11:00 a.m. Sunday

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Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Trinity Lutheran Church & School 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship "Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week"

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Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Adams State prepares for tough stretch

Grizzlies look to carry momentum into road split at Colorado Mines, UCCS

By AARON KINNISCHTZKE

AŠU Sports Information Director **ALAMOSA** — The Adams State Grizzlies Men's Basketball team looks to extend their win streak this weekend, as they travel north to face off against RMAC opponents Colorado Mines on Friday and UCCS on Saturday. The Grizzlies are coming off of a tremendous weekend last Friday and Saturday, that saw them take down conference opponents Chadron State and Metro State, and improve their RMAC record to 3-4. With a good weekend on the road, the Grizzlies could climb their way back into the RMAC playoff race and begin to put the rest of the conference on notice, making themselves true contenders for the postseason.

While the Grizzlies have not yet won on the road this season, they look to end that notion and get their first road victories against a Mines team that currently sits tied for second in the conference on Friday, and the Mountain Lions of UCCS who sit deadlocked in 5th place with four other teams. The Grizzlies at 3-4 in RMAC competition are on the outside looking in but could be right back in the fold at the end of the weekend, which is something that has been an expectation of the team in recent years.

Guard Juwan Green has continued to impress this season, particularly on the offensive end of the floor. After a small scoring slump, forward Kaelin Crane has rejoined him as the second big scorer for

the Grizzlies. Throw in key contributors Rickey Norris, Szymon Walczak and Rylan O'Brien, and the undersized Grizzlies are a force to be reckoned with when they play to their potential. Last weekend, particularly Saturday's blowout win against Metro, the Grizzlies shot 55% from three-point range en route to an 18-point victory against the Roadrunners on their home floor. Shooting had been an area that had plagued the Grizzlies all season long but they appeared to hit their stride Saturday shooting the ball, and hope to carry that momentum into this weekend.

History has not been kind to the Grizzlies at Mines or UCCS, as they have not won in Golden since the 2014-15 season, one of those losses being their first-round playoff exit last season in the RMAC tournament. In Colorado Springs, the Grizzlies last win against the Mountain Lions on the road came in the 2012-13 season, and they will look to end that streak this weekend as well.

If the Grizzlies can continue to shoot the ball well and hold their own on the glass as they have thus far this season despite losing the size advantage, they are fully capable of winning their third and fourth game in a row and raising their RMAC record above .500 on the year. Tip-off in Golden Friday night is set for 8 PM while Saturday night's matchup in Colorado Springs is set to tipoff at 7:30. Live stream as well as live stats will be provided by the opposing schools' websites.

Grizzlies head north to take on the Orediggers and Mountain Lions

By CORRI ZAIGER

ASU Sports Information Assistant ALAMOSA — The Adams State Women's Basketball team heads back out on the road to take on two more RMAC competitors. The Grizzlies will first travel to Golden, Colorado to challenge Colorado School of Mines, Friday, Jan. 10 at 6:00 p.m. Adams State will then come down to take on UC-Colorado Springs, Saturday, Jan. 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Adams State is coming off of a split weekend at home, defeating Chadron State 73-58, and falling to MSU-Denver 66-58. Leading the Grizzlies offense last weekend were Zakiya Beckles, Marshell Hollins and Laura Gutierrez. Beckles totaled 41 between the two games, with three steals. Gutierrez added 32 points, with 4 steals on the weekend. Hollins tallied 24 points, with 11 rebounds between the two games. Following Hollins with rebounds, Kassie Schell and Paiton Demps also crashed the boards, with Schell totaling 10 rebounds and Demps with 9 on the weekend.

Scouting the Orediggers

Colorado School of Mines is entering the weekend 7-5 overall, and 4-3 in RMAC play. The Orediggers are also coming off of a split weekend when facing a loss to Dixie State and a big win against the #12 ranked Westminster Griffins. This season the Orediggers are being led by sophomore, Denali Pinto. Pinto is averaging 18.9 points a game. Another big player for Colorado School of Mines is

sophomore Sammy Van Sickle, who has a .403 field goal average.

The last time these two teams matched up, the Orediggers walked away with the 59-48 win in Alamosa, Colorado, The Grizzlies are 5-13 overall against Colorado School of Mines in the last 15 years. The Grizzlies and Orediggers will tipoff at 6:00 p.m. at the Lockridge Arena in Golden, Colorado on Friday, Jan. 10.

Watching the Mountain Lions

UC-Colorado Springs heads into the

weekend 2-11 overall and 1-6 in Conference. The Mountain Lions are coming out of a split weekend in Utah, beating Dixie State 67-40, and falling 75-64 to #12 Westminster College. The Mountain Lions are being led by junior, Abby Feickert. Feickert is averaging 10.8 points per game while having a .409 field goal average. Another offensive leader for the Mountain Lions is senior, Madi Gaibler, averaging 9.9 points a game, with a .404 field goal average.

Last year when these two teams matched up, UC-Colorado Springs came out victorious, 77-46. Historically, the Grizzlies are 8-20 against the Mountain Lions in the past 14 years. The Grizzlies will tipoff against the Mountain Lions at 5:30 p.m. at the Gallogly Events Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Coming Up

The Grizzlies will stay on the road, where they will travel to Grand Junction and Gunnison, Colorado to take on Colorado Mesa and Western Colorado.

Alamosa takes down Centauri in dual

By STEPHEN JIRON

Courier Sports Editor

LA JARA — Thursday saw a dual between Alamosa and Centauri. The Mean Moose controlled the lower weights and ran away with a 55-24 win.

Both the Falcons and Moose have garnered plenty of respect in the On the Mat rankings by Tim Yount. As a team, Alamosa was ranked first overall in the 3A class which Centauri held the No. 10 spot in 2A wrestling according to the week five rankings.

Alamosa has stayed busy picking up big wins in duals as well as seeing wrestlers get to the later rounds in both the Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas and also the Warrior Classic in Grand Junction. Thursday marked Centauri's first action back from the Christmas break.

before that they were on the road at the North Colorado Christmas Tournament

Before the boys hit the mat, everyone was clad in Leukemia awareness orange, bearing the statement 'No One Fights Alone' in support of Aundre Chavez. Both Alamosa and Centauri showed support for Chavez who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL).

When the action got underway Alamosa swept the lighter weight classes.

At 106 pounds was a competitive matchup as both boys ranked in the top ten of their respective classes. Alamosa freshman Kyler Liddell escaped Mario Vigil hanging on with a 7-5 decision that came down to the final seconds.

From 113 up things went quickly. Alamosa's 113 pounder Dario Valdez

scored a fall in the second period against Xander Lopez, at 120, 126 and 132 Alamosa's Davion Chavez, Trevor Maestas and Colton Liddell respectively scored first period pins for the visitors. Both Chavez and Liddell are ranked in their respective weight classes. Chavez third at 120 and Liddell first at 132. Going by weight class, the Moose led 21-0.

Centauri's second-ranked 138 pounder Eyan Chavez put the Falcons on the board with a first-round fall for the home squad. Immediately following, a forfeit at 145 put the Moose ahead 27-6. Freshman Erik Maestas and sophomore

Zach Buhr started a run for the Falcons with two straight pins bringing Centauri closer, by weight the home team trailed 27-18.

Alamosa's Hunter and Garrett Smith retook the momentum with two more falls credited to the Moose for a 39-18 lead by weight class. Alamosa's Zeke Rangel would add a decision followed by a pin from All-American Austin Trujillo. A forfeit at 285 pounds to Centauri's Remi Lucero sealed the dual at a 55-24 win to the visitors.

Both teams will be back at it on Friday for duals in Alamosa. Alamosa will stay home for more grappling on Saturday as they host the Alamosa Classic Tournament.

To register for updates from On the Mat via Tim Yount visit http://www.cowrestling.com/OTMrankings.htm.

For more information or to make a donation in support of Aundre Chavez's fight against Leukemia, be sure to visit www.gofundme.com/f/aundre-fight039sleukemia.



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron

'No One Fights Alone' Centauri's wrestling team warms up in Leukemia awareness orange in support of Aundre Chavez prior to their dual with Alamosa on Thursday night.



Alamosa's Hunter Smith checks his progress with the ref while imposing a cradle on opponent Byron Shawcroft during Thursday's dual in La Jara. Both teams will be back on the mat Friday for Alamosa's duals.

Results

Adams State Basketball Jan. 3

Adams State 73, Chadron State 58 (W)

Adams State 81, Chadron State 79 (M) Jan. 4

Metro State 66, Adams State 58 (W)

Adams State 91, Metro State 73 (M)

Prep Basketball Jan. 4

> Rocky Ford 48, Center 27 (G) Center 53, Rocky Ford 45 (B) Sangre de Cristo 76, Creede 15 (G) Sangre de Cristo 79, Creede 31 (B) Centauri 47, Sanford 43 (G) OT

Centauri 47, Sanford 34 (B)

Jan. 7

Pueblo Central 57, Monte Vista 38 (B)

Prep Wrestling Jan. 4

Colt "Bobby Hawk" Classic

12. Alamosa 55.5

Jan. 9

Alamosa 55, Centauri 24

Upcoming Events

Adams State Basketball

Jan. 10

6/8 p.m. ASU at Colorado School of Mines (W/M) Jan. 11

Prep Basketball

Jan. 10 2:30 p.m. Center at Mancos (G/B)

5:30/7:30 p.m. ASU at UC-CS (W/M)

Sports Bulletin

3/4:30 p.m. Sanford at Ellicot (G/B) 5 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at Rocky Ford (G/B) 5 p.m. Dolores Huerta at Creede (G/B)

7 p.m. Alamosa at Kent Denver (B)

TBA Antonito at Escalante (B)

Jan. 11 1 p.m. Creede at Crested Butte (G/B)

2 p.m. Sargent at Center (G/B)

4 p.m. Antonito at Questa (B) 4 p.m. Alamosa at Pinnacle (B)

5 p.m. Sierra Grande at Primero (B) 5:30 p.m. Alamosa at Ignacio (G)

5:30/7 p.m. Del Norte at Sangre de Cristo (G/B)

5:30/7 p.m. Sanford at Pagosa Springs (G/B) 5:30/7 p.m. Monte Vista at Kent Denver (G/B)

Prep Hockey Jan. 17

6:40 p.m. SLV at Taos

Jan. 18

8:40 a.m. SLV at Taos

Adams State Swimming Jan. 17

Colorado Classic

ASU at Colorado College (W/M)

Adams State Wrestling

Jan. 10

All Day ASU at San Francisco State Tourny

Jan. 10

Prep Wrestling

6 p.m. Western Colorado at ASU

Jan. 11

TBA Centauri at Pagosa Springs

4 p.m. Alamosa Duals

9 a.m. Alamosa Invitational

Cowboy Invitational

Center, Del Norte, Sierra Grande-Centennial at

Gunnison

AHS Basketball Reunion

Schedules subject to change

ALAMOSA — Alamosa High School is hosting a reunion for former coach Ken Niven. While at Alamosa, Niven oversaw a Mean Moose run of four consecutive titles from 1989-92 over Classes

AA and 4A. He also had four Division I signees. The reunion will take place Friday and Saturday of Jan. 24th and 25th. Friday will be the home games against Montezuma-Cortez at 5:30/7 p.m. followed by a social at the Bankshot. Saturday will be a

mid-morning shoot around at AHS then the home games against Pagosa Springs at 5:30/7 p.m. Niven and Alumni players will be recognized at halftime. Saturday's social will take place at the Purple Pig Pizzeria following the games.

ASU Volleyball open tryouts

ALAMOSA — Saturday, January 25th the ASU Grizzlies Volleyball team will be holding tryouts. The event is open to any 2020/2021 high school students and/ or Junior College players. For the registration form email alimiller@adams.edu. Participants are asked to bring or email in a completed registration form, a current sports physical and a proof of insurance (company and policy information). For questions or to email in a form, physical, insurance package be sure to contact Coach Miller at alimiller@adams.edu or at (720) 879-2803

Valley News

Safety, sensitivity and older drivers

LAKEWOOD — Driving is a feeling of freedom one gets when he or she can travel anywhere they wish.

But, there may come a point in time when either he or she or a relative or friend must make the decision to put the keys away and find another way to commute.

Talking to an older people about their driving can be difficult and is often delayed until their driving is to a point of being dangerous. But if delayed too long, it can be a hesitation that can turn fatal.

"I speak from personal experience when I lost my grandmother in a crash," said Colorado State Patrol Master Trooper Gary Cutler by press release. "The signs were there prior to the fatal crash, but we failed to see them as a serious enough problem and hesitated in having her stop driving.

'It started with a few scratches here and there on the car — and pulling into the garage a little too far. Perhaps, if we had acted upon those signs we may have had her around longer.'

Cutler added: "Years later when another driving situation approached my family, we didn't hesitate to take action.'

When his father began to show signs of having trouble driving due to early onset dementia, Cutler said, he and his family took steps to keep him from driving and possibly hurting himself or someone else.

A problem people may face is when older drivers believe they are driving fine, Cutler said, when in fact a dangerous problem exists.

"I won't tell you it was easy to have the conversa-tion," Cutler said. "My father was upset with us for a while, but I would do it again to make sure it keeps

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showed that in 2018, 19% of all fatal crashes were caused by drivers 65 years and older.

Now, this doesn't mean just because someone turns 65, such a person should have his or her driver's license taken from them. "Far from it, it just means it's time to start being

aware of any changes," Cutler said. "For a start, keep track of eyesight, physical fitness and reflexes.

If you are an older person, try to avoid driving in bad weather, driving at dusk or night, where it may be harder to see things, or if bright lights have started to bother your eyes.

Other ways to make sure one is being safe is to give oneself more distance between cars and to constantly

scan the road ahead, Cutler said.

"Look (for) ways you can extend your driving by being aware of any changes that could be dangerous on the roadways for you and others by adjusting those problems as they arise," he added.

For family members with aging relatives, plan ahead so when the time comes everyone involved knows what needs to be done, Cutler said. Have a discussion with family members about what should be done, and how everyone should respond when and if the time comes.

"Be sensitive to ways you can preserve the older driver's self-respect," Cutler said. "Present concerns in non-threatening terms. Use 'I' messages rather than 'you' messages."

He added: Focus on a plan that maximizes community safety and try to look for ways that can put into place ways that allow the older person to continue

to drive if possible by changing habits. "Don't wait to take steps that could save lives,"

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Cutler said. "As always, safe travels. For more information on driving for the elderly. visit www.nhtsa.gov

Story courtesy of Cutler.



Top eight ways of coping with stress

It's the start of a new decade and a time when many people are trying to make more positive changes in

One of the best things one can all do is focus on reducing his or her stress simply because of the adverse physical and mental health effects that come from not managing it.

Dr. Alok Trivedi is a human behavior expert, founder of the Aligned Performance Institute and author of the book 'Chasing Success,' His seven tips for reducing stress are:

1. Measure one's stress levels: At the end of each day, give oneself a score from 1 to 10 describing one's level of stress on that day. Average out one's numbers at the end of the week to monitor the stress level. Knowing where one stands is important to determine how strong a grip stress has over an individual.

2. Reduce time around the stressor: Maybe it's a coworker. Maybe it's an ex. Perhaps it's watching political news on television. Whatever is causing such stress, reduce the time spend engaged with it. In fact, do what needs to be done in order to avoid this person or thing as quickly as possible so one can move forward and feel better. For those situations that can't be avoided, ask oneself, "What is the healthiest way to respond?" Remember, one can't control the stressor. One can only control one's response.

3. Find outlets for an individual's stress: Whether it's hitting the gym or reading a book, everyone needs an outlet to reduce stress. This is usually around an activity that one enjoy and find pleasurable. Whatever it is that takes one's mind off the hustle and bustle of everyday life and makes one feel free, do more of it.

4. Max O2 Breathing: Most people are adding to their stress due to improper breathing or breathing through the chest. Instead, slow one's breathing and inhale through the diaphragm (stomach area) for seven seconds, hold it for seven seconds and slowly exhale through the lips for seven seconds. This prevents hyperventilation, makes one feel calmer and allows the mind and body to reset.

5. Get rid of your family: For 30 minutes, that is. No matter where one lives, what one does for a living or any other life circumstance, everyone needs to take at least 30 minutes each day for themselves. If one is not taking the time to relax, refresh and recharge one's mind and body, one is going to drown in stress and be unable to function at optimal performance.

6. Take a Freedom Day: A longer version of "me" time is taking an entire mental health day all to oneself. In fact, many companies now offer these to their employees. This is a day one spends doing whatever one want, wherever one wants and with whomever one wants. There are no rules to be followed except getting away from the grind and having fun.

7. Slow down: We live in a very fast-paced time where we are all super connected and multitasking is a way of life. If one want to reduce one's stress, as Supertramp said, "Take the long way home." Walk instead of run. Take the scenic route. Focus on completing one task at a time. Admire one's surroundings. Taste one's food instead of gulping it down. Disconnect from social media and the internet for just one day. Be present in all that one does.

8. Stop being so rigid: Having these set and strict expectations to follow isn't healthy. Instead, be fluid and go with the flow more. Things don't always have to go one's way and one doesn't always have to be in control all of the time. Learn to let go, relax and let life take one wherever it does.

For more information, click onto <a href="http://aligned-

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STK# DG9666 MSRP:\$29,930

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Lifestyle

South Fork renovates ice skating rink

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

SOUTH FORK — The new year may be over but the fun is still continuing in South Fork. With the help of the town in partnership with the Friends of South Fork, those coming to the area for some winter fun now have a warm place to go near the ice skating rink located in Rickel Park.

For many years the town has placed the ice skating rink in the parking lot of the visitor center, but this year moved it to a more picturesque setting at Rickel Park. The small rink is now surrounded by frost laden willows edged by the South Fork of the Rio Grande. A sledding hill and playground make it the perfect destination for a day or night of family fun.

In years past, the town and South Fork Visitor Center have offered free skates for those who wish to come enjoy the little ice-skating rink and may not have the equipment to skate. This year, skaters will not pick up their skates or sleds at the Visitor Center. Now sleds and skates are available at the rink at the newly erected ice skating shed.

The town, with a small donation from the Friends of South Fork, recently built a warming hut near the skating rink for everyone to enjoy. The building is small but functional and is laden with every size skate for skaters of all ages to enjoy. "The skates are free, but donations can be made in the donation box located in the warming hut. Donations are used to help keep the rink and shed maintained for the public to enjoy," said visitor center Director Mark Teders.

The warming hut will also have some sleds for anyone who wants to enjoy the sledding hill located right above the skating rink and playground. Families from all over the Valley come to the area to enjoy the small sledding hill which is perfect for families of all ages. Guests can be seen on any given day out enjoying the snow in the park and now they have a warm place to go.

The rink and warming hut are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. For more information please call Mark at 719-873-5512.



A new warming hut (below) has been built by the Town of South Fork near the ice-skating rink (above) located at Rickel Park. Skates and sleds are available for the public to use and donations are welcome.



Do things outdoors even when it's cold

Cold weather can make the desire to be outside less appealing, but it is important for one's mental and physical well-being to get outside. The following activities might coax people outside for some crisp air. TF18C525

The amount of time people spend outdoors has dramatically decreased, as the Environmental Protection Agency now reports the average American spends 87 percent of his or her time in a residence, school building or workplace.

Being outside is linked to better moods, more physical activity and less exposure to contaminants (concentrations of some pollutants are often two to five times higher indoors). Also, people who spend time outside may not come into contact with surface germs or develop various illnesses spread as often as those who spend a lot of time

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CREATE SNOW CRITTERS

Why do snowmen and women get all of the fanfare this time of year? Just about any living or fictional creature can be molded from snow and embellish landscapes. Use food-grade coloring in spray bottles to added even more creative flair to snow designs.

GO ON A NATURE HIKE

While many plants and animals hibernate in winter, there is still plenty to see. Bring along a sketch book or camera and capture nature in winter. White-washed hills can be beautiful to behold, and many small animals and birds look even more vivid against the white backdrop

MAKE AN OBSTACLE COURSE

Turn an area of the yard or park into a homemade obstacle course. It's much more difficult — and a great workout — to try to jump over snow mounds or run down paths when decked out in warm layers. Engage in lighthearted competitions with friends and family members.

GET SPORTY

Sledding, skating, snowshoeing, and ice hockey are just a few of the winter sports that can get the heart pumping and muscles working outside. These activities are entertaining and also great exercise.

When venturing outdoors in winter, dress in layers. This way clothing can be put on or taking off to reduce the likelihood of hypothermia. TF18C525



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

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MONDAY - SATURDAY - 8:30 AM - 6 PM

Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER
APPLICATIONS FILED IN
WATER DIVISION 3.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and amended applications or requests for correction filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of December 2019 in which the court ordered publication.
The names and addresses of applicants, description of water rights, or conditional water rights involved, and description of ruling sought, are as follows:

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1.1. Use: Irrigation. 23. Name of Structure: Minor Ditch Enlargement. 24. Source: Rio Grande River. 25. A. Date of Appropriation: April 30, A.D. 1909. 26. How was appropriation initiated: 2nd expansion in size and length of ditch. 27. Date water applied for beneficial use: April 30, 1909. 28. List Uses: Irrigation. 29. Priority and Amount Claimed: of the total 2.0 CFS, absolute, in this Priority No. 1916-71. 30. Proposed Change of Water Right: This application proposes to do a partial change in place of use for applicant's water under the Minor Ditch. Applicant desires to place a new pivot sprinkler in the NE1/4 of Section 36 (See Attached Exhibit 1) The pivot will be a half circle covering 41.7 acres. The pivot will be on the south side of US Hwy 160. This sprinkler will partially irrigate 20.3 acres historically irrigated by the odd irrigation. However, it will also irrigate 21.4 acres to the south that has been historically irrigated by the ditch. Total proposed acreage under this sprinkler will be 41.7 ac. In order to irrigate these lands, applicant is offering to dry up 27.5 acres of other lands under their share of the ditch. Please refer to attached Exhibits 1-3. These are lands that have been regularly irrigated by the Minor Ditch. The reason the applicants want to place this sprinkler is that land under it is more fertile and out

of the bottom lands on the ranch. Applicants feel they can improve hay production on the ranch. If irrigation, complete the following: For the Applicant, number of acres historically irrigated 306.83; proposed to be irrigated 300.83. Does the Applicant intend to use this water right to supplement irrigation on an area of land already irrigated under another water right? No. Legal description of irrigated acreage: See Attached Maps Exhibits A-Z. Portions of the following lands: N1/2 NE1/4 Section 25, Township 40 North, Range 4 East, NMPM. SE1/4 Section 25, Township 40 North, Range 4 East, NMPM. SE1/4 Section 25, Township 40 North, Range 5 East, NMPM-Lying South of RR. S1/2 Section 30, Township 40 North, Range 5 East, NMPM. NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 36, Township 40 North, Range 4 East, NMPM. NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 36, Township 40 North, Range 4 East, NMPM. It needs to be pointed out that applicants also have four reservoir rights for the ranch. They are as follows: Reservoir Location (PLSS) Reservoir Location (PLSS)

Spruce Lakes 50.00 AF Sec. 22, T38N, R1E, NMPM Regan Lake 279.23 AF Sec. 32, T41N, R3W, NMPM Pogue Lake 261.00 AF Goose Lake 223.00 AF Sec. 26, T38N, R3E, NMPM

223.00 AF

Total Reservoir Water
813.23 AF

This water has been used as supplemental irrigation water supply to the ranch. This practice will continue as the various reservoir rights will supply water to historically irrigated land (less the dry-up area) on the Davie Ranch and the additional 21.4 acres lying south and uphill of the current Minor Ditch service area. Additionally, applicants are under an agreement with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife for an annual youth deer hunting on the ranch, Parks and Wildlife deliver 150 acre feet of water to the ranch for additional irrigation water. These waters are used in the Ehrowitz and Minor Ditches. Names and address of land owners: Rick and Lugail Davie 0316 CR 17 Del Norte, CO 81132.

SUBSTITUTE WATER SUPPLY PLAN NOTIFICATION LIST Section 37-92-308(6), C. R.S. directs the State Engineer to establish a notification list for each water division for the purpose of notifying interested parties of requests for the State Engineer to establish a notification list for each water division for the purpose of notifying interested parties of requests for the State Engineer's approval of substitute water supply plans ("SWSP") filed in that water division pursuant to section 37-92-308, C.R.S. The SWSP notification list is also used to provide notice of proposed water right loans to the Colorado Water Conservation Board for use as instream flows under section 37-83-105(2)(b)(II), C.R.S., notice of applications for tallowing-leasing pilot projects under section 37-60-115(8)(e)(II).

This notice is an invitation to be included on the SWSP notification list. To receive this information by e-mail, provide your name, e-mail address, daytime telephone number, and the water divisions of interest. If you prefer to be noticed by first-class mail, specify that preference and provide your mailing address. Submit the information to: Substitute Water Supply Plan Notification List (c/o Laura Kalafus, Program Assistant), Colorado Division of Water Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 818, Denw

PRODUCED NONTRIBUTARY GROUND WATER NOTIFICATION LIST

Pursuant to Rule 17.5.D of the Produced Nontributary Ground Water Rules, 2 CCR 402-17 ("Rules"), the State Engineer is publishing this invitation to persons to be included on the Produced Nontributary Ground Water Notification List. According to Rule 17.5.I of the Rules, the State Engineer must establish a Produced Nontributary Ground Water Notification List for each water division within the State of Colorado for the purposes of ensuring that water users within each water division receive adequate notice of proceedings held pursuant to the Rules. In order to establish such notification list, the State Engineer is directed, in January of each year, to cause to have published in the water court resume for each water division an invitation to be included on such notification list for the applicable water division. To receive this information by e-mail, provide your name, e-mail address, daytime telephone number, and the water divisions of interest. If you prefer to be noticed by first-class mail, specify that preference and provide your mailing address. Submit the information to: Produced Nontributary Ground Water Notification List (c/o Laura Kalafus, Program Assistant), Colorado Division of Water Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 818, Denver, Colorado 80203, Phone: (303) 866-3581, or e-mail to: Laura kalafus@state.co.us.
Any additional information regarding the Produced Nontributary Ground Water Rules can be found on the Division of Water Resources website at: www.water.state.co.us.
Annual Replacement Plan Notification List for Water Division No. 3 The "Rules Governing the Withdrawal of Groundwater in Water Division No. 3 (the Rio Grande Basin) and Establishing Criteria for the Beginning and End of the Irrigation Season in Water Division No. 3 (the Rio Grande Basin) and Establishing Criteria for the Beginning and End of the Irrigation Season in Water Division No. 3 (the Rio Grande Basin) and Establishing Criteria for the Beginning and End of the Irrigation

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Under Rule 4.2 of the Groundwater Rules, the Annual Replacement Plain Notification. Lett (ARP List) means the list of interested persons of the submission of any Subdistrict Annual Replacement Plains, approved or Gaspproved of hose plans by the State and the Rule. High approved for Gaspproved of hose plans by the State and the Rule. High approved for Gaspproved of hose plans by the State and the Rule. High approved for force is approved to those plans by the State Lingineer must provide notice to interested persons from the Rules and the Rule. High approved the Rule High approv

quent release to cover the City's injurious depletions to the Alamosa River injuring junior water rights upstream of the El Viejo headgate; and D) Application for Approval of Plan for Augmentation to replace injurious depletions to the Rio Grande, the Conejos River, and the Alamosa River caused by pumping of Alamosa Sconfined aquifer municipal wells to bring the wells in compliance with the Groundwater and Irrigation Season Rules for Water Division No. 3. Part A New Underground Water Rights. Name, legal description of point of diversion, source of water, depth of well date of appropriation, flow rate, and annual diversion amount for each well claimed: Ross Ave. Well. WDID 2005066; NE1 / 4SW1 / 4 Sec. 10 T37N R10E, NMPM, at a point 2735 ft. from NSL, 1360 ft. from WSL; 1800 gpm from confined aquifer 1500 ft. deep, 2900 acre feetlyr; 12th St. Well. WDID 2006316; SW1 / 4SW1 / 4 Sec. 10 T37N R10E, NMPM, at a point 650 ft. from SSL, 50 ft. from WSL; 1800 gpm from confined aquifer 1675 ft. deep, 2900 acre feetlyr; Cole Park Well. WDID 2006317; NW1 / 4NE1 / 4 Sec. 10 T37N R10E, NMPM, at a point 983 ft. from NSL, 1749 ft. from SSL, 50 ft. Well WDID 2006408; NE1 / 4SW1 / 4 Sec. 1737N R10E, NMPM, at a point 983 ft. From NSL, 1749 ft. from SSL, 150 ft. Well WDID 2006408; NE1 / 4SW1 / 4 Sec. 1737N R10E, NMPM, at a point 3600 ft. from NSL, 2580 ft. from WSL, 2100 gpm Murphy St. West Wolld potton (1961; 14,45W) / 14 Sec. at 197th Priority (1961) and (1961

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Gerk of the Alamosa Combined Courts
Water Court, Water Division 3
8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 NO. 1231
Published in the Valley Courier on January 10, 2020

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRAIRIE DITCH COMPANY SHAREHOLDERS
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED: That the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Prairie Ditch Company will be held on February 1, 2020 at 9:00 AM., at the Mosca United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, located in Mosca, Colorado.
The purpose of the Meeting will be to:
1) Set the assessment for 2020.
2) Nominate and elect Directors to the Board , for the Central District, currently held by Steve Van Treese, and one at large member currently held by Lyle Nissen, both are 3 year terms
3) Any other business that may come legally before the meeting. Enclosed you will find your proxy form
The board of Directors urges shareholder that do not expect to attend the Annual Meeting to sign and designate a proxy; YOUR VOTE CANNOT BE COUNTED WITHOUT A DESIGNATED PROXY AND IT MUST BE SIGNED. Please return to the Prairie Ditch Company, PO, BOX 32, Mosca Colorado 81146, by January 27, 2020.
PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST, INFORM THE SECRETARY WHO IS QUALIFIED TO REPRESENT YOU AND YOUR STOCK, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING (Article III Section 4, as per regulations adopted Feb 4, 2018)

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING (Article III Section 4, as per regulations adopted Feb 4, 2018)
Your PROXY WILL NOT BE USED if you later decide to attend the Annual Meeting and desire to vote your shares. Lunch will be provided.
Given by the order of the Board of Directors of the Prairie Ditch Company
No. 1216

Published in the Valley Courier on December 28, 2019, January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 29, 2020

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Colorado State Statute No.

83-21-1 Plaza Storage Facility and Apple Tree Storage Facility, having given proper notice to the parties of the storage unity herein stated at their last known address, shall dispose of all property in said unit. Said disposal shall be any time after January 24th, 2020. Contents of storage units Plaza Storage to be disposed is #27 Deanna Lucer, # Dillion Gardner, Apple Tree Storage unit #138 Ray Jaramillo, #35 Published in the Valley Courier on January 10 and 17, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Location:an Luis Valley Conejos County Hwy 142 near the Rio Grande Bridge. Separate sealed BIDS for the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area/Rio Grande Natural Area Sign Panel (Special)-6 Panel will be received by San Luis Valley Great Outdoors, P.O. Box 300, Alamosa, Colorado 81101, located at 610 State Ave, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. until 2:00 P.M. on January 24th, 2019. The project consists of the following: The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area/Rio Grande Natural Area is looking for the installation and fabrication of one Sign Panel (Special)-6 Panel Portals, located at Colorado State Highway 142 near the Rio Grande River crossing between Manassa, CO and San Luis, CO. Bid designs will be similar to those of the Portal Signs located in San Luis (Main Street next to the park), Antonito (south of Antonito across from Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad) and Alamosa (Rio Grande Farm Park) along the Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway. Copies of the Plans may be obtained by emailing San Luis Valley Great Outdoors at slvgreatoutdoors@gmail.com. It is anticipated that the project construction will begin March, 2019.

102 CARD OF THANKS

the expressions of sympathy conveyed to us in many ways. We deeply appreciate everything to help us get through this difficult time. The Lawrence Trujillo Family.(01/11)

163 **LOST & FOUND**

MALE BOXER MIX "Chacko". Lost seen Jan 3 in Magote/Canon area. If found call 719-588-1296 or 719-588-0802 "REWARD"(1/16)

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SLV FEDERAL **BANK** is now accepting applications for a Member Service Representative in our Monte Vista office. Applications and position descriptions are available at www. slvfed.com or at each branch location. Equal opportunity Employer, including considering individuals with Disabilities and Veterans/ Affirmative Action Employer.(1/15)

HELP WANTED

CHE COUNTY Land-

fill is Hiring for an additional Full Time Attendant. REQUIRE-MENTS: Applicants must fill out and submit an application, must be an experienced front end loader operator and possess a valid driver's license. Applicants should have a high school diploma or GED and six months or more of relevant experience. Final candidates applying with Saguache County will be required to submit and pass a pre-employment drug screen and criminal background check. Pay Landfill Attendant is a full time 40 hour per week position - starting at 8:00 A.M. each day Tuesday through Saturday (subject to change) Those applying must be an experienced front end loader operator, have the ability to do strenuous outdoor physical labor in extreme weather conditions and be able to lift and/or move 20 lbs. to 75 lbs. Applications are available at the Saguache County Road and Bridge/Landfill Office 305 3rd Street, PO Box 476, Saguache, CO 81149 719-655-2554 or on the Saguache County tab. Completed applications can be hand delivered or mailed to Saguache County Road and Bridge/Landfill Office – at the address listed above, sent by

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(01/31)

THE ALAMOSA COUNTY Board of Commissioners is seeking interested citizens to serve on the Alamosa County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is comprised of five volunteer citizens and one alternate appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. They advise the County on planning, land development, and land policy within Alamosa County. This position is appointed to attend Planning Commission Board meetings. Those interested in applying for the board member position must submit an application and current resume. Applications may be picked up at the County Administration office at 8900-A Independence Way or online at alamosacounty.org. Applications must be received by January 16, 2020. Send your information to Belina Ramirez, Executive Assistant, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 or to bramirez@alamosacounty.org. If you have questions please contact the Alamosa County Land Use Department at landuse@ alamosacounty.org or (719) 589-3812. (1/16)

ALAMOSA COUNTY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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- Patrol Deputy
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HELP WANTED THE ALAMOSA COUNTY Commissa is seeking a Full-Time sioners have announced Water/Wastewater Techa "Notice of Vacancy" nician I to perform operand accepting appliations, maintenance, and cations for a board repairs within the water member position on the and sewer divisions under the supervisor of Local Marketing District Board through the senior personnel. This Alamosa Convention position is responsible to & Visitors Bureau. The provide on-call service Alamosa Convention & on a rotating basis to cover after-hours repairs Visitors Bureau (CVB) is funded through the and maintenance, as Alamosa Lodging Tax required. Starting salary is \$15.25 - \$16.78 per and the Alamosa Local Marketing District tax hour (DOQ), including collections. The CVB a comprehensive health team of professional benefits package, CO staff serve at the di-PERA retirement, and rection of the Alamosa vacation, personal, and Tourism Development sick leave. Applications Board and the Local can be found online at Marketing District www.cityofalamosa.org Board. The members under Employment or at of these boards are apthe HR Department, 300 pointed by the Alamosa Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Closing date County Commissioners and include the very best is January 24, 2020 at 5 community leaders who pm. (1/24) have a firsthand knowl-SIERRA GRANDE edge of tourism and economic development. The board meets on the sec-

SCHOOL District is currently accepting applications for the position of school secretary/ receptionist. Applicants should have a background in clerical/office work as well as excellent management skills and experience in working with the public. Experience in automated data management skills and electronic web-based platforms is preferred, but not required. Application forms are available at the district office located at 17523 E. Hwy 160 Blanca, CO 81123 or on the District's website at www.sierragrandeschool.net Applications may be submitted to Mr. Darren Edgar at dedgar@sierragrandeschool.net or turned in at the district office. For more information please contact Mrs. DeAnn Arellano at 719-379-3257.(1/24)

JOHNNY'S AUTO TRIM & Rod Shop, Alamosa, looking for experienced mechanic, fabricator, paint/body, upholster, electrical, detailer and p/t bookkeeper. Quality a must; see FB page. Send resume to johnnysautotrim@ msn.com; salary TBD on experience. (01/31)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is looking for full time / part time custodian position. For more information please call 719-378-2321. Applications may be downloaded from sdc.schooldesk.net or picked up at school office. Positions open until filled.(1/24)

221 **HELP WANTED**

SAN JUAN MOUN-TAINS Association Visitor Information Specialist The San Juan Mountains Association is seeking a full-time Visitor Information Specialist to provide topnotch customer service for the Rio Grande National Forest in Monte Vista and/or Del Norte. Salary range is \$28,000-\$30,000 per year (depending on experience) plus health care stipend, paid vacation, and retirement contribution. For more information please visit sjma.org/ jobs-sjma/.(01/23)

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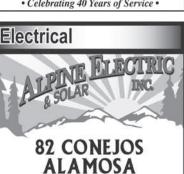
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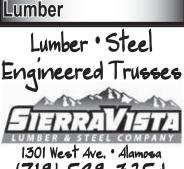
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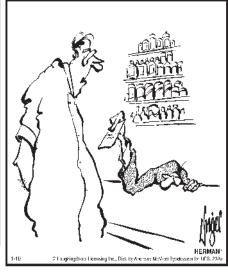
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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TODAY'S CLUE: A SIERBƏ 🗵

Previous Solution: "I like a little chaos. I think that's really true for my inner Buddha. ... Maybe I can't take total peace." — Meredith Vieira

Ashes have waited 30 years to be scattered over hawaii

years ago, a friend of my husband's roommate passed away of AIDS and was cremated. His family had ostracized him. I have no idea who they are or where they are. The roommate left and later died, also from AIDS. He left his friend's ashes in his old room in my husband's house in the San Francisco Bay area with instructions to scatter them in Hawaii.

The ashes have been sitting reverently in a cardboard box on a shelf in our several homes for all these 30 years. We are still together, but getting old. There is no paperwork of any kind. All we know about the deceased is his name and the fact that he was a friend.

Before I die, I would like to resolve this problem and arrange for the ashes to have a permanent resting place, preferably in Hawaii. I have a nephew who lives on the Big Island, where the scattering should take place. How should I proceed, in light of the no paperwork problem? -- MIKEIN CALI-FORNIA

DEAR MIKE: I applaud your caring heart and your determination to carry out this man's last wishes. I took your question to Joshua Slocum, executive director of the Funeral Consumers

Alliance, and this is what he told me: There is no impediment to your taking the ashes and placing them where you wish since there are no relatives

DEAR ABBY: Thirty who have an interest in them. If you plan to carry them on an airplane, be sure to have them in a scannable container -- nothing metal or such heavy earthenware that an X-ray scanner would be prevented from seeing inside. There is no requirement that you carry a death certificate, or any other certificate, with you. You do not need 'papers' to walk around with an urn or to travel with

> "As far as scattering goes, people scatter ashes all the time. Cremated remains are sterile calcium and no threat at all to the environment. While public lands usually discourage, or prohibit by rule, scattering of ashes, it is common practice that cannot be stopped. Use discretion and care -- there is no such thing as 'ashes police." DEAR ABBÝ: I am older

> and on a fixed income. At times I still date, and I'm not sure how to handle this. After one or two dinners out or glasses of wine, etc., I feel my dates are waiting for me to treat them, and I can't afford it. I don't know how to explain that I don't have enough money to do that. I'm a very giving person,

and I would love to make them dinner if I knew them better. One time I brought someone a huge amount of beautiful organic vegetables, but that wasn't enough. He was really upset I didn't buy him wine on one of the dates. What to do? -- REALLY WISH I COULD



ABIGAIL Van Buren

DEAR REALLY WISH: The person who was really upset that you didn't buy him wine on one of those dates should have been told that you are on a fixed income and it wasn't within your budget. You should also have told him you were reciprocating within your ability. If he needed a drink that badly, he could have paid for his own. You're lucky to be rid of him. In the future, TELL the

man you are seeing that after you know him better, you would love to treat him to some home-cooked meals, which might actually be nicer than what you can afford to buy him in a restaurant. He might appreciate both your candor and the food. If he doesn't, I think you will be lucky to be rid of him, too.

P.S. Have you considered paying the tab for a casual breakfast, lunch or a coffee/ pastry date instead of din-

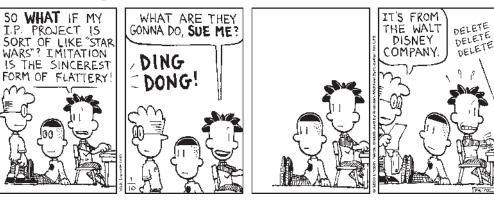
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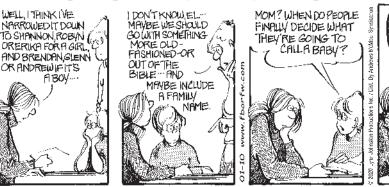


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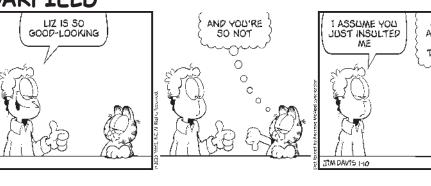
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Mitguards bring unique style to Del Norte

Wildwood Sounds hosting its 727th concert

DEL NORTE — The Mitguards' musical style, a hybrid of American roots music that includes folk, country and swing, makes their sound powerful and distinct, and they will be performing at Wildwood Sounds on Friday, Jan. 17.

Based in Colorado Springs, the band consists of Chris Mitguard on acoustic guitar, harmonica and vocals and Deb Mitguard on mando-

lin, accordion and vocals. Their original songs, framed by unique musical arrangements, weave a mixture of humor and tragedy through the stories they tell. Chris, a Colorado native, is the songwriter for the band and has been writing songs since he was a young boy in the 1960s. His songs create powerful, visual, almost cinematic images. His wellcrafted story lines are full of twists, turns and irony. They create the perfect backdrop for his sad, beautiful, sometimes dangerous and undeniably human characters. Deb grew up north of Detroit and has been performing since she was a young girl. Through the years she fell in love with mandolin and accordion and has developed a unique and charming

style of playing. She has

adds layers of texture to The Mitguards' sound. Said Bill Reed of the Colorado Springs Gazette, "In his (Chris') songwriting, Mitguard resists the urge to turn roots music into a reach for some mythical, idyllic past, and goes for a more relevant and immediate impact."

The Mitguards are constantly expanding and stretching their material and performance style. Their spirited banter and engaging humor on stage creates an endearing and intimate atmosphere. The Mitguards have played internationally in Canada and Australia. They perform primarily throughout the west with regular tours through Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, South Dakota, and northern California.

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