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ALAMOSA — Everyone is invited to join the San Luis Valley Women's March at 10 a.m. Saturday at the corner of Richardson Avenue and Main Street in Alamosa. This family-friendly, nonpartisan event will be led by the Adams State University Drum Line. The theme, "Vision 2020," celebrates 100 years of women voting. Following the march will be a one-hour program at Adam State University's Carson Auditorium, located in the Student Union Building. Community members will present information on various social issues. Join us! For more details, call 719-480-4771.

VFW Post  
BINGO  
ALAMOSA — VFW Post 899 Bingo has moved from Tuesdays-to-Saturdays at 5 p.m. — the doors open at 3:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

American  
Legion BINGO  
ALAMOSA — American Legion will host \$5 Night Bingo at 7 tonight. The doors will open at 5 p.m.

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## ASD will resume classes

### Threat defused, suspect now in custody

By DANIEL McKILLOP  
Courier Editor

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Department learned the identity of a juvenile suspect, who is in custody, for producing an online threat directed toward the Alamosa School District on Wednesday.

All Alamosa School District and Ombudsman classes were canceled

Thursday after discovering the online threat; however, the district has announced that classes will resume today.

"Student trips and events will be conducted per regular scheduling," according to an email released by the Alamosa School District on Thursday afternoon. "All January 17, 2020, Alamosa School District and Ombudsman classes, staff endeavors, events and trips will be conducted per regular scheduling."

"Law enforcement took immediate action to address the person and their posted online threat — we thank all of them."

"No students or staff were ever in imminent danger."

"Students, parents, staff and community members are asked to continue reporting anything that ever resembles a threat- or safety-related issue to law enforcement and school officials."

At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the Alamosa Police Department School Resource Officer received a Safe2Tell tip regarding a social media post about a potential threat at the Alamosa High School.

The District appreciated everyone's cooperation in keeping all students and staff safe.

## Shady object not bomb

By DANIEL McKILLOP  
Courier Editor

RIO GRANDE WILD-LIFE AREA — There was a bomb scare Tuesday afternoon on the Alamosa Rio Grande county line, but it turned out to be nothing at all.

"It wasn't one; it ended up being a suspicious object," said Colorado Parks and Wildlife Manager Rick Basagoitia, from the Monte Vista office. "We ended up calling in experts, but it wasn't a bomb."

"We're always grateful that it wasn't anything dangerous."

Basagoitia, who manages the entire San Luis Valley, said the bomb squad was called in from the Pueblo Police Department.

"It turned out to be a benign object," he added.

## Del Norte cuts ribbon for Tiger Fieldhouse



A full house was on hand to celebrate the opening of the new Upper Rio Grande School District building, aka the Tiger Fieldhouse, on Thursday afternoon in Del Norte.

Courier photo by Helen Smith

## Family Night fun at Center School

CENTER — Center Schools Supt. Carrie Zimmerman reported that Center held its Empowering Bilingualism Family Night on Jan. 8 in the Center School cafeteria.

The Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Team, along with Mr. Murillo and the Migrant Education Program, planned the event. The program included entertainment, great food and stories of success.

Center EL students were recognized for their accomplishments.

Mr. Swanson and his student choir performed and the keynote speaker was Ofelia Gonzalez, a Center High School graduate. Ofelia shared her experiences and the challenges she faced growing up in poverty and as an English language learner.

She also shared how her education from Center schools positively impacted her life and allowed her to receive scholarships, attend CU Boulder and study abroad.

Zimmerman said: "We are fortunate to have her back in our district as a positive role model for all of our students."

### SPREADING SUNSHINE

Zimmerman said "our fantastic Sunshine Committee" hosted Waffle Wednesday this past week.

The committee prepared a "wonderful breakfast, including waffles, sausage and juice, for our staff to enjoy," Zimmerman added. "It was a great way to start the day."

"Thanks to our Sunshine Committee for all the extra perks they provide for our staff; (the) Center staff enjoyed yummy waffles."

## Women's March set to Saturday

### 4th annual event begins at Main, Richardson

DANIEL McKILLOP  
Courier Editor

ALAMOSA — The fourth annual San Luis Valley Women's March and Celebration will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday — The theme of this year's march will be 2020 VISION.

After the March, there will be a program at Alamosa State University's Carson Auditorium from 11 a.m. to noon.

"There will be speakers on these issues: immigrant, health care, climate crisis, #MeToo, an affirmative action story, SLV Pride," said the organizer for the SLV Women's March Elizabeth Kinney by email. "There will also be signing by the Crestone songbirds, an opening by ASU president Dr. Lovell."

Kinney added: "I would not say the March has grown over the years. The first year was the largest, I believe. But the March has become important for many folks here in the Valley."

Alamosa resident Jan Oen and Helen Sigmund, who are members of the march's planning committee, addressed the Alamosa City Council during its meeting Wednesday night.

Oen said this year marks the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment, as women got the right to vote.

"Our program is very diverse," Oen said. "We have students talk-



SLV Women's March planning committee member Jan Oen (right) speaks about the 4th annual event, as fellow committee member Helen Sigmund stands to her right, during Wednesday's Alamosa City Council meeting.

Courier photo by Daniel McKillop

ing about health care, immigration issues and equity."

Oen said the police department and campus patrol also will be assisting.

Sigmund said that the march is a family-friendly event.

The route for the march will be as follows: from Main (Highway 160) and Richardson, go east to Ross Ave. Then go south on Ross

to 6th Street. On 6th, go to West Ave. at West Ave., go north back to Main. Then go west on Main back to Richardson. Follow campus signs to Carson Auditorium, which is on the east side on Student Union Building on Monterrey. Stay on the sidewalks for safety.

Courier staff writer Helen Smith contributed to this report.

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Dr. Kent Whitford Myers

**ALAMOSA** — Dr. Kent Whitford Myers was born in Alamosa on Aug. 6, 1949. As the eldest of four siblings, Kent was a role model to his two brothers, Carl and Jeff; and sister, Michele. His mother, Helen Myers, and father, Whitford Myers, were both respected judges and raised them in small-town Alamosa.

Kent was known for being a rare child who was bright, focused, and truly serious about attaining his objectives.

He demonstrated this as an accomplished athlete in a variety of sports, including football, track, diving and especially judo.

More importantly, Kent knew from an early age that he wanted to be a doctor and excelled academically and was accepted into Johns Hopkins University. Kent completed undergraduate studies at Colorado State University in 1971 and achieved his goal of becoming Dr. Kent Myers, MD upon graduating from medical school from the University of Utah in 1975. He completed his Residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, which started his career as a certified practitioner of family and geriatric medicine for over 40 years. It was in Nebraska that Dr. Myers met his wife, Cynthia, and married in 1979. They raised three children — Michelle, Ryan, and Kevin — in Scottsbluff where Kent opened a clinic in nearby Morrill.

The family moved to Arizona in 1990 adding to the family with three grand children, Mackenzie, Merrick, and Korah; and great grand-daughter Moa. In Arizona, Kent earned a reputation as a brilliant geriatric medical doctor as-



sisting patients out of clinics and hospitals in Sun City.

Dr. Myers also was commonly referred to as Sensei Myers as he spent his life teaching judo and was widely respected as an exceptional teacher.

Kent started judo at age 11 and earned a career-long goal of Rokudan — sixth-degree black belt — after contributing over 50 years to the judo community.

Dr. Myers joined Midwestern University as an associate professor where he wrote the curriculum and taught courses in general medicine and physical diagnosis for over a decade.

He was passionate about being a doctor and teaching, which is why Kent felt fortunate to spend his final years with the Podiatric Medicine program. He knew there wasn't anything he would enjoy more than teaching and his Alzheimer's research after he retired from practicing medicine.

Dr. Kent Myers, MD, passed away Jan. 11, 2020. In addition to his loving family, he leaves behind a legacy of knowledge that will live on forever in the medical and judo communities.

Memorial Service will be Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Royal Oaks 10015 W. Royal Oak Road, Sun City, Ariz., 85351.

**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 alamosaoptimistclub@gmail.com or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MONDAY**  
12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa  
5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598

### Monte Vista School District set for meeting

**MONTE VISTA** — Monte Vista Consolidated School District No. 8 Board of Education meeting will be held in the District Board Room, 345 East Prospect Ave., Monte Vista at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23.

### Alamosa High School will host Talent Show

**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa High School Talent Show is set for 7 tonight at the AHS Theatre. It will feature approximately 12 acts from AHS students.

## ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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**MONTE VISTA**—The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Chamber of Commerce, 947 1st Avenue, Monte Vista. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-372-5985.

**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 slv-photostephen@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ALAMOSA** — A Caregivers Support Group meets at First United Methodist Church, 2005 Mullins, Alamosa, on the first Monday of every month. For more informa-

tion, call 589-2243.

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

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

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

**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, 580-3697.

## PENDING OBITUARY

### Wanda C. Metz, 77

**DEL NORTE**—Wanda C. Metz, age 77, of Del Norte, passed away peacefully on Jan. 14, 2020.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista.

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### San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

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

Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

### Del Norte set to throw an Appreciation Party

**DEL NORTE** — At 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Gateway Church of Del Norte, there will be an Appreciation Party for outgoing Del Norte Chief of Police, Bobby Fresquez. A potluck meal is planned as an opportunity

to say "thank you" for 32 years of service to the Del Norte community.

Residents are asked to come and show their support.

To RSVP, please text either 719-849-8506 or 719-849-5600.

### Alamosa Senior Center looking for artists

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa Senior Center is looking for artists 50 years old and older to participate in its "Senior Art from the Heart" Art Show, to take place at San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center

from February-April.

For more information, please contact Lynette Cotton at 719-589-3277 or by emailing senior.director@hotmail.com.

Deadline for participation is Jan. 17.

### North Conejos School Board will be meeting Tuesday

**LA JARA** — A regular Board Meeting for the North Conejos School District Board of Education will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the District Adminis-

tration Office in La Jara. Agendas are available at the District Administration Office, 17890 US Highway 285, La Jara or on our web site www.northconejos.com.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

**DEL NORTE**  
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede  
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa  
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito  
6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis  
7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca  
7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.  
8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

**THURSDAY**  
12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa  
12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone

7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede  
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.  
7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

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

**SATURDAY**  
5:30 p.m. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa  
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito.  
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

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

**AL-ANON**  
**TUESDAY**  
8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista

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

**THURSDAY**  
5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st St., Alamosa  
7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thursdays)

**School Menu**  
--- Friday ---  
Jan. 17, 2020

**BREAKFAST**  
Pancake on a Stick  
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**ELEMENTARY**  
Chicken & Noodles  
Steamed Broccoli  
Dinner Roll  
Vegetable Bar

**SECONDARY**  
Chicken & Noodles  
Steamed Broccoli  
Dinner Roll  
Vegetable Bar

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# Valley News

## Severe weather likely for MLK Day weekend

STATEWIDE — The Colorado Department of Transportation urges motorists to plan for severe weather and heavy traffic during the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday weekend.

CDOT asks holiday travelers to always check road and weather conditions for the route they plan to take before beginning their trips.

Road conditions are always available at cotrip.org (mobile-friendly), and are posted automatically to CDOT's Twitter account.

Please note that there is a new brochure available online for tourists visiting Colorado.

High wind watches and warnings are in effect for most of the front range, including Denver and the I-25 corridor, from 1 p.m. today to 2 p.m. Saturday.

High-profile vehicles should be prepared for the potential of high wind advisories and high wind restrictions on roadways throughout the state.

Visibility will also be a concern with high winds and snowfall, which could cause ground blizzards.

### I-70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR & NORTHWEST COLO.

CDOT anticipates extreme conditions on I-70 for the peak traffic period on Friday, as motorists head into the mountains for the holiday weekend.

CDOT asks motorists to delay travel on the I-70 Mountain Corridor until Saturday, unless drivers are equipped with proper tires for winter travel in the mountains.

The National Weather Service is forecasting a fast, heavy snowstorm today.

Snow showers are expected to develop by sunrise today, with a heavy burst of snow and wind is expected along the corridor between 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Snow totals may not seem significant (3 inches -7 inches) but heavy snowfall rates in a short period of time will likely affect a high number of drivers on the road.

The storm is anticipated to affect Rabbit Ears Pass, as well.

Snow will likely decrease this afternoon with little additional accumulation expected after about



This photo depicts snow falling at 8 p.m. Thursday on the 2200 block of State Ave.

Courier photo by Daniel McKillop

8 p.m.

Drier weather is expected for the rest of the weekend.

### I-25 CORRIDOR

CDOT anticipates high winds will also dramatically affect weekend holiday traffic today along the I-25 corridor.

The National Weather Service has issued a High Wind Watch this morning through this evening for the foothills and northern plains up to the Wyoming border.

Westerly winds are expected to be between 25-35 mph and possible gusts up to 70 mph. Closures north of Fort Collins along I-25 may occur depending on the wind event.

Previous high winds have affected tractor trailers, as well as small vehicles. Light snow showers are also expected today along the Front Range foothills.

### SOUTHWEST COLO.

A Winter Storm Warning is currently in effect for The San Juan Mountains until tonight. More consistent, longer-lasting and heavier snowfall accumulations are expected compared to other parts of Colorado.

Southwest Colorado high country areas will also experience high winds, resulting in blowing snow and reduced visibility on roadways.

CDOT asks travelers to be aware of potential road closures if the storm causes unsafe driving conditions, particularly

along CO 145 Lizard Head Pass, US 550 mountain pass corridor and US 160 Wolf Creek Pass.

### WHAT MOTORISTS SHOULD DO

CDOT urges motorists to limit driving while it is snowing. However, if one must drive during the storm, keep these tips in mind:

- ▶ Drive slowly and reduce your speed.
- ▶ Leave plenty of space behind the vehicle ahead.
- ▶ Do not pass the plows.
- ▶ Know before going and take responsibility for one's safety. Check cotrip.org for the latest road conditions before heading out.

▶ Make sure the car is prepared for winter conditions with the proper tires, a snow scraper and other necessary items. Utilize this winter driving preparedness checklist for everything one needs to have in your vehicle.

### BOW TO THE PLOW

▶ Snow plows need space to work, so unless one wants to cause a crash, delay or be stuck on a snow-covered road, don't crowd the plow!

▶ If one must pass a snowplow, do so on the left and with extreme caution.

### SNOWSTANG

As an alternative to driving in the mountains on the weekends and for greater peace of mind, motorists can take advantage of CDOT's recently introduced Snowstang, which began operations this December.

Snowstang provides

Saturday and Sunday roundtrip bus service between Denver and the Loveland Ski Area, Arapahoe Basin, Steamboat Resort, and Howelsen Hill in Steamboat Springs.

For all three lines, passengers can board at Denver Union Station or the Denver Federal Center.

Roundtrip tickets for Loveland Ski Area and Arapahoe Basin start at \$25.

A roundtrip to Steamboat Springs (Steamboat Resort and Howelsen Hill) is \$40. Additional discounts will be available for seniors and children. To purchase tickets, visit [www.ridebustang.com](http://www.ridebustang.com).

### WHOLE SYSTEM. WHOLE SAFETY

In early 2019, CDOT announced its Whole System, Whole Safety initiative to heighten safety awareness.

This initiative takes a systematic, statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission — to get everyone home safely.

### ABOUT CDOT

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than 23,000 lane miles of highway and 3,429 bridges.

CDOT also manages grant partnerships with a range of other agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations, local governments and airports.

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Gov. Jared Polis has charged CDOT to further build on the state's multimodal mobility options.

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**BAD BOYS FOR LIFE**  
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Fri. 5:40, 8:20  
**LIKE A BOSS**  
The world of beauty is about to get ugly R

Fri. 5:30, 8:20  
**UNDERWATER**  
Below the ocean's surface something has awakened PG-13

Fri. 5:20, 8:10  
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## CDOT enforcing DUI

### 10-day Winter Blitz period starts today

STATEWIDE — It's a new year, a new decade, and a new set of The Heat Is On DUI enforcement periods for Colorado impaired drivers.

In coordination with Colorado State Patrol and statewide law agencies, the Colorado Department of Transportation will boost DUI enforcement with increased officers on duty to crack down on impaired drivers Jan. 17-27.

The Winter Blitz enforcement period is the first of 16 The Heat Is On enforcement periods held in Colorado throughout the year.

Officers arrested 612 impaired drivers during the Winter Blitz enforcement last year.

"DUI crashes continue to be a leading cause of fatalities on roadways," said Shoshana Lew, executive director of CDOT. "Always plan a sober ride home. There are many alternatives options to get you home and no excuse not to use

them."

Even after only one or two drinks, some people may be close to or exceed Colorado's DUI and DWAI limits.

Colorado's legal limits are .05% blood-alcohol content for DWAI (Driving While Ability Impaired) and .08% BAC for DUI. Even if one's BAC is less than .05%, one can still be arrested if an officer notices signs of impairment.

The only absolute way to ensure one is safe to drive is to have a BAC of zero.

When considering fines, legal fees and increased insurance costs, a DUI can add up to more than \$13,500.

"We strive to keep impaired drivers off Colorado roadways throughout the year," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of CSP. "These enforcement periods are meant to deter drivers from making the poor decision to drive impaired. Sadly, the data shows thousands of people still choose to drive impaired."

CDOT's Winter Blitz enforcement period and DUI-prevention campaign support CDOT's Whole System — Whole Safety initiative to reduce traffic injuries and deaths.

## Cost of DUI varies

The cost of a DUI conviction depends on where the offense took place and the circumstances surrounding it, but men and women arrested for DUI can expect to spend thousands of dollars in fees, penalties and associated costs related to their DUI convictions.

According to the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, first-time DUI offenders can expect to spend around \$8,900 for their transgression, and the organization acknowledges that estimate is conservative.

Fines and penalties, attorney's fees, court costs, insurance premium increases, and restitution fund expenses are among the many factors the ADP

considered when determining their estimate. And those costs might just be the upfront costs.

The Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles estimates that the average cost of a DUI for first-time offenders in that state is closer to \$25,000.

That estimate includes the cost of SR-22 insurance, which the Alaska DMV estimates at \$2,000 per year for five years.

SR-22 insurance is a vehicle liability insurance document required by motor vehicle agencies in many states. The document is necessary for high-risk insurance policies, such as those whose policy holders have been convicted for DUI. TF198188

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# Opinion

## God bless America ...

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

The University of Scranton released a study about New Year's resolutions and found that only 8% of Americans are able to keep them.

Yet these things can be very productive. This year for my New Year's resolution I went gluten-free and I've lost 15 friends in just the first two weeks.

The Hollywood Reporter noted a Twitter fury in Hollywood against Vince Vaughn after Vince was seen on TV shaking hands with President Trump in his box at the LSU-Clemson title game Monday. Why shouldn't they shake hands? These are the two men who made Dodgeball great again.



**Argus Hamilton**

The New York Post reported on a study which showed that less than 10% of people who make New Year's resolutions stick to them. Keeping them has resulted in many a success story. Ten years ago a man I admire resolved to give up drinking at work, and he hasn't touched a job since.

Gwyneth Paltrow offered for online sale a scented candle that she says has the same fragrance as her vagina, and within days her vagina-scented candles sold out. President Trump was the first to grab one. I bought one of the candles Sunday and lit it, and today my apartment smells like low tide.

New England Patriots star Julian Edelman was arrested for jumping up and down on a car in Beverly Hills. In recent years Patriots have been arrested for murder, DUI, drugs, prostitutes and car vandalism. Be sure and get Allstate Insurance, and protect yourself from Mayhem, like New England.

President Trump said Monday he's looking forward to his impeachment trial in the Senate. It is reported that Trump is going to hire famed Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz to be on his legal team. That's because nothing says you're innocent like hiring O.J. Simpson's defense lawyer.

The Census Bureau alarmed lawmakers in Sacramento by announcing that over 200,000 Californians left to live in other states last year. It is no secret why. Californians are so over-regulated that the only two things that are legal are smoking marijuana and living here illegally.

The Oscars were ripped by the media after its nearly all-white list of acting nominees. It looks bad when the only black to be nominated was an actress who played Harriet Tubman. And that's only because of the public outrage that erupted when the studio tried to cast Scarlett Johansson for the part.

Queen Elizabeth met with Prince Harry and Meghan on Sunday about their desire to move to the New World. They struck a deal. The Queen OK'd Harry and Meghan moving to Canada and the United States but when they come home for Thanksgiving, they'll have to sit at the Colonies Table.

The London Daily Mail reported that Buckingham Palace is worried over the cost of security for Harry and Meghan after they move to Canada and the U.S. Actually, security protection should be no problem for the Royal Couple in the United States. They'll be given AR-15s like everybody else has.

Elizabeth Warren claimed that Bernie Sanders told her six months ago that a woman can't get elected president.

She's grasping for both feminist and for minority voters. Liz's campaign likes to point out that ever since Julian Castro dropped out, Elizabeth Warren is the only Latino in the race.

Democratic candidate Mike Bloomberg spoke at a Texas rally Monday and was introduced to the crowd by Judge Judy. What a poignant pairing they made. It shows how a man worth \$50 billion is still able to connect with someone who makes only \$47 million a year.

Joe Biden accused Trump of savaging his son Hunter. He left the Navy over cocaine, he slept with his brother's widow, he smoked crack and knocked up a stripper, all paid for by lucrative no-show jobs. He's just trying to show young people you don't have to drink alcohol to have a good time.

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## Things that just can't happen

Reader, you have now met an individual whose day-to-day life includes things that "just can't happen."

My teeth have gone missing. All of them.

The natural ones were extracted long ago and replaced with what was supposed to be look-alikes. They never did.

The house was filled with people and I always knew where my "cup" was. I dined on chicken and wrapped the bones in paper.

Did I accidentally throw them away? I searched that night's garbage and what was already out in the alley. The trash bags also were toothless.

Nothing. I have searched the kitchen, bedroom and spots in between, murmuring, "This just can't be happening."

My customary "cup" is on the bath-

room shelf, the cleaner tablets nearby, my sanity long gone. Some good people have helped me clean due to my inability to move without pain. They don't appear to be denture deviants.

No one takes me seriously. I do. Does anyone have a recipe for gruel? This isn't a rare event.

I have had cataracts removed and am still night blind. I have been smart here, though, I have eyewear for the dark and stormy night. Just not with me.

It didn't prevent spilling boiling chili on my foot right before a fancy party. Don't ask.

Sylvia may be an obscure foreign word for idiot.

Obscure. Foreign. Word. A long-gone poet once mused, and I paraphrase, "Oh, would The Lord the giftie gee us, to see ourselves as others see us."

People will compliment others face to face, behind the back, not so much.

Asking everyone who was around to watch My Home Boy take another step toward the Super Bowl has resulted

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### Native Writes



**Sylvia Lobato**

## UN holds its first sessions in 1946

Today is the 17th day of 2020 and the 28th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1773, Captain James Cook and his crew became the first to sail south of the Antarctic Circle.

In 1917, the United States purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark for \$25 million.

In 1946, the United Nations Security Council held its first session.

In 1991, a United States-led coalition's planes struck targets in Kuwait and Iraq, launching the Persian Gulf War.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), statesman/inventor/author; Al Capone (1899-1947), organized crime boss; Betty White (1922- ), actress; Eartha Kitt (1927-2008), actress/singer; James Earl Jones (1931- ), actor; Muhammad Ali (1942-2016), boxer; Andy Kaufman (1949-1984), actor/comedian; Steve Harvey (1957- ), comedian/actor; Jim Carrey (1962- ), actor; Sebastian Junger (1962- ), journalist/author; Michelle Obama (1964- ), U.S. first lady; Kid Rock (1971- ), singer-songwriter;

Zoey Deschanel (1980- ), actress; Dwyane Wade (1982- ), basketball player; Calvin Harris (1984- ), singer-songwriter/producer.

**TODAY'S FACT:** The term "military-industrial complex" was first used by President Dwight Eisenhower during his farewell address to the nation on this day in 1961.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1971, the Baltimore Colts defeated the Dallas Cowboys 16-13 in Super Bowl V, a game so filled with errors it was nicknamed the "Blunder Bowl."

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Humans don't mind hardship, in fact they thrive on it; what they mind is not feeling necessary. Modern society has perfected the art of making people not feel necessary." —Sebastian Junger, "Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging"

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 26 — age at which gangster Al Capone became boss of the "Chicago Outfit."

**TODAY'S MOON:** Last quarter moon (Jan. 17).

in their self-glorification of helping clean up.

I know I should be eternally grateful, but I enjoy fast food.

When I fell flat on my rear end, launching a healing process that is still painfully ongoing, I was bringing home some hamburgers. Tuesday two-fers.

I sprained my hand carrying in the fixings for an indoor picnic.

I broke my leg in three places after carrying out pizza boxes. My grandson now disposes of them.

Since he knocked over a tall vase at age 3, he reports after every loud crash, "but it didn't break."

The stately vase still has its place in the front room.

I have metal rods in my left leg.

The question is always, "Why did you do that?"

I refer the question to my sons' invisible sister, "Ida know."

Limping along after falling on my posterior, my 70-plus year-old mind laughs, "It didn't break." I would welcome my teeth, even if they did.

## Just one thing

Does your home office or workplace have a ton of unused flash drives? Unfortunately, there's not much value in recycling flash drives because they aren't made with valuable recyclable material. But they are reusable, and they can be reformatted to help children learn. The website RecycleUSB.com has partnered with SugarLabs to produce portable educational platforms that can be run on any computer, all with the use of a USB. Your old USBs are erased and formatted with a portable learning center, which means they are being reused to help those in need. Simply fill a padded envelope with your old USB drives and send them to the address on the RecycleUSB.com website.

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## Day by day

With the arrival of a new year and new decade, the prospect of what lies ahead can be daunting at times.

I know I can occasionally get a little overwhelmed. It is in those moments that I have learned to take life "one day at a time."

While this may sound cliché, I have found this simple truth to be a source of help in the face of uncertainty.

While I may not be able to control what happens tomorrow, I can focus on making the most of the present and working to make a difference where I can. The Bible tells us, "each day has enough

trouble of its own." No one can fix the problems that will inevitably come through worry and stress.

While I certainly am one who plans and prepares, I know there are areas that I have no control over. While this is not always easy to accept, I have full confidence that everything happens for a reason. In many ways, I consider it a blessing that we do not know what the future holds. This timeless truth reminds me to focus on the things that I can do and make them count. I can rest in knowing that I have done what I can for that day.

## A Trail of Thoughts



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# Religion

## Church Calendar

# Facing the ties between 'pro-life' issues

It's hard to talk about the horrors of human trafficking — including young women and children forced into the sex trade— without mentioning the I-10 corridor across northern Florida and over to California.

Florida and California are in the top three on the list of U.S. states involved in human trafficking cases, according to Florida State University's Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. Any realistic discussion of this crisis has to include women, children, poverty, prostitution and crisis pregnancies.

### On Religion



Terry Mattingly

"There are so many overlapping issues in all of this. But you know you're dealing with abused women and, often, their pregnancies," said Ashlyn Portero, co-executive director of City Church in Tallahassee, Fla., which has two campuses close to I-10. "Churches that want to help can start right there. ... When you see those connections, you know you're talking about issues that fall under the pro-life umbrella."

"Thus, human trafficking is an issue that 'pro-life' religious leaders in Tallahassee, as well as many other urban areas, need to face if they want to minister to women in crisis pregnancies and their children," she added.

The problem is that tackling this issue also involves talking — or even preaching — about subjects that many people will call "political" in a state like Florida. Take immigration, for example.

Timing is crucial. Right now, thousands of Americans are preparing for the annual March For Life, which is linked to the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1973 legalizing abortion. This year's march in Washington, D.C., will be on Jan. 24.

"When people come back from something like the March For Life, lots of them will be asking, 'What can we do now?' They want to do something practical," said Portero. "But these issues all seem so big and complex. It's hard to know where to start, in terms of ministries that will help real people."

One thing is certain: Nothing happens in a typical church without clear communication through preaching. That's where things can get tricky.

"In today's political atmosphere, almost anything that you say can seem like a 'hot take,' and you can get pigeon-holed by something taken out of context," said Portero. "But that's why preaching is so important. A sermon is the one place where you can lay out the biblical reasons for your people to get involved in these kinds of issues. ..."

"You can go deeper than a quick comment that people can misunderstand, because you have the time to show that what we're talking about is crucial to the Christian life — it's more than politics," she said.

Few churches have enough members or the financial resources to start a full-scale crisis pregnancy center, she said. But that doesn't mean laypeople can't be encouraged to step forward as volunteers and donors at existing centers. They also need to know they can get involved on a host of issues ranging from adoption to foster-care programs, from efforts to help

needy immigrants to work addressing human trafficking.

Sunday school classes for kids can take part in drives to collect diapers, baby blankets and clothing for infants and toddlers. Adult classes can raise money to help purchase ultrasound units for crisis-pregnancy centers, through programs such as the Psalm 139 Project ("For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb") organized by the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Families can donate car seats. People with financial skills can teach classes for single mothers trying to handle jobs, day care and tight budgets. Lawyers can volunteer to assist with adoption papers. Doctors can donate a few hours to help with prenatal care.

Just because "your church doesn't have a full-blown orphan care ministry complete with its own budget and staff" doesn't mean that it "isn't fulfilling the commands of scripture," wrote Portero in an essay for the ERLC after last year's March For Life.

"However, if we find that we are caring for our members without equipping them to live on mission, then we need to reevaluate."

What's more, if we find that our ministries are catering to the comfort and satisfaction of our church members and not to reaching out to a lost culture around us, then it's time to repent."

Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tenn. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

## What is the Last Supper?

Many important events took place during what's now known as Holy Week, which commemorates the final days of the earthly life of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe is the son of God.

The Last Supper was one of most important events to take place during the final week of Christ's life. Contradictions within the Gospels make it hard to say with absolute certainty when the Last Supper took place, but according to Catholic Online, Evangelists and critics generally agree that the Last Supper was held on a Thursday that was very likely the evening of preparation for Jewish celebration of Passover.

The Last Supper is depicted in the Gospels as the final meal Jesus shared with his 12 apostles before he was crucified. Christians believe that, during the meal, Jesus predicted that his disciple Peter would

deny knowing him three times before the following morning, while also predicting that another disciple present at the meal would ultimately betray him.

Many Christians also believe the Last Supper marked the institution of what is now the sacrament of the Eucharist. The Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke include accounts of the sharing of the bread and wine, though each account differs slightly. While the Gospel of John, which differs in various ways from those of Mark, Matthew and Luke, does not describe the bread and wine ritual, the Bread of Life Discourse (John 6:22-59) has been interpreted as Eucharistic.

The Last Supper is a significant event in the life of Jesus Christ and one that merits special consideration during Holy Week. TF194857

## UU presents Hilwig to address racism

ALAMOSA — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a national holiday enacted by Congress in 1983.

In 1994, Congress named it as a day of service to the community in recognition of Dr. King's service to the world community.

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Alamosa welcomes guest speaker, Dr. Stephanie Hilwig, as she presents on institutional racism.

Dr. King's inspiring words and actions remind Americans everywhere to work for racial, economic, and international justice.

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Alamosa meets at 10:30 am in the community hall of the Presbyterian Church, 330 San Juan Ave.

Call Don Thompson, 719-587-5529, for additional information.

Report courtesy of Jan Oen.

## Let Patience Solve Your Problems

For more than 40 years now, I've been studying God's Word and growing in my faith in Christ. Throughout these years, God has changed me so much! I've become peaceful and stable in my emotions most of the time, and I've learned how to behave the same way when things are going well and when they aren't so good.

The journey hasn't been easy, and it's taken time. But developing faith and patience in the process has been more than worth it!

As believers in Christ, we walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). This means we're not supposed to live according to how we feel or how our circumstances appear to be but according to the truth of God's Word.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (AMP) says we "are Christ's representatives" to the world, showing others who God is through the way we live. We need to get out in the world and behave like Jesus, remaining peaceful and stable in good times and bad, patiently walking by faith.

### Waiting Is Inevitable

The Bible tells us there are times we're going to have to wait on God. Being patient is not just waiting on God but it's waiting in faith with a good attitude for God to do what only He can do in you. It's trusting that God will take care of you in His time and His way because He loves you and He always has your best interest at heart.

Now, patience is a fruit of the Spirit that grows under trial (James 1:2-3 NKJV).

People who know this don't like to pray for patience because they know they're going to get trouble. But it's so much better to have faith and patiently wait on God with peace and joy than to be anxious, upset and confused when life doesn't make sense or you're not getting your way.

**The Key to Inherit God's Promises**  
Hebrews 6:12 (NIV) says, "We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience

inherit what has been promised." This verse shows us that we do not inherit the promises of God just because we have faith...we also have to have patience.

Another word for patience is longsuffering. Longsuffering means you're going to have to go through difficult things to grow in your faith. I've discovered through my own journey that the sooner you embrace them and let God do the work in you that He wants to do through them, the sooner you'll get to the other side of them.

I really want to encourage you to do this. Don't fight the inevitable or you'll just be miserable.

### Be Like the Farmer

James 5:7 (NIV) says, "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains." It takes a lot of faith and patience to be a farmer. You have to give up your seed and then you wait...and wait...and wait. You wait for sun and rain, and for the right season to harvest your crop.

In the same way, we can plant our "seeds" of faith by choosing to trust God and His Word above anything else. We release our faith by believing He will do what He says He will do, waiting with confident expectation that it will happen at the right time and in the right way.

While we're waiting, we should stay busy being good to others, helping people in need as we have the opportunity to do so. Psalm 37:3 (NIV) says to "trust in the Lord and do good...." Nothing proves our faith in God like waiting for His timing with a good attitude, so let's focus on letting Him bless others through us.

### Complete in Christ

Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NIV) says, "The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride." This is basically saying that the patient man waits on God but the proud man tries to make something happen himself.



When we try to make things happen in our own effort, we just end up frustrated. We don't have the wisdom in and of ourselves to do what's right in the right way and in the right timing. Instead of trying to make life go the way you want it to, entrust yourself to God and walk by faith, trusting Him to work things out.

James 1:4 (NKJV) says to "let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." Imagine how it would be if you were completely patient and it didn't matter to you when God did what needs to be done in your life. Think about how it would free you from the stress of trying to control everything (which you can't do anyway). And how you can overcome desires that drive you crazy because you can't get what you want all the time.

Pray today for God to work in your heart, helping you to grow in faith and patience. Let Him transform your life so you live in peace with joy, and experience God's promises for you!

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<p><b>All-Denominational</b> Church of the Living God 11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper 719-378-2080</p> <p>Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth Thursday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>San Luis Valley Christian Center 305 S. Broadway (3rd &amp; Broadway), Monte Vista 719-852-6168</p> <p>Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>Prayer House Church 410 Main Street, La Jara Pastor Jaime Flores - 719-298-0007</p> <p>Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Sargent Community Church</b> 6567 N. 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Choir is held on Wednesday at 6pm during the summer months with a final practice at 8:15am on Sunday</p>	<p><b>Community Churches</b> United for Christ Community Church (SBC) "Community Centered Around Love" 7th &amp; Broadway in Blanca 719-379-3317</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11am</p> <p><b>Bible Believer's Community Church</b> 11762 E US HWY 160 Alamosa, Co 81101 719) 206-3239</p> <p>Sunday worship 10:30 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm <a href="http://www.bbccchurch.com">www.bbccchurch.com</a></p> <p><b>Presbyterian</b> Alamosa Presbyterian Church 330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship</p> <p><b>Hispanic Pentecostal</b> Iglesia Pentecostal Unida L.A. 907 Tenth St. Alamosa Guadalupe Salazar Pastor 719-587-3546</p> <p>Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship</p> <p><b>New Hope Church</b> "The Church on the Hill" 25258 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co. 81154 Interim Pastor Ed Fleming • 719-873-1202 <a href="http://www.newhopechurch.com">www.newhopechurch.com</a></p> <p>Morning Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45</p> <p><b>Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa</b> 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101 <a href="mailto:alamosafellowship@gmail.com">alamosafellowship@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church</p> <p><b>Independent, Fundamental Baptist</b> First Baptist Church of Costilla County 9717 County Rd H, Mesita 719-206-0011</p> <p>Pastor Paul Jones</p> <p>Sunday, 9:45 am - Sunday School Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner Sunday, after dinner - Afternoon Worship Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesita, Bible Study and Prayer meeting</p> <p>Home Bible studies in Costilla County Meeting in different locations</p> <p><b>DEAF MINISTRY FOR ALL SERVICES</b> Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Alamosa Y SA Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm Alamosa</p> <p><b>Second Ward</b> 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Alamosa Third Ward</b> 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Alamosa Fourth Ward</b> 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language)</b> 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>Lutheran</b> St. Peters Lutheran Church &amp; School Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services School: K-8, Monday-Thursday &amp; School</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church &amp; School</b> 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>"Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week" -Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 689-4611, School: 689-3271 Conejos Canyon Community Chapel 20062 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Fellowship Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p><b>Mountain Valley Church</b> 408 State St. 17, Alamosa Pastor: Richard Pinkerton 589-2899 or 588-7662</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service <a href="http://719.852.2555">719.852.2555</a></p> <p><b>Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista</b> 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2555</p> <p>Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship</p> <p><b>Seventh-day Adventist</b> Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship</p> <p><b>United Methodist</b> Mosca United Methodist Church 5385 Barker Street, Mosca 720-254-5564</p> <p>Reverend Hugh Harris Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Unitarian Universalist</b> Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa "North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church" 719-587-5529</p> <p>Service &amp; Youth Programs at 10:30 am Sunday.</p> <p><b>United Presbyterian Church of Antonito</b> P.O. Box 665, Antonito Office Hrs. Tues. 9:00am-12:00 Sunday 9:45am-12:00 School 10:45am - Service</p> <p><b>Valley Church of the Nazarene</b> 228 Madison, Monte Vista - 852-8588 Sunday, 9:45am - 11:15am Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9:00 a.m. Every other Wednesday 6 p.m. (575)758-5876 for information for class schedule</p> <p><b>Church of Scientology</b> 511 Main Street, Suite #12, Alamosa 719-587-5554</p> <p>Monday and Wednesday, 7-10p.m. - Services</p> <p><b>Grace Assurance Ministry</b> Church without Religion 9851 CR 4 S, Alamosa, CO Sunday Mornings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 719-588-7004 Eric Wolf - 719-480-3977</p>
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# Sports

## Grizzlies set for a tough haul on the road

By CORRI ZAIGER

*ASU Sports Information Assistant*  
ALAMOSA, Colo. - The Adams State Women's Basketball team is set to travel to Grand Junction, Colorado to take on Colorado Mesa this Friday, Jan. 17. The Grizzlies will then matchup against Western Colorado in Gunnison, Colorado Saturday, Jan. 18.

The Grizzlies are coming off of two tough road losses against Colorado School of Mines and UC-Colorado Springs. Adams State is looking to bounce back with high energy from the Grizzlies top scorers, Zakiya Beckles, Laura Gutierrez, and Marshall Hollins. Beckles is averaging 10.9 points per game, with a .800 field goal percentage. Hollins is averaging 7.5 points a game, and is leading the team with total rebounds and averaging 4.3 boards a game.

### Scouting the Mavericks

Colorado Mesa is leading the RMAC with a 9-0 record, and 13-2 overall. The Mavericks have had a solid start to their season, and are coming off of a big weekend of wins against New Mexico Highlands and CSU-Pueblo. Junior, Daniella Turner is leading the Mavericks on the scoreboard, averaging 16.5 points per game with a .463 field goal average. Defensively, senior, Sydni Brandon is leading Colorado Mesa on the boards, averaging 6 rebounds a game.

Historically, Adams State is 0-15



Courtesy photo by Kale Wilson  
**Adams State junior Danielle Jimenez moves the ball during a home game. The Grizzlies will be away from the cozy confines of Plachy Hall all weekend for games against Colorado Mesa and Western Colorado State.**

against Colorado Mesa. Last season, the Grizzlies and Mavericks matched

up twice in January and February. In their first matchup in Alamosa, the Mavericks came out on top 49-59, then in February, Colorado Mesa won 65-47. The Grizzlies will tipoff Friday, Jan. 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Brownson Arena.

### Watching Western

Western Colorado has also had a positive season, currently sitting in fourth in RMAC rankings, 7-2 in RMAC and 9-4 overall. The Mountaineers are coming out of a weekend of wins against CSU-Pueblo and New Mexico Highlands. Western Colorado's Samantha Coleman is leading the Mountaineers on the scoreboard, averaging 10.1 points per game. Defensively, Gabie Doud is crashing the boards, averaging 6 rebounds per game.

Historically, Adams State is 15-15 against the Mountaineers. Last season, the two teams faced off twice, with Western Colorado coming out on top both matchups. In Alamosa, the Mountaineers escaped with the win 60-56. In Gunnison, the Grizzlies fell 69-45. Adams State will tipoff with the Mountaineers Saturday, Jan. 18 at 5 p.m. in the Paul Wright Gym.

### Coming Up

The Grizzlies will make their way back home for Adams State to take on Colorado Christian and Regis University Jan. 24 and 25. Both games will be held in Plachy Hall, with tipoff set at 5:30 p.m.

## Tigers prepare for first game in new gym

By STEPHEN JIRON

*Courier Sports Editor*

**DEL NORTE** — Both the boys and girls basketball teams for the Del Norte Tigers will get a chance to test out their new environment when they welcome the Center Vikings for a league matchup on Saturday evening.

Conceivably the Tiger girls already got their chance to scope things out; they were scheduled to play the first home game in the new gym Thursday night when they hosted formerly tenth-ranked Ignacio (3-5). The Bobcats just fell out of the rankings this past Monday and are now receiving votes in the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Coaches Poll. The Tigers (7-1) performed well in front of the home crowd surviving a late rush from the Bobcats to take a 53-50 win.

### DEL NORTE VS CENTER (G)

For the joint grand opening on Saturday, the Del Norte girls will welcome Center (5-4) for a non-league matchup between two Southern Peaks teams.

Center enters the weekend contest fresh off edging Monte Vista on Tuesday night in a 33-32 game that saw



some late momentum swings.

It has been relatively choppy water for the Vikings who are .500 since having taken second place at the T-Bird Shootout. One of those losses came to the undefeated Watermeloners (9-0) who are currently ranked second in 2A basketball and another to Cotopaxi (8-2) who were recently bumped from the rankings this Monday. Alexis Varela has taken point for Center this year



with 97 points in 9 games.

Del Norte has recovered well from their first loss of the season picking up three straight wins including a victory over 1A's third-ranked Sangre de Cristo Thunderbirds. Sitting at the No. 4 spot in 2A basketball Del Norte is led by senior Kendra Parra who reached 1,000 points in her high school career during just her junior year.

Del Norte will be looking to keep their winning streak while the Vikings will be fighting to hold on to their winning record. Girls tipoff is scheduled for 5 p.m.

### DEL NORTE VS CENTER (B)

Del Norte's boys (2-5) are scheduled for a tough road matchup with Crested Butte (6-1) on Friday night. After that, the Tigers will come back for their first contest in the new gym. Their opponent will be Center (5-3).

Del Norte has gotten their first two wins of the season in near-identical games, the first in a 58-42 game over Swink (0-7) at the La Junta Holiday Shootout and the second in a 57-42 game over Sierra Grande (1-6). They will look to make it a happy homecoming for their first home game since the Christmas break when they face the Vikings on Saturday.

Center (5-3) picked up their first league win of the year knocking off Sargent to make it 5 wins overall and one in the 2A Southern Peaks League. They couldn't build on it however and will enter Saturday's contest on a low note suffering a road loss to Monte Vista on Tuesday night. Senior Devin Porres leads the Vikings in scoring and rebounds and has even picked up a double-double through eight games of recorded stats.

Vikings-Tigers is scheduled to get underway at 7 p.m.

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70.5, 12. Center 48, 13. Sargent - 43

**Rocky Mountain Wrestling Tournament**  
3. Centauri- 200, 7. Monte Vista - 108

### Upcoming Events

#### Adams State Basketball

Jan. 17 5:30/7:30 p.m. ASU at Colorado Mesa (W/M)

Jan. 18 5/7 p.m. ASU at Western Colorado (W/M)

#### Prep Basketball

Jan. 17 12 p.m. South Park at Center (G)  
1:30 p.m. Sanford at South Park (B)  
4 p.m. Del Norte at Crested Butte (B)  
4:30 p.m. Centennial at La Veta (G/B)  
5 p.m. Sierra Grande at Creede (G/B)  
5 p.m. Antonito at Manzanola (B)  
5:30/ 7 p.m. Alamosa at Bayfield (G/B)  
5:30/ 7 p.m. Centauri at Monte Vista (G/B)

Jan. 18 TBA Sierra Grande at Aguilar (G)  
2 p.m. Crested Butte at Sanford (G/B)  
2 p.m. Cripple Creek at Moffat-Mtn. Valley (G/B)  
3 p.m. Center at Del Norte (G/B)  
3/5 p.m. Sargent at Custer County (G/B)  
5 p.m. Creede at Antonito (G/B)  
5:30/ 7 p.m. Centauri at Pagosa Springs (G/B)  
5:30/ 7 p.m. Monte Vista at Alamosa (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)

#### Prep Wrestling

Jan. 17 6 p.m. Dolores Huerta at Sierra Grande-Centennial

#### Mel Smith Husky Invite

TBA Centauri, Del Norte, Monte Vista at Florence

#### Top of the Rockies Tournament

TBA Alamosa at Centaurus

Jan. 18

#### Husky Invite

TBA Centauri, Del Norte at Florence

### Results

#### Adams State Basketball

Jan. 10 Colorado School of Mines 79, ASU 36 (W)  
Colorado School of Mines 90, ASU 64 (M)

Jan. 11 UC-CS 69, ASU 54 (W)  
UC-CS 92, ASU 85 (M)

#### Prep Basketball

Jan. 10 Center 29, Mancos 24 (G)  
Mancos 71, Center 57 (B)  
Rocky Ford 40, Sangre de Cristo 23 (G)  
Sangre de Cristo 60, Rocky Ford 53 (B)

Jan. 11 Crested Butte 65, Creede 33 (B)  
Sargent 56, Center 38 (G)  
Center 38, Sargent 30 (B)  
Questa 49, Antonito 20 (G)  
Antonito 72, Questa 67 (B)  
Alamosa 59, Pinnacle 22 (B)  
Alamosa 44, Ignacio 39 (G)  
Primero 67, Sierra Grande 46 (B)  
Del Norte 48, Sangre de Cristo 44 (G)  
Sangre de Cristo 73, Del Norte 60 (B)  
Pagosa Springs 42, Sanford 29 (G)  
Sanford 51, Pagosa Springs 37 (B)  
Kent Denver 69, Monte Vista 46 (B)

Jan. 14 Center 33, Monte Vista 32 (G)  
Monte Vista 56, Center 33 (G)  
Cotopaxi 63, Creede 20 (G)  
Cotopaxi 63, Creede 31 (B)  
Pueblo East 56, Alamosa 52 (B)

Jan. 16 Del Norte 53, Ignacio 50 (G)  
Mancos 61, Sargent 33 (B)

#### Adams State Wrestling

Jan. 10 ASU 25, San Francisco State 20  
ASU 36, Simon Frasier 9  
Minnesota State 22, ASU 21

Jan. 16 Western Colorado 31, ASU 12

#### Prep Wrestling

Jan. 10 **Alamosa Duals**  
Alamosa 61, Widefield 18  
Alamosa 36, Adams City 33  
Centauri 41, Bennett 31  
Rocky Ford 42, Centauri 30

Jan. 11 **Gary Ramstetter Classic**  
1. Alamosa - 200, 9. Alamosa JV - 52

**Cowboy Invitational**  
7. Sierra Grande/Centennial-110.5, 8. Del Norte

#### Pueblo Centennial Tourny

TBA Center at Pueblo Centennial

#### Top of the Rockies Tournament

TBA Alamosa at Centaurus

#### Gene Gagliardi Tourney

Sierra Grande-Centennial at Trinidad

*Schedules subject to change*

### Adult Volleyball League

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa Parks and Recreation Adult Volleyball registration is open.

Team Registration: Jan 8 - Feb 5, 2020

Team Fee: \$100 Player Fee: \$30/Division

Player Registration: Opens Jan 8, 2020

Season: mid - Feb to late - April (min. 10 season games + tourney)

For more information, contact the AFRC - (719) 589-2105; Website: www.AlamosaRec.org

### AHS Basketball Reunion

**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

# Lifestyle



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**Potato Expo 2020 Steering Committee members cut the ribbon opening the 90,000 square-foot Expo Hall.**



Photo credit Potato Expo

**The National Potato Council took advantage of having diverse industry voices all in one place to record upcoming episodes of its new podcast, "Eye on Potatoes."**

## Potato Expo continues to evolve after 12 years

Las Vegas hosted the 2020 Potato Expo on Tuesday and Wednesday, as the event continues to grow since its inception more than a decade ago.

"Though it started as a relatively small gathering of folks 12 years ago, this year's record-breaking event is evidence that Potato Expo has evolved to become the place for North American potato growers and value chain members to come together, share ideas, and do business," said Potato Expo 2020 co-chairs Cully Easterday from Pasco, Wash., and Dan Moss from Delco, Idaho. "However, the Potato Expo isn't about numbers – it's about experiences. And this year we were pleased to offer the industry some new, unique opportunities to learn and grow their businesses."

For the first time, the 2020 Expo Hall provided attendees with spaces specifically dedicated to networking, with five Meet-Up Lounges to have a conversation and recharge, as well as a coffee bar that was open throughout the show.

The Expo Hall also featured a stage for "The Potato Talks," a center of activity featuring engaging discussions and entertainment all centered around potatoes and potato production.

Potato Expo serves as a forum to foster collaboration between national and state potato associations, as well as the rest of the industry.

Maintaining its reputation as a place to help better position the industry for the future, the Potato Expo 2020 addressed many pressing issues from evolving consumer trends to disruptions in agribusiness.

Technology and digital expert Erik Qualman discussed the habits that effective leaders use to thrive in today's digital era. Mike Lee, co-founder and co-CEO of Alpha Food

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**Rio Frio Ice Fest**

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**schedule**

**Friday**  
6-8 PM Luminaria X-Country Skiing  
5:30-7:30 PM Race Packet Pick Up/Registration

**Saturday**  
8-9:30 AM Race Packet Pick Up/Registration  
10 AM Rio Frio 5K on the Rio Grande  
12 PM Live Ice Sculpting  
12-3 PM Beach Party Downtown  
2 PM Kiwanis Costume Contest  
3-7 PM Grub n' Pub  
7 PM Fire and Ice Bonfire

**Sunday**  
10 AM Kristi Mountain Sports Fat Bike Races  
12 PM Polar Plunge

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### U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Announce a Five-Year Review for the Summitville Mine Superfund Site, Rio Grande, CO



**Purpose/Objective:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the CO Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) are conducting a Five-Year Review of the remedy for the Summitville Mine Superfund site (the Site) in Rio Grande, CO. The purpose of the Five-Year Review is to make sure that selected cleanup actions effectively protect human health and the environment.

**Site Background:** Gold and silver mining began at Summitville Mine around 1870. Large-scale open-pit mining began at the Site in 1984. The mine operator, Summitville Consolidated Mining Corp., Inc. (SCMCI), used cyanide heap leaching to extract precious metals from the ore. In this process, ore excavated from the mountain was crushed and placed on the clay and synthetic-lined heap leach pad (HLP). A sodium cyanide solution was then applied to leach out gold and silver. Seepage of cyanide and metal-bearing fluids from the HLP, combined with acid mine drainage (AMD) from waste rock piles, AMD from the Reynolds Adit and other site features, impacted downstream waters in Wightman Fork and the Alamosa River. SCMCI abandoned the Site and filed for bankruptcy in December 1992. EPA immediately assumed responsibility for the Site as an emergency response. EPA placed the Site on the Superfund program's National Priorities List in May 1994.

**Cleanup Actions:** Work at the Site since 1992 has included emergency response actions and long-term remedial response actions to slow the amount of AMD coming from the Site. EPA and CDPHE have worked cooperatively on the cleanup. To manage cleanup efforts, EPA divided the Site into five operable units (OUs). Multiple decision documents addressed different parts of the Site beginning in 1994. CDPHE led the largest interim measure – site-wide reclamation and revegetation. A site-wide remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) evaluated the effectiveness of completed and ongoing interim measures and identified the final construction projects and long-term measures needed at the Site. The RI/FS led to the selection of the final site-wide remedy in September 2001 and ultimately the construction of a new water treatment system. An update to the remedy in August 2003 changed the location of the proposed water treatment plant (WTP). An additional remedy update is under development. It will likely document the postponement of the construction of a new repository for WTP sludge disposal and the reconstruction of the Wightman Fork Diversion rundown structure. This future update, if deemed necessary, will also include additional institutional controls for the Site.

**Five-Year Review Schedule:** The National Contingency Plan requires review of remedial actions that result in any hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants remaining at the Site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure every five years to ensure the protection of human health and the environment. This is the fifth Five-Year Review for the Site. It will be completed by September 2020.

**EPA and CDPHE invite community participation in the Five-Year Review process:** The agencies are conducting this Five-Year Review to evaluate the effectiveness of the Site's remedy and to ensure that the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment. As part of the Five-Year Review process, EPA staff members are available to answer any questions about the Site. Community members who have questions about the Site or the Five-Year Review process, or who would like to participate in a community interview, are asked to contact:

Jesse Aviles, Remedial Project Manager  
Phone: 303-312-6287 or 1-800-227-8917 (Region 8 only)  
Email: [aviles.jesse@epa.gov](mailto:aviles.jesse@epa.gov)

Jennifer Harrison, Community Involvement Coordinator  
Phone: 303-312-6813  
Email: [harrison.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:harrison.jennifer@epa.gov)

Mailing Address:  
U.S. EPA Region 8, Mailcode:8SEM  
1595 Wynkoop Street  
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Site information is also available at Del Norte Public Library (790 Grand Avenue, Del Norte, Colorado 81132-2207), EPA's Superfund Records Center (1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 80202-1129) and CDPHE's HMWMD Records Center (4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, Colorado 80246-1530). Site information is available online at [www.epa.gov/superfund/summitville](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/summitville).

# Lifestyle

## Potatoes

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Labs and founder of The FutureMarket, shared his perspective on consumer behaviors that are shaping the future of food. David Parker, executive vice president of FLM Harvest, described current agribusiness trends and disrupters, and their implications on the future.

The fifth annual Spud Nation Throwdown chef cook-off, hosted by award-winning chef and best-selling author Chef Jeff Henderson, brought together an exciting fusion of tastes and flavors as a diverse group of chefs incorporated potatoes into their dishes.

The Throwdown included Wolfgang Puck Bar & Grill Las Vegas' Chef Daniel Stramm, Chef Robert "Stew" Stewart from the OWN Network's "Raising Whitley" and Food Network's "Guy's Grocery Games" and "Cut-throat Kitchen," and winner of Season 3 of "Hell's Kitchen" on FOX, Chef Rock Harper.

The Throwdown was won by Chef Harper with his dish featuring Patatas Bravas.

The National Potato Council, the Potato Expo's organizer, used the event to announce the launch of its new podcast, "Eye on Potatoes." The podcast,

available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and Google Podcasts, provides a platform for growers throughout the country and policy makers in Washington to learn about the industry policy priorities and hear from growers and experts on the latest issues affecting the industry.

The event also served as platform to announce the creation of a new organization dedicated to growing future leaders who grow potatoes.

The Potato Leadership, Education, and Advancement Foundation (LEAF), a 501(c)3 organization, was launched by the industry as a way to provide tools, training, and support necessary to help growers and industry members develop as leaders.

The Foundation also serves to encourage members to commit their time and energy to the betterment of the U.S. potato industry as a whole. More information about Potato LEAF can be found at [pleaf.org](http://pleaf.org).

Potato Expo 2021 will be held Jan. 6-7 at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas. More information is available at [www.potato-expo.com](http://www.potato-expo.com).

Report courtesy of press release from Mark Szymanski, Director of Communications, National Potato Council.



Shelley Olsen of LJ Olsen, Inc. in Othello, Wash., and Potato LEAF chair, announcing the launch of Potato LEAF, an organization dedicated to growing leaders who will thrive in the competitive global marketplace of the future.

Photo credit Potato Expo and Bill Schaefer Photography.

## Colorado Farm Bureau President Don Shawcroft on USMCA's Senate Approval

**CENTENNIAL** — On Thursday, the United States Senate passed the United States-Mexico-Canada agreement by a 89-10 vote.

The following statement is attributed to Don Shawcroft, President of the Colorado Farm Bureau:

"Today's long-awaited ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada agreement will provide necessary stability and vital opportunity for the agriculture industry to thrive by increasing U.S. exports by \$2 billion. Colorado itself exports over \$1.4 billion and \$2.8

billion worth of goods to Canada and Mexico, respectively, which is why it is so incredibly important to have this agreement finalized.

For over a year, farmers and ranchers from across the country have written letters, made phone calls and reached out to their elected officials urging them to make USMCA official. While the process has taken longer than we hoped, we are thankful for today's news and are excited to strengthen our relationships with our neighbors to the north and south."

## Colorado Water Congress annual convention update

Colorado Water Congress' annual convention is now just two weeks away — Jan. 29-31 — in Westminster and the organization wants to inform the public about some exciting additions to the program.

Special thanks for making this happen to the organization's staff, which are alumns from Wyoming College of Law, Megan Holcomb from CWCB and Paul Fanning from retirement.

### SAM KALEN WILL LEAD ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY WORKSHOP

Kalen is the Associate Dean and Centennial Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Wyoming College of Law.

In March, Kalen will give a comprehensive presentation on NEPA to the Chinese government as it considers revisions to its environmental processes. Workshop attendees will hear essentially the same presentation.

Kalen is also finishing a book on the history of NEPA.

### JOSHUA LOW, TO JOIN CLIMATE DISCUSSION

Low is the Partnerships Director at Yale Program on Climate Change Communication. He leads strategy for engaging and supporting climate and clean energy advocacy, media and education. An example of their public opinion graphics are very interactive and well done and can be found at Climate Communications Visualizations.

### SARA BLACKHURST TO BE FEATURED SPEAKER AT RURAL AFFAIRS BREAKFAST

Blackhurst is the executive director of Action 22, representing the Southern Colorado Counties. Along with Club 20 and Pro 15, they will host an event entitled Voices of Rural Colorado the week before the convention.

### LAST CALL FOR SPONSORS COMING NEXT WEEK

Our Convention Sponsors and Exhibitors help support the work of the Water Congress as we work to keep the ever increasing hotel costs in check. If you would like to consider sponsoring, please contact AnnaLee at [ataylor@cowatercongress.org](mailto:ataylor@cowatercongress.org).

Report courtesy of Doug Kemper, executive director, Colorado Water Congress, [DKemper@cowatercongress.org](mailto:DKemper@cowatercongress.org) | [cowatercongress.org](http://cowatercongress.org).

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# Lifestyle

## Registration for popular Colorado Kids Ski Free Program ends Jan. 31

### Colorado Ski Country USA 5th and 6th Grade Passport Program Closes at End of January

DENVER — January 16, 2019 – Families interested in Colorado Ski Country USA's (CSCUSA) industry leading 5th and 6th Grade Passport Program must register for the program by January 31 in order to enjoy free or reduced-price Passport skiing and riding this year.

The Passport Program is unparalleled with its access to 22 ski areas and Colorado's signature winter sports, skiing and snowboarding. The program is ideal for families

of all types including those that have never visited a ski area, are new to Colorado or are lifelong skiers or riding families.

The 5th Grade Passport provides fifth graders three days of free skiing at 22 CSCUSA member ski areas. The 6th Grade Passport allows sixth graders four days of skiing at the same 22 ski areas for \$130.

CSCUSA's First Class lesson program complements the 5th Grade Passport Program and provides eligible fifth

graders who have never been on the slopes the possibility of getting one (1) free ski or snowboard lesson and one (1) full equipment rental at a participating ski area of their choosing.

To register for the Passport Program and for more information about First Class Lessons, parents can visit [www.ColoradoSki.com/Passport](http://www.ColoradoSki.com/Passport). The CSCUSA Passport Program enjoys the support of presenting sponsor Christy Sports, which provides one (1)

free equipment rental to all Passport holders per season redeemable at any Christy Sports location.

Participating resorts in the 2019-20 Passport program include: Arapahoe Basin, Aspen Highlands, Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk, Cooper, Copper Mountain, Echo Mountain, Eldora, Granby Ranch, Howelsen Hill, Hesperus, Kendall Mountain, Loveland, Monarch, Powderhorn, Purgatory, Snowmass, Steamboat, Sunlight, Telluride, Winter Park and Wolf Creek.



Photo Courtesy Echo Mountain



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## Chew on this: goats as pets

Though goats are often associated with an agricultural lifestyle, these animals are being kept as pets more and more frequently.

The owner of a pet goat benefits from companionship, the potential for milk production, land management by grazing and more.

Dr. Evelyn Mackay, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, discussed the ins and outs of goat ownership that every potential owner should know.

"Goats are fun, social and playful animals," Mackay said. "They make great companions and are often very interactive and bonded to their owners."

This social nature means that potential owners should commit to getting multiple animals, so their goat has a companion.

Although goats can be companions for other animals, such as racehorses, they are happiest when with another member of their species. However, owners of multiple goats must ensure that their goats are treating each other kindly.

"Goats have a social structure and sometimes dominant goats may bully and steal food from less dominant goats," Mackay said. "This can cause problems in large groups if there are 'disagreements' between goats. Generally, they work out their issues and exist harmoniously, but groups of goats should be similarly sized, and goats with horns should not be housed with goats without horns."

Potential owners living in suburban areas should consider adopting smaller breeds of goats, like Pygmy goats or Nigerian Dwarfes, which can be kept in large yards.

Full-sized pet goats, such as dairy goats and Boer goats, need plenty of room for grazing and exercise; therefore, Mackay does not recommend those breeds for potential owners living in suburban environments. In addition, parasites can become

an issue if goats are too crowded or housed in an area that is too small.

Ultimately, Mackay recommends consulting with a veterinarian to determine the best type of goat for your family and living situation.

Regardless of goat size and location, it is essential that their environment provides proper nutrition; an improper diet, including human food, treats, or excessive amounts of grain, can cause gastrointestinal issues and make goats very sick.

"Pet goats should always have access to some type of forage, like hay or grass," Mackay said. "Their diet can be supplemented with a little bit of concentrate (grain or pellets), but the foundation of a healthy diet should always be high-quality hay or grass. They should only be fed grain formulated for goats, since grain for other species, like cattle and horses, can cause toxicities. If they want to feed treats, consider small amounts of fruit or vegetables, but avoid kale and broccoli, which can also be toxic."

Like any animal, a goat requires annual vaccines and wellness exams with a veterinarian.

As outdoor pets, goats must also be protected from predators; Mackay said owners should ensure their pet goats are kept where they cannot be chased by dogs.

One final aspect potential owners should consider is that, as with any pet, a full-grown goat will be considerably larger than the baby they adopt.

"Everyone thinks baby goats are very cute," Mackay said, "but people should be prepared for even the smallest breeds of goats to be a minimum of 60 pounds at maturity."

*Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the web at [vet.med.tamu.edu/news/pet-talk](http://vet.med.tamu.edu/news/pet-talk). Suggestions for future topics may be directed to [editor@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:editor@cvm.tamu.edu).*

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### Public Notices

#### 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, P.O. 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)**

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 unit 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, # Dillon Gardner, Apple Tree Storage unit #138 Ray Jaramillo, #35 Peter Alvarado. NO. 1232

Published in the Valley Courier on January 10 and 17, 2020

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF CRESTONE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 1:00P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 11S. ALDER STREET, CRESTONE, CO

**PURPOSE:** Public comment on a Planned Unit Development proposal for Tract 3, which consists of 4.62 acres of E. Lime Ave. within the Town of Crestone and Zoned Rural Residential.

**PRELIMINARY APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:** Crestone Peak Community Housing, a nonprofit organization, PO BOX 911, Crestone, CO 81131.

**PUBLISHED AND POSTED:** As per the Zoning Regulations of the Town of Crestone Section IX-10, Ordinance 2006-013, Crestone Board of Trustees: Mayor Kairina Danforth and Trustee Diane Bairstow, Terry Goergen, Adam Kinney, Kizzen Laki, Sam Pace and Bob Prather.

**COMMENTS MAY BE SENT IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING TO:** Crestone Clerk, PO BOX 64, Crestone, CO 81131 or crestoneclerk@fairpoint.net

No. 1253  
Published in the Valley Courier on January 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, February 01, 04, 05, 06, 07, and 08, 2020.

#### 099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### INVITATION TO BID

Location: San 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 slygreatoutdoors@gmail.com. It is anticipated that the project construction will begin March, 2019.(1/24)

#### 163 LOST & FOUND

**TWO MISSING DOGS** Brown Yorkie, with micro chip. Family desperately seeking deceased mother's dogs. Please call 720-588-7974 or 720-996-8980 Locally call 719-580-6635. (1/18)

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#### 173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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**OTERO JUNIOR COLLEGE** Child Development Services accepting applications for positions at the Center, Colorado Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Center Full-time Family Advocate Full-time Head Teacher (non-classroom supervisory position) Full-time Bus Driver/Janitor. All positions eligible for health, dental, vision and life benefits. Participate in Public Employees Retirement Association. Earn sick and personal leave. Job descriptions with qualification requirements and applications are available at the CDS website employment page at www.cds-headstart.com Application deadline for the Family Advocate position is January 27, 2020. Applications for Head Teacher and Bus Driver/Janitor position will be accepted until positions filled. For more information contact Michelle Weaver, 719-384-3103 or at michelle.weaver@ojc.edu Otero Junior College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Title IX/Section 504 employer.(1/27)

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for a full-time School Nurse. A complete list of duties and desired qualifications may be viewed on the district website ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by January 30, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996.(2/1)

**SIERRA VISTA LUMBER** is seeking a full time Yard person 40 -50 hrs per week to load customers, load and unload trucks and keep lumber yard and warehouse organized. Must be dependable, a self starter and be able to pass a drug test. \$12.50/ per hour or more, depending on skills and experience. Apply at Sierra Vista Lumber, 1301 West Ave., Alamosa.(1/31)

#### 221 HELP WANTED

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#### 221 HELP WANTED

**CONEJOS COUNTY SHERIFF'S** Office is seeking a Patrol Deputy. Duties include: Enforces Colorado laws & ordinances, report writing, investigates, apprehends and arrests suspects. Patrols entire county. Must be 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license and be Colorado Post Certified. Must be eligible to carry a firearm. Must pass background check and drug screen. 2 years' relevant law enforcement experience preferred. Starting salary is \$35,360. County Application Required. Deadline Ongoing. Applications available at the Conejos County Human Resources Office or via email upon request at cricci@co.conejos.co.us. (1/17 #2)

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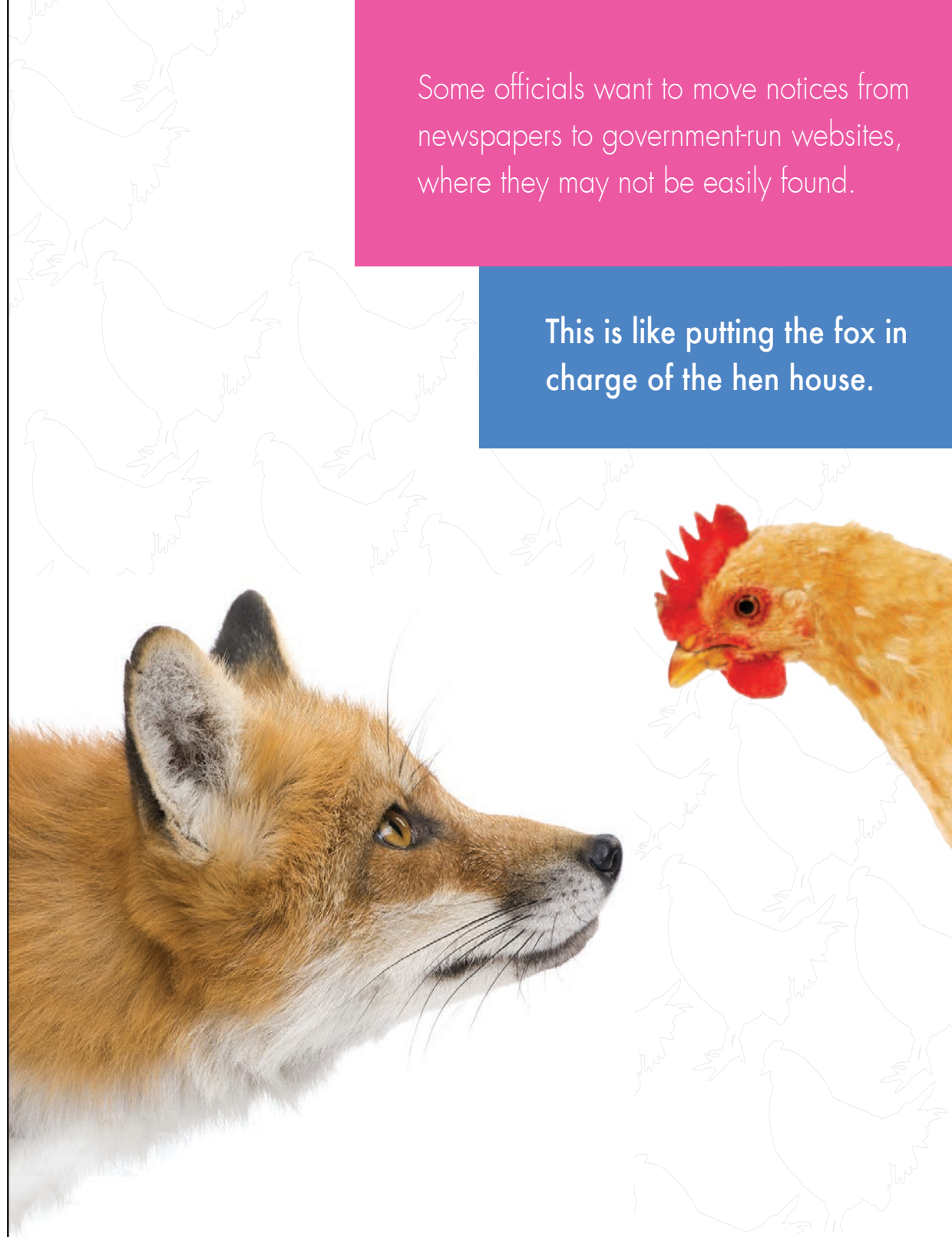
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# Comics

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## ALLEY OOP

DID THAT THING JUST EAT THAT GUY?

I THINK SO. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

RUNNING WON'T HELP. WE ARE EVERYWHERE.

I THOUGHT THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE UTOPIA.

IT IS, FOR US!

## ARLO & JANIS

IF THIS WERE A JACK LONDON STORY, I'D BE DEAD!

## BIG NATE

SCHOOL PICTURE GUY! YOU'RE A "CATS" FAN?

I AM INDEED, M'BOY.

BUT I THOUGHT YOU LIKED "STAR WARS" AND STUFF LIKE THAT!

OH, I DO! "THE RISE OF SKYWALKER" IS PLAYING HERE, TOO!

BETWEEN SHOWS, I'LL BE SWITCHING INTO MY CHEWBACCA COSTUME!

SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU DIG FUR.

IT'S A BIT WARM, BUT I'VE LOST FIVE POUNDS SINCE TUESDAY!

## THE BORN LOSER

WILBERFORCE THORNAPPLE, CAN YOU TELL THE CLASS WHAT AN OXYMORON IS?

I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT MEANS...

BUT I THINK MY MOM CALLED MY DAD THAT THE LAST TIME THEY HAD A FIGHT!

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

ELIZABETH, YOU DIDN'T HAND IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT. I CAN'T GIVE YOU A MARK!

I KNOW.

...WHAT HAPPENED?!

WELL—I GOT LOCKED OUT OF THE HOUSE, SO I WENT IN A WINDOW AN' LEFT MY BOOKS ON THE PORCH. THE WIND BLEW OPEN MY BINDER, AN MY HOMEWORK GOT WET, SO MY BROTHER PUT IT IN THE DRYER. AN MY MOM THOUGHT IT WAS PAPER OUTA MY DAD'S POCKETS AN' THREW IT OUT!!

I WAS HOPING HE'D GIVE ME A COUPLE OF MARKS FOR MY EXCUSE.

## FRANK & ERNEST

OUCH!!

THE DAWN OF TECHNOPHOBIA

## GARFIELD

AS IF HE HAD SOMEPLACE FORMAL TO GO

## THE GRIZZWELLS

YO, YO BRO!!

DON'T BUG ME!! I'M TRYING TO DREAM THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

A LITTLE PRE-AFTERNOON NAP?

BINGO!

## PEANUTS

YOU ONLY EAT THE CENTER OF YOUR BREAD?

THAT'S THE PART I LIKE

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE REST OF IT?

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"I'd ask you in, but I've only got one chair."

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

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

"XIGK KH MYTI LG KH LGUP LG  
KH DYTCP. UZUIHLMTDF P XYJU.  
UZUIHLMTDF! UZUD KH MUYIL TP  
XYJU." — YEITYDY CTKY

TODAY'S CLUE: A stenba Z

Previous Solution: "I'm a lioness. I have four cubs. I'm a mom. I want to take care of my kids and protect them." — Heidi Klum

# Separated man is in no hurry to file for divorce

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend for almost a year. I love him, and we have an undeniable connection I have never had with anyone else. The problem is, he's separated but not yet divorced from his wife.

I have a hard time moving forward in the relationship and meeting his family when he hasn't filed for divorce. He says he's going to file, and he doesn't seem to think it's a big deal, but meeting his son and family members under these circumstances makes me uncomfortable. It's almost like this is a test run to see if I'll fit the part before he finalizes everything.

He and his wife have been separated for only a year, and I'm ready to start a family. Our timing seems off, but he treats me so well it's hard to let him go. Should I put our relationship on hold until he finalizes his divorce, or will he resent me because I'm not being supportive? What if his separation is only temporary, and he's just having fun? Could I be a side chick? -- HAVING DOUBTS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HAVING DOUBTS: You are asking intelligent questions. You have been supportive for quite some time now. Have the two of you actually discussed getting married

and starting a family? If you haven't, you should, so you have some idea of whether his separation is temporary and what a realistic time frame would be. Once you know what that is, it couldn't hurt to meet his son and his family, if only to see how they react to you.

As to whether you could be this man's side chick, it depends upon how long you plan to remain in a holding pattern, waiting for him to do something concrete. Some women wait for years only to have things not work out as they had hoped.

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Dana" spent decades taking care of our disabled sister, which meant Dana and her family sacrificing greatly to provide for her care. The rest of us siblings live out of town and shared none of the responsibility.

Our disabled sister passed away recently, leaving an estate that is now in probate. I suggested to my other siblings that before the estate is divided equally, we should set aside enough for Dana and her husband to take a long-overdue and well-deserved vacation. It's something I know Dana has been longing for, but they won't hear of it!

I can't believe my siblings are acting this way. They say Dana can take a vacation on what she



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inherits, but that's not the point. While we all had free weekends and could take vacations, Dana was extremely limited because our disabled sister couldn't travel and needed a caregiver. How do I change my siblings' view? -- DISAPPOINTED BROTHER

DEAR BROTHER: Your sentiments are laudable, but there is no way to force your greedy siblings into doing anything for Dana. It appears your disabled sister died without a will, which could have ensured that Dana was repaid for her efforts. Your letter highlights the importance of putting last wishes in writing, preferably with the assistance of an attorney. I cannot emphasize this strongly enough.