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SLV Today

Holiday schedules

ALAMOSA — Holiday schedule: Commercial trash route: Jan. 1 route on Jan. 2; residential trash route: Jan. 1 route on Jan. 2, and Jan. 3 route on Jan. 6.

BINGO!

LA JARA — Sunday January 5, 2020

LA JARA-Knights of Columbus #5512 Bingo. 1:00 P.M. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in La Jara. Up to $2000 payout. $10 entry fee.

Republicans will meet at Juanito's

ALAMOSA– For those people who were unable to make it to the Alamosa County Republican November meeting, it was decided to change its meeting days to the first Monday of each month beginning with January, 2020. So, its next meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 6, at noon at Juanito's. "We hope this change might make it a little easier for some of you to attend," Terry Hammond, Chair of the Alamosa County Republicans said. "... Hope to see you there."

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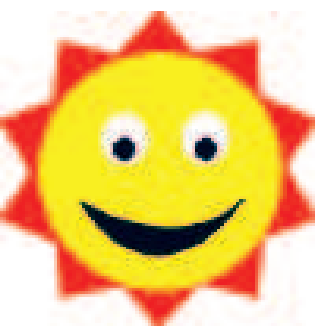

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Fri.: Sunny 24/-7

Sat.: Sunny 28/-3

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Kenzlee Martinez is first born in '20

SLV's first baby of year weighs in at 7 pounds, 19-inches long

By DANIEL McKILLOP
Courier Editor

ALAMOSA — Kenzlee Martinez was the first baby born in the San Luis Valley this year.

Martinez, who weighed in at 7 pounds, 19-inches tall, was born at 12:26 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 1, at San Luis Valley Health.

Kenzlee's mom, Erica Martinez, said there were no complications delivering her baby.

"Everybody was great," she added in reference to SLV Health's staff. "It was good."

Kenzlee's dad, Phillip Martinez Jr., complimented SLV Health's staff.

"Everything went smoothly," he said. "It went quickly."

Erica and Phillip are long-time Alamosa residents.

Courier photo by DANIEL McKILLOP

Phillip Martinez Jr. (left) and Erica Martinez (middle), who is holding their new-born daughter, Kenzlee, who was delivered at 12:26 a.m. on Wednesday morning, smile for the camera at San Luis Valley Health.

Phillip is from Center originally and attended Center High School, while Erica has lived in Alamosa for most of her life, but she attended Sangre De Cristo High School.

"Everybody was great. It was good"

— Erica Martinez

When Kenzlee returns home from SLV Health, she will have three siblings waiting for her.

The new-born Martinez will have one sister, Braelyn, 10; and two brothers, Jerek, 7; and Xzavier, 3; ready to welcome their new sister when she arrives home.

"She was excited to have a sister," said Erica about Braelyn.

Phillip added: "I think they all were; the boys were excited."

Kenzlee's maternal grandmother is Debbie Lopez and her paternal grandfather is Jim Kalana, while her paternal grandmother is Kimberlee Duran and her paternal grandfather is Phillip Martinez Sr.

Third fire in Mobile Century

Courier photo by Keith Cerny

For the third time in nearly as many weeks, Alamosa firefighters were summoned to Mobile Century Mobile Home Park in South Alamosa for a manufactured home on fire Monday morning about 10:30 a.m. It was the first of two calls Monday which became a record 376th call for the AFD in 2019, according to a department spokesperson. Five trucks and 14 firefighters responded to the first blaze, the cause of which is still under investigation. The trailer was occupied but the resident escaped unharmed. This was the second complete loss fire in the park this month. A second call Monday was to 510 8th Street where a grease fire splashed over and damaged the stove hood and ceiling.

Vehicle rolls over on Hwy. 17, but no one seriously injured

By DANIEL McKILLOP
Courier Editor

ALAMOSA — It was dark and slippery as an unidentified vehicle went off the road 10 miles north of Alamosa on Wednesday.

Three passengers were traveling north on Highway 17 when the vehicle went off the west side of the road at about 5:30 p.m., State Trooper Mitchell Wilson said. It went down an embankment and rolled until it stopped more than 100 feet from the road.

"It went for a distance and rolled," State Trooper Mitchell Wilson said. "EMS came on scene. They had to transport one girl to the hospital to check, make sure everything's OK, but it looks like everybody is going to be all right.

"I still have to take measurements to determine what had happened."

Police need help

Unidentified suspect at large

By DANIEL McKILLOP
Courier Editor

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Department is requesting the "communities assistance" in the identification of the individual who (photographed top, right) allegedly was involved in an assault at Walmart on Dec. 7.

All individuals with information may contact the Alamosa Police Department at 719-589-2548 or Crime Stoppers at 719-589-4111 and remain anonymous.

"We did take a report of an individual being assaulted in the Walmart parking lot," according to a report released by the Alamosa Police Department Chief Ken Anderson on Dec. 10. "This incident stemmed from the victim rubbing his hand on the trunk of the subject's vehicle.

"The suspect, in this case, has not been located and we are still gathering information to ID."

The victim, Joe Madrid, M.D., said his nose was broken in three places after being attacked at about 4 p.m. on Dec. 7.

"I am a 67-year-old retired physician," Madrid said. "I was brutally attacked; this man is dangerous."

The Alamosa Police Department is requesting the "communities assistance" in the identification of the man, (pictured above).

Photo (above) courtesy of Alamosa Police Department; Madrid's photo by Courier's Daniel McKillop

Joe Madrid

RGC approves funds for Ski-Hi Project

BY HELEN SMITH
Staff Writer

DEL NORTE — After numerous conversations and much debate, the Rio Grande County Commissioners approved $150,000 in Conservation Trust Funds for the revitalization of Ski Hi Park on Tuesday morning.

The matter was once again brought forward for consideration by the board following a decision to delay the approval to obtain more information in mid-December.

Commissioner John Noffsker once again voiced his concern over his lack of certainty regarding the project. However, Forest Neuerburg, city manager for Monte Vista, and Kathy Woods of Friends of Ski Hi Park, were both quick to stress the urgency of the project. "We've talked time and time again about the overall benefit of the facility even in its current distressed state," said Woods.

Neuerburg reminded the commissioners that the city's revenues for the long-term maintenance of the facility are expected to remain steady and perhaps see a gradual increase thanks to the passage of the one-cent fund in November.

Following a lively discussion, Noffsker proposed support for the project contingent upon the funds being earmarked for a specific portion of the project.

He also requested the formation of a commission to oversee the continuing development of the project. Woods and all of the other supporters who were present found the idea to be acceptable.

Finally, Commissioner Gene Glover made the motion to approve the request. Before putting forth a second, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell observed that she finds it to be sad when historic buildings get torn down because they are not adequately maintained or no longer pretty. However, she went on to note that when it comes to Ski Hi Park, "This is where the building is." She conceded that she believes it is time to move forward with the project for the benefit of all who use the facility.

Commissioner Noffsker wanted to amend the motion to include a provision for the county should the project not move forward. Glover noted that the provision was already included, and the motion passed unanimously.

Rio Grande County will allocate the funds to the City of Monte Vista to further the Friends of Ski Hi initiative. The entities will coordinate the details of the transaction in the days to come.

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OBITUARIES

Lorenzo A. 'Lawrence' Trujillo, 77

ALAMOSA — It was a sunny but chilly day on Dec. 29, 2019 when Lorenzo A. "Lawrence" Trujillo, 77, of Alamosa peacefully entered into his Lord's loving arms at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa.

He fought a long, hard battle with Parkinson's disease and other medical complications.

Lawrence, as he was known to most, was born on June 24, 1942 to Anselmo and Elionela (Arellano) Trujillo.

He spent most of his life in Center and Alamosa but lived a few years in Casa Grande, Ariz. He worked in mining and agriculture.

Lawrence was rich in knowledge of family history and loved the great outdoors of the San Luis Valley where he hunted with family and fished with his best friends. He enjoyed his morning sweet treats with his neighbor.

He liked to garden, take care of his yard and do woodwork. He was an avid Broncos fan.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Jill Trujillo of Alamosa; son, Don Trujillo of Pueblo; daughters, Connie (Geno Gowens) Trujillo and Lorena (Reno) Chacon of Center; stepdaughters, Linda Hall of Alamosa, Heidi (Michael) Naranjo of Phoenix, and Leah Boss of Alabama. He is also survived by his grandchildren Jacob McClure of Alamosa, Dalton Trujillo and Briana Trujillo of Pueblo, Timothy (Elizabeth Rivera) Chacon of Center and Aaron (Amanda) Martin of Alamosa; Michael Naranjo of Arizona, Bridget (TJ) York of Mesa, Ariz.; Eric Cicione of Alabama, Aubrey (Jeremy Wittig) Cicione of Mesa, Ariz., Ryan Cicione of Korea; his great-grandchildren, Noelle Trujillo, Jayden Padilla, Noah Marroquin, Jace Martin, Kade Martin and baby York that is on the way. He is also survived by his sisters, Sobeida Moreno, Lucy Trujillo and Barbara Chaparro, all of Center; and Tammy (Jeff) Schnedler of Canon City; his brothers, Filemon (Mardell) Trujillo of Montrose, William (Sally) Trujillo of Monte Vista, Billy Trujillo and Wesley (Anita) Trujillo, of Center; and his good friend Tom Burrows of Alamosa. He leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

Lawrence is preceded in death by his parents, Anselmo and Elionela Trujillo; his siblings, Catherine Trujillo, Bernice Garcia, Irvin Trujillo and Lee Trujillo, as well as his beloved dog, Joy.

Visitations will be held Friday, Jan. 3, 2020 from 5-7 p.m. at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa, and Saturday morning, Jan. 4 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. at the Alamosa Fourth Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 927 Weber Dr. in Alamosa.

Funeral Services will follow at 11 a.m. at the same church.

Interment will take place in the Alamosa Cemetery at the conclusion of the funeral services.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements.

To leave online condolences and remarks for Lawrence's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

Helen Jean Bowers, 88

ALAMOSA — Helen Jean Bowers, 88, passed away peacefully Tuesday Dec. 24, 2019 at her home at the San Luis Care Center.

Services will be held on Friday Jan. 3, 2020 at Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa at 11:30 a.m. with a burial following at the City of Alamosa Cemetery. A viewing will take place before the service, starting at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Farewell

VALLEY —We bid farewell to the following people we lost in 2019 in the San Luis Valley. (Any omissions were not intentional.)

January

Bertha Ann Velarde, 60

Lynette Welsh, 61
Chris D. Manzanares, 55
Leonard Lloyd Archuleta, 59
Orlando Encarnacion Chacon, 86
Elsie J. Martinez, 54
Frieda Romero, 91
Max Atencio, 95
Ell Margaret Hawkins, 84
Della Jaramillo, 57
Christopher Roy Echols, 30
Gasper Blea
Austin Joe Farris Jr., 56
Linton Charles Bowers, 88
Ronald Earle Goodman, 67
A. Jayson E. Chavez, 61
Margaret Howard McGuinn Teckenbrock, 90
Greg Schor
Tommy Christopher Baroz, 51
Anna J. Miani, 85
Janet Joyce Collins, 65
Ernest John Stoeber, 94
Concepcion G. Salas, 97
Maria "Tachi" Angelina Martinez, 69
Patricia (Pat) L. Schaefer, 87
Felipe Olivarez, 75
Jessica Renee Martinez, 35
Roger Lee Cavaliere
Elfego Flores, 66
Felipe Olivarez ("Phil"), 75
William Herbert Smith 63
Derrick K. Velasquez, 47
Evan Glenn Crowther
Mike Byrn Green, 73
Casey Lee Salazar

February

Harvey (Harv) Dean Telinde
Juan Roberto Marquez (79)
Michael Garcia, 54
Elenor Van Pelt
Juan Roberto Marquez (79)
Fern M. Nielson, 94
Howard 'Jake" E. Jacobsen, 77
Ruth Evelyn Longshore, 94
Michael "Troy" Garcia, 53
Mavis W. Holland, 99
Amy Josephine Barnard
Mavis W. Holland, 99,
Beatrice Ortega Chacon, 89
Matthew Edward McDonald
Raymond M. Smith, 78
Robert "Bob" Lee McMichael, 77
Ramona Marie Herrera, 99
Lupe C. White
John Emerson Gesaman
Robert "Bob" Lee McMichael, 77
Pedro "Pete" L. DeHerrera, 93
Nickolas "Nick" Leroy Archuleta, 38
Ferris G. Malouff, 101
Lucy Arlene Reed, 74
Glenda Marie Wilson, 64,
Mary Jane Thomas Rogers
Starla Rene Miller, 56
Layla Morticia Stanek
Manuel 'Uncle Manny"
Fred Gonzales, 82
Starla Rene Miller, 56
Ryan Raymond Maestas,22
Gordy Luther Bagwell, 99
Josephine (Jo) Bowers
Eddie Sanchez
Kenneth Gunn "Kenny, Gunner"
Eddie T. Sanchez, 67
Arnold William Morine, 92
Magdalena Helen Eustolia Duran, 89
Andrew L. Mondragon, 72
Magdalena Helen Eustolia Cordova Duran, 89
Ryan Raymond (Rymon) Maestas, 22,
Louis E "Gene" Odette, 93
George R. Novak, 95
Teddy Sandoval
Robert "Bob" Perea, 66
Dorothy B. Enriquez, 76
Raymond J. Francis, 89,
Gerald Wayne Holman, 81
Teddy John Sandoval, 55
Irene Josephine Specker Tolliver, 97
David Ernesto Cisneros, 72
Mary Ardeen Garland, 97
Paul F. Hogue, 71
Edith C. Cordova, 57
Marty Anthony Madril

March

Mercedes "Mercy" Atencio, 89
Lucy A. Ruybal, 74
Abel Alfred Salazar, 55
Alfonso Moreno-Martinez
Alfonso Moreno-Martinez, also known as Pancho and Wedo, 70,
Beneranda "Bennie" Margaret Naranjo, 89
Dan Cowan
Margie Evelyn Garcia-Sandoval, 59
Daniel Raymond Gagne (Danny White Boy), 56
Gilbert John Gallegos, Sr.
Edward (Ed) Anthony
Buhr, 88
Karen Laura Krueger Wagner
Ralph Murray, 86
Ben F. Martinez, 85
Henry "Butch" Southway, 77
Kevin Deon Cunningham, 55
Henry "Butch" Southway, 77
John Edgar Andre, 84
Ben F. Martinez, 85
Nancy Ann Berlinger, 74
Floyd Getz, 87
Bertha Laura Medina, 87
Paul Bobby Gallegos, 71

April

Nan Ramona Braitzka, 89
Peggy Jo Dennis, 78
Alejandro Rodriguez-Leon, 66
Robert Howell
Arthur A. Davies, 90
Dorothy Nuzom Hey, 87
Robert Garlin Trower
Harry Kelly, 71
Betty Nicole Martinez, 83
Michael Trujillo, 62
Richard Alan Turner, 74
Myrtle Olivia Luster
Gibson, 88
Earnest "Earnie" Eugene Padilla
Erma "Patsy" Gonzales (Roybal)
Harry Terrance Kelly, 71
Richard Orville Burt, 85
Mary Louise Frink, 93
Mary Jane Arellano, 78
Maria Angelina "Angie" Lopez
Kalvin Clark Rilling, 54
Gilbert Joseph Atencio, 91
Adrean Wayne Sturgess, 58
Gilbert Jose Atencio, 91
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Marty Anthony Madril, 57
Meliton "Mel" Archuleta, 86
Juan Jose Herrera, 27
Corelia L. Salazar, 89
Acie Isaac Javalera, 27
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David Gilbert Medina, 55
Jose "Joe Red" Martinez, Jr., 91
James Cecil McGuffin, 87
Jessie Marie Reinhardt, 87
Carl Leland Worley
Frances "Fran" Wyland, 97
Mary Martinez, 81
Teresa Caraveo Jaramillo
Dick Brumfield, 78
Jerry A. Medina, 60
Victoria Linda Santistevan, 31
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M Wayne Shawcroft, 91
Leon Steven Lujan "Lion King," 57
Juan "Johnny" Esteban Rodriguez, 72
Ann Montoya, 55
Robert Dale Hutchins ,
David Medina, 56
Alfred Kline, 88
Wally Edward Stacy
Richard "Tiny" Tate, 78
Frances F. Wyland, 97
Ann Monica Montoya, 54
Charles Vigil
Suzanne June Morgan,
Viola Fern (Slabaugh) Bender
June Weyers Dillon
Winford O. Keeling, 96
Lonna Evans, 99.
Nancy Lee Frasier, 71
Geneva Martha John, 80
Richard Romero, 43,
Conrad Vernon Sanchez, 66
Vernon Davis, 85
Howard Claud Galvez, Jr., 54
Caroline Lowry Garner
Helen Louise Lujan
Adriana Brielle Segura, 4
Mary Josephine Padilla, 90
Mary Abigail Pittman
Robert Tremain
"Coach" Howell
Walter James Maddux, 76
Mable Anna Sherrill, 83
Ray Snyder, 92

May

Alvin "Uncle Al" Larry Romero
Mathew Lynn Valdez, 57
Marlena C. McMath, 74
Margaret E. Slout
Gilbert Wilbur Martinez,78
Jose (Carmona) Torres, 62
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Patricia Smith
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James Albert Claunch, 82
Esperanza "Hope" Manzanares, 89
Doris Uldene Ratzlaff,

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SAN LUIS VALLEY FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 26°, humidity of 56%. Northwest wind 2 to 6 mph.

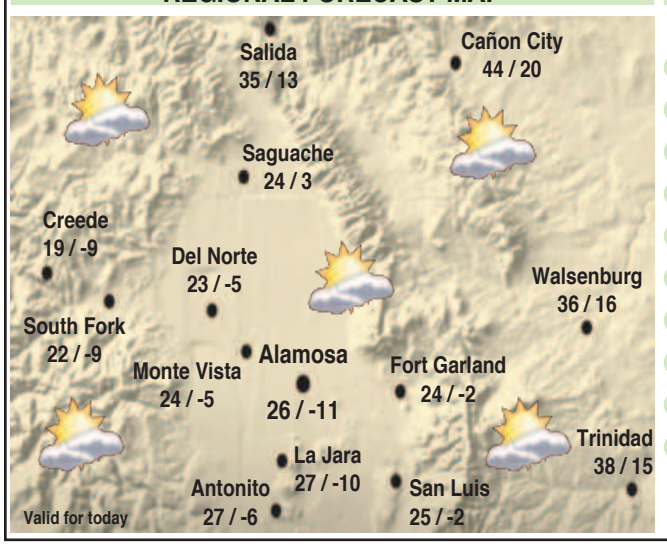
Tonight: Expect mostly clear skies with an overnight low of -11°. West northwest wind 3 to 6 mph.

Tomorrow: Skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 25°, humidity of 56%. Southwest wind 2 to 6 mph.

SAN LUIS VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy
Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 15%	Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 0%
24 / -2	25 / 0	20 / 1	18 / -1	24 / 5

REGIONAL FORECAST MAP



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Temperature

Yesterday's High	25
Yesterday's Low	-19
Avg. High / Low	34 / -2
Record High	51 in 1981
Record Low	-31 in 1988

Precipitation

Yesterday's	0.00"
Month to Date	0.00"
Avg. Month to Date	0.01"
Year to Date	0.00"
Avg. Year to Date	0.01"

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	7:18 a.m.	4:56 p.m.
Friday	7:18 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Saturday	7:18 a.m.	4:58 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
1/2	1/10	1/17	1/24

Temperature and precipitation valid through 5 p.m. yesterday

SNOWPACK INFORMATION

River Basin		Upper Rio Grande River Basin	
Arkansas	123% of Normal	Cumbres Pass	136% of Normal
Colorado	109% of Normal	Medano Pass	226% of Normal
Gunnison	109% of Normal	Rio Grande Res.	246% of Normal
North Platte	107% of Normal	Stunner Pass	n/a
Yampa	113% of Normal	Trinchera	133% of Normal
Animas, Dolores,		Weminuche Pass	n/a
San Juan, San Miguel	128% of Normal	Wolf Creek Pass	108% of Normal

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W
Antonito	27	-6	pc	25	0	s	27	5	s
Cañon City	44	20	pc	45	28	s	48	31	pc
Center	24	-1	pc	22	1	s	24	4	pc
Creede	19	-9	pc	27	1	s	28	2	s
Del Norte	23	-5	pc	26	0	s	24	3	pc
Fort Garland	24	-2	pc	25	7	s	27	11	s
Hooper	24	-3	pc	21	0	s	22	1	pc
La Jara	27	-10	pc	26	-4	s	27	0	s
La Veta	32	13	mc	36	23	s	44	26	s
Moffat	24	-1	pc	23	5	s	24	7	pc
Monte Vista	24	-5	pc	27	0	s	23	-2	s
Mosca	24	-2	pc	27	10	s	28	12	pc
Platoro	30	-2	pc	31	11	s	33	14	s
Pueblo	45	17	pc	46	24	s	49	27	pc
Romeo	27	-8	pc	26	-1	s	27	2	s
Saguache	24	3	pc	27	10	s	26	11	pc
Salida	35	13	pc	38	22	s	40	24	pc
San Luis	25	-2	ss	27	8	s	31	14	s
South Fork	22	-9	pc	28	-2	s	27	0	s
Walsenburg	36	16	pc	38	24	s	46	27	s

Weather (Wx): **bz**-blizzard, **cl**-cloudy, **fg**-fog, **mc**-mostly cloudy, **pc**-partly cloudy, **r**-rain, **rs**-rain & snow, **s**-sunny, **sh**-showers, **sn**-snow, **ss**-snow showers, **t**-thunderstorms

SKI CONDITIONS

Valid at 6 a.m. yesterday

	New	Mid Mtn.	Lifts Open	Surface
Crested Butte	0"	36"	13	PP/P
Durango Mtn.	0"	57"	10	P/PP
Monarch	0"	51"	7	PP/P
Telluride	0"	43"	17	PP/MM
Wolf Creek	0"	90"	9	PP/P

FORECAST DISCUSSION

Skies will be mostly clear Friday night with an overnight low of -6°. West southwest wind 5 mph. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 24°, humidity of 61%. Southwest wind 2 to 6 mph. Saturday night, skies will be mostly clear with an overnight low of 0°. Southwest wind 2 to 5 mph.

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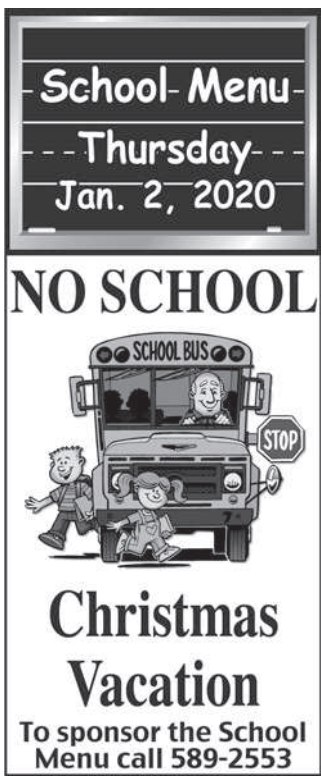


Valley News

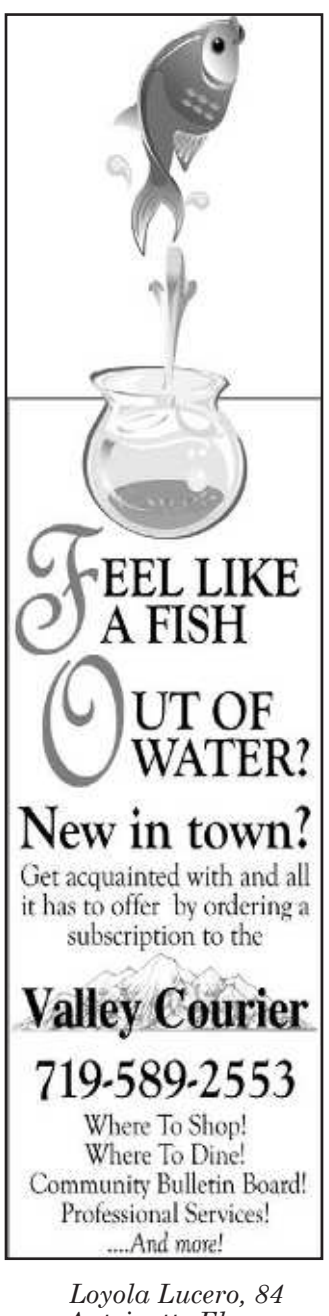
SLV directors earn accreditation

Angie Werner, Director of Provider Support Services and Mandy Crockett, Director of Human Resources at San Luis Valley Health (SLVH), recently completed a week-long course to become accredited as Insights Discovery Practitioners. Based on the work of Carl Jung and Jolande Jacobi, Insights uses psychometric models to develop awareness of self and others that can be used to make practical improvements in the workplace and in relationships. Using an outside consultant, the Insights Program has been used in the past by SLVH with members of the leadership and provider teams. With their accreditations, Werner and Crockett will have access to Insights resources and training material and be able to deliver the training to various SLVH team members on a consistent basis. The coursework contained of pre-workshop homework, 32 hours of intense classroom training, and a post-workshop confirmation of learning quiz. For the week of classroom training, Werner and Crockett were surrounded by a wealth of professional leaders representing a diverse network of industries and expertise. Crockett said, "This work provides a fascinating and engaging approach to personal and professional development. I look forward to working with our teams on the program this coming year."

Author is Mandy Crockett, Director of Human Resources at SLV Health/Courtesy photo

Werner 'n' Crockett

Angie Werner (left) and Mandy Crockett will be able to deliver the Insights Program to the workforce at SLV Health.



Action taken against Robocalls

WASHINTON, D.C. — Today, Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) released the below statement following S. 151, the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement Deterrence (TRACED) Act, becoming law this week. Gardner is a cosponsor of this legislation that requires phone companies to implement a system that would authenticate and verify phone calls to ensure that they are legitimate.

Additionally, the TRACED Act increases fines on individuals who are found to have knowingly attempted or succeeded in spoofing phone calls. Spoofing is a tactic that fraudulent callers sometimes utilize to show a different telephone number and disguise their identity.

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Carmel DeHerrera
Nathan Wilson
Melina Skyla Mortoya
Beau Patrick Crowther
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Denise (Kernen) Dutton
Sharon Mary Mullins

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Opinion

God bless America ...

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

Welcome back for part three of our annual Year in Jokes.

MAY

The DEA says illegal drug use by young adults is way down from the peak drug use rate in the late 70s.

In 1977, a year after I moved to L.A., I flew home to Oklahoma City for Christmas. I was helping Mother prepare dinner when she noticed I was chopping the onions with my credit card.

Argus Hamilton

Obama: the Call of History is a new book that says Obama decided to watch Dr. Strangelove election night after he realized Donald Trump would be the new President of the United States. It's a hilarious political comedy that ends in the world accidentally getting blown up. Just like the movie.

Caitlyn Jenner will pose nude for the cover of Sports Illustrated in July to mark the 43rd anniversary of her Men's gold medal in the 1976 Olympic decathlon. Caitlyn will be posing nude for the first time since her transition. If you'd like to see one of these photos, professional help is available.

The Wall Street Journal warned that Big Banks will be the target of Democratic presidential candidates next election.

It's a nice racket.

Yesterday an ATM machine charged me $4 to make a $20 withdrawal, and then told me to cover my PIN to keep me from being robbed.

National Football League teams agreed to fewer contact drills in their summer training camps as they prepare for the fall.

Also, the Buffalo Bills announced that after 42 years, they will allow another football player to wear O.J. Simpson's famous uniform number. That number is 103947.

Woodstock promoters canceled plans for a fiftieth anniversary concert when backers pulled out last week. Yet the generation gap is as real today as it was in 1969.

For instance, Millennials see Hip Hop as the music of their generation, while Baby Boomers see Hip Hop as the cook on Bonanza.

JUNE

President Trump and Queen Elizabeth at the state banquet toasted the D-Day landings in 1944 that eventually led to the defeat of the Nazis and their murderous regime.

Seventy-five years later, the world is so much different. Today, a Nazi is defined as anybody who disagrees with you on Facebook.

Robert Mueller found no evidence of collusion as charged in a 2016 campaign dossier used as evidence by a pro-Hillary FBI agent to spy on Trump.

The probe's $30 million cost upset a lot of people. For that kind of money, 60 undeserving high school seniors could have gotten into USC.

President Trump penalized Mexico with a stiff tariff on all Mexican goods coming into the U.S., saying they aren't doing enough to halt the flow of Central Americans who pass through Mexico on their way up. This on top of the wall construction. Mexico just offered to pay for the impeachment.

The New York Post reported that fifty House Democrats favor a bill to impeach the president for obstruction of justice. Any reason will do for the entertainment industry. An actor friend of mine just changed his name from Donald to Adolf to improve his chances of getting an agent in Hollywood.

United Airlines was rated last of all the major U.S. airlines in customer satisfaction in a recent survey taken by the marketing firm of J.D. Powers and Associates. Just yesterday, a graduating college senior was three hours late to his job interview with United Airlines. He was hired on the spot.

The Comedy Store mourns the great comic Sammy Shore who founded the Store in 1972 and lost it to ex-wife Mitzi Shore in 1972.

Its stages provide a platform for what court psychiatrists might call special people. As a child, I never dreamed I'd grow up to be a total idiot, but here I am, killing it!

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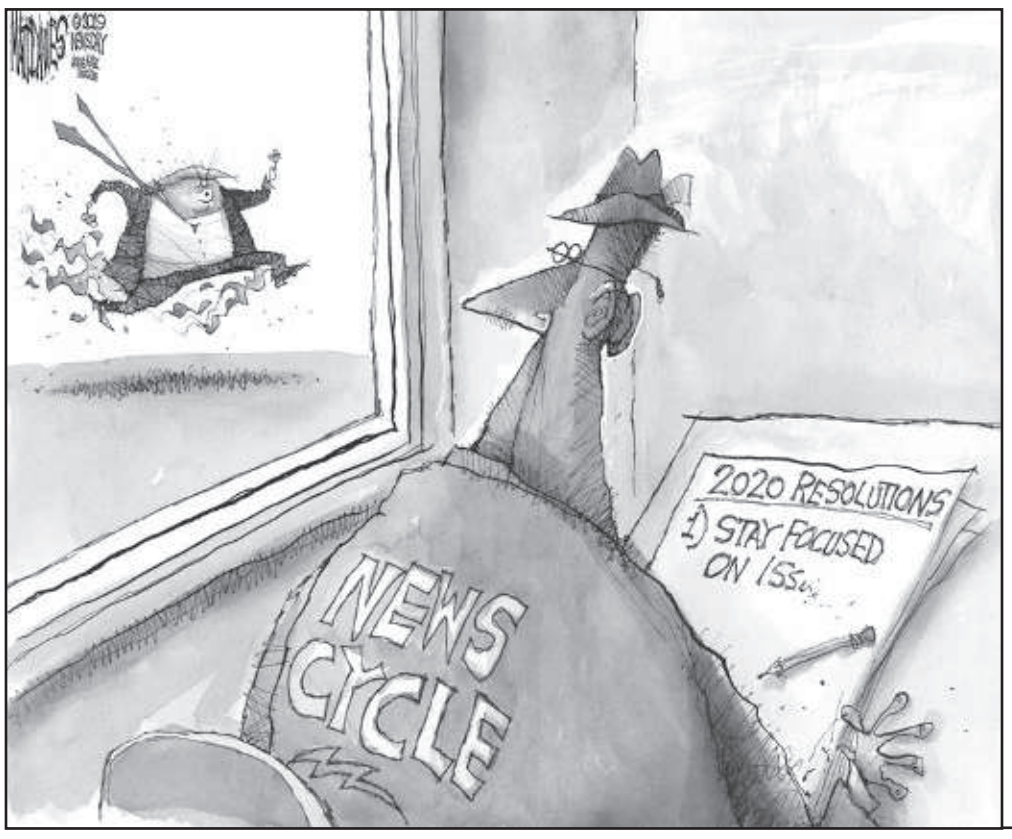

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Alice shares her sad story

Amarah's Corner

'Kids Like Me'

What has changed for kids like me during the past 10 years?

Nothing positive that I'm aware of, which means children of addicts still suffer abuse and neglect (trauma) on multiple levels.

I was victimized mainly by adults, and teachers who couldn't have cared less what their meanness and hatefulness did to me. They negatively impacted my life, for sure, but I also had the two best teachers in the whole-world, Alicia Romero, Alamosa Elementary fourth grade, and Leland Romero, OMS, sixth grade.

I will always love Mr. and Mrs. Romero. I believe they were here just for me.

Kids like me are the quiet ones afraid to speak or even look at anyone.

We're the ones who miss a lot of school, we're dirty, our hair isn't combed, we don't have warm clothes in freezing weather, we stare out the window, eat food scraps off the floor and out of trash cans.

I was in 16 different schools by Alamosa fourth grade; no one ever asked me if anything was wrong or offered to help.

Please, make a difference this year for kids like me and report your concerns.

New Year's Day Column 2020

My name is Alice. I'm from Antonito, and I'm 46 years old. I always wonder, "Where did I go wrong?" and then I cry. I wanted to be an Army flight nurse and an accountant. I drank alcohol for 33 years, but I stopped drinking five years ago.

My drugs of choice include cocaine, meth, and black (heroin).

I used for 10 years to numb the pain, but I want to stop using drugs, and I'm trying to stop.

Drinking/drugging affected my life really bad. If I could change anything in my life, it would be to have never used drugs

I turned 7 years old in October 1979. My dad drank alcohol and passed away Nov. 22, 1979.

At first, I didn't know what was going on but little by little, I learned.

I was sexually abused when I was a kid and when I was in sixth grade, they put me in counseling.

I didn't like it, so I stopped going. I had trouble in school, but I did make some good grades.

In the seventh grade, I started playing sports (volleyball, basketball, and track), and I was in band and played drums and flute. I wasn't artistic, but I wrote poems.

I've always gotten along better with boys than with girls.

In school, the girls said bad things about me and made me cry. So, I hung out with the boys even more.

My seventh-grade summer was when I started drinking. At the age of 15 years, I ended up pregnant.

I would have been a mom at the age of 15, but my daughter was two weeks late, so I had her four days after my 16th birthday.

I took care of my daughter, but I was still partying like crazy. At the age of 17, I started doing cocaine.

I met my second and third daughters' dad when I was a junior in high school, still playing sports and in band.

When I was a senior, I was pregnant with my second kid. I had her after my 19th birthday.

After I had her, I kept on drugging.

At the age of 21, I had my third daughter. I was clean until I was 23 years old, but then I started all over again doing cocaine and drinking.

I raised my girls on my own.

I drank from then until up to 5 years ago.

In 2013, I tried meth and I would do it here and there.

In 2014, I started doing it more. By 2015, it became an everyday use, but I did stop for a few months but then started up again.

So, as of 2015 until July, 2019, I used every day. In 2018, until 2019, I started using black (heroin), but I have been in jail since July 2019. So, I have been clean since then.

Now, I have a kid that likes to drink, and two that like drugs but they have stopped using.

I just want to stay sober for my kids and grandkids. I'll be going to rehab soon. I'm ready for this.

My advice for parents who are addicts is to please stop using if you have kids because they look up to you.

My advice for grandparents of "kids like me""is to always love your kids and your grandkids.

Don't ever stop loving them.

My advice for "kids like me:" Just know that your parents love you even if they don't call or write.

If my life was perfect, I wouldn't be in jail.

I would have my family and I wouldn't be doing drugs. My husband and I would have our jobs.— Alice

Thank you for having the courage to share your story, Alice.

Remember, Jesus loves you, and Jesus is Lord.

Life lessons through barrel racing continues

A Trail of Thoughts

Helen Smith

I am still processing that we are now into 2020! Time flies, no matter what.

I tend to use analogies that I can understand for different concepts in life. Having grown up competing in rodeo, I sometimes compare life itself to barrel racing.

Some may think that riding a horse and turning it around three inanimate objects looks simple.

As someone who has done it for almost 20 years, I can assure you it is not. It is a fast-paced experience that requires precision. Both horse and rider must have a certain level of skill.

How is barrel racing like life? They both happen quickly and require changes in direction. Also, if you don't have a plan and a sense of direction, things can go wrong very quickly.

Furthermore, like most anything else, the sport requires endurance and continued improvement. Being responsible and the well being of your horse and yourself are vital.

Finally, it is an avenue where you never stop learning and where the rewards that hard work and dedication are realized.

However, the most import aspect is to keep going, no matter what.

For me, barrel racing has brought both valuable lessons and fond memories. I carry those things with me wherever I go, and they have served me well. I will continue to utilize them in the New Year.

Moors driven out of Spain

Today is the second day of 2020 and the 13th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1492, the Moors were driven out of Spain as Granada fell to the forces of Ferdinand and Isabella.

In 1967, Ronald Reagan was sworn in as governor of California.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon signed legislation instituting a 55-mph highway speed limit in order to conserve gasoline during an OPEC embargo.

In 2006, a methane gas explosion in a Sago, West Virginia, coal mine trapped 13 miners. Only one survived.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1984, Miami upset heavily favored Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, 31-30, as Nebraska failed on a two-point conversion at game's end.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It has been my philosophy of life that difficulties vanish when faced boldly." — Isaac Asimov

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Lifestyle

CPW issues reminder about shed-antler collection restrictions

DURANGO— To protect wintering big-game animals and sage grouse species, collection of shed antlers on all public lands west of I-25 is prohibited from Jan. 1 through April 30.

"The purpose of the closures is to reduce disturbance of wintering wildlife during the time of year they are most vulnerable," said Scott Wait, senior terrestrial biologist for the Southwest Region of Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Big game and sage grouse species live in a basic survival mode during the winter when food is scarce. If forced to move and burn calories unnecessarily, wildlife can lose the energy they need to make it through the winter.

In addition to the statewide restrictions, additional special regulations are also in place for the Gunnison Basin. In Game Management Units 54, 55, 66, 67 and 551, it is illegal to search for or possess antlers and horns on public lands between legal sunset and 10 a.m. from May 1 through May 15.

Shed antler collecting has become very popular over the last decade. Commercial collectors, which sell sheds for decorations, have led to a substantial increase of people searching for antlers and horns in sensitive wildlife areas.

The seasonal prohibition applies to both commercial and recreational collectors

Anyone witnessing violations of the closure regulations should call the nearest CPW office or Operation Game Thief at 877-265-6648.

CPW is an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 41 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW's work contributes approximately $6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.

Report courtesy of Joe Lewandowski, CPW SW Region PIO

Courtesy photo

Collection of shed antlers is prohibited on all public lands west of Interstate 25, Jan. 1 through April 30.

New Colorado marijuana rules went into effect

DENVER — Marijuana rules stemming from the General Assembly's 2019 legislative session went into effect on Wednesday for all regulated marijuana businesses across Colorado, most notably allowing, for the first time, state licensing of hospitality establishments and the issuance of permits for residential delivery of medical marijuana.

Final rules were adopted by the State Licensing Authority on Nov. 5 after a summer of extensive stakeholder engagement led by the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED).

"Feedback from our stakeholders through work groups and public comment has always been a MED priority," said Jim Burack, MED Director. "But this year, we encouraged an even more collaborative approach to rule development where work group participants utilized their experience and expertise within stakeholder teams to engage more directly in the drafting of rule language."

Highlights of notable key rules that go into effect on January 1 include:

Marijuana Hospitality Businesses (HB19-1230):

Creation of two marijuana hospitality business licenses, subject to local jurisdiction approval, including 1) "Marijuana Hospitality Business" license (may be mobile), allowing consumption of marijuana on the licensed premises, and 2) "Retail Marijuana Hospitality and Sales Business" license (cannot be mobile) allowing for the sale and consumption of retail marijuana on the licensed premises.

MED will maintain a list of approved hospitality businesses on the Division's website.

Regulated Marijuana Delivery (HB19-1234):

Creation of a permit to allow delivery of regulated marijuana to private residences from medical marijuana stores, subject to local jurisdiction approval.

Delivery to private residences from retail marijuana stores begins on Jan. 1, 2021, also subject to local jurisdiction approval.

Sunset Regulated Marijuana (SB19-224):

The Retail Code and Medical Code are integrated to create a single code, which will streamline operations for both regulators and businesses.

Criminal history disqualification provisions are amended so that felony convictions within the past three years will typically preclude licensing as an owner or employee.

Industrial hemp can be used in the manufacture of marijuana products and sold in retail marijuana stores. Prior to this legislation, the sale of industrial hemp products by licensed marijuana businesses was limited to medical marijuana stores.

Beginning July 1, 2020, industrial hemp used by medical and retail marijuana manufacturers and sold in medical and retail stores will be subject to testing and can only be sourced from persons registered with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Retail and medical marijuana stores and hospitality establishments can collect marijuana consumer waste for purposes of reuse and recycling. This includes containers, packages, and cartridges, among other waste components left after the marijuana is consumed.

Other notable rule changes:

Vitamin E Acetate, Polyethylene glycol (PEG) and Medium Chain Triglycerides (MCT Oil) are expressly prohibited for use in the manufacture of regulated marijuana concentrate or regulated marijuana products intended for inhalation. Read more here.

In an effort to further simplify the licensing process, there are now only two (instead of three) license categories for individuals working in the regulated marijuana industry: 1) owner and 2) employee.

To view the Colorado Marijuana Rules, 1 CCR 212-3, in its entirety, please visit: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/enforcement/med-rules.

Report courtesy of Shannon Gray, Marijuana Communications Specialist

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Sports

Sangre de Cristo returns from break to host Creede

By STEPHEN JIRON
Courier Sports Editor

ALAMOSA — The Thunderbirds are off to a good start. Sangre de Cristo's boys and girls are both 4-0 to start the season. Saturday, Creede's Miners will be in town for two league games, the first for all four teams. Creede's girls didn't have an impressive showing at the Thunderbird Shootout to start the season. The Miners (0-3) would go to the holiday break without a win.

Things don't get much easier for Creede moving forward. In their next two games Creede will take on Sangre de Cristo and Cotopaxi, the first and fourth-ranked teams in 1A basketball according to the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI). On the other hand, Head Coach David Forster has the SDC girls humming through their first four. The T-Birds breezed through the Thunderbird Shootout to take first place and got past Sargent before the break.

The T-Birds have been getting a full effort from Kylee Christensen who has been cranking out an average of 17 points per game, good enough for fourth in 1A girls basketball. Christensen also leads the T-Birds with 19 steals. Avery Palmgren has been a nice complement picking up 2 blocks and a team-leading 20 total rebounds.

Creede's boys (0-3) are also ready for some success this year after leaving the Thunderbird Shootout and a road meeting with Ridgeway without a win. Sangre de Cristo's boys (4-0) are on the other end of the spectrum having taken first place at their home tournament and polishing that off with a road win over Sargent before the holiday break. Sangre de Cristo is currently ranked in third place on the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) coaches' poll.

Senior Cole Christensen has collected a team-leading 128 points and 32 assists. Christensen has gotten plenty of help from teammates the Enriquez brothers Mario and Kevin as well as freshman Leighton Curtis. Christensen, Mario Enriquez and Curtis have all registered a double-double thus far in the season. Events are set to kick off Saturday evening at 5 p.m.

Kyle Connor's hat trick lifts Jets over Avs 7-4

MICHAEL KELLY
AP Writer

DENVER— Kyle Connor put his team in a tough spot with an unfortunate penalty. The young forward redeemed himself soon after to lift the struggling Winnipeg Jets.

Connor had three goals for his second career hat trick and first in the regular season, and the Jets beat the Colorado Avalanche 7-4 on Tuesday night.

Blake Wheeler scored twice and added an assist and Mark Scheifele and Nikolaj Ehlers had empty-net goals for Winnipeg. Scheifele and Jack Roslovic had three assists each and Ehlers had two. Connor Hellebuyck stopped 39 shots.

The Jets had gone 2-5-1 in their last eight but ended 2019 on a high note with a third-period rally led by Connor. His double-minor for a cross check early in the third period led to Colorado's goal that made it 3-all, but he made up for it a few minutes later.

Just seven seconds into Winnipeg's only power play of the game, he tipped in a shot by Neal Pionk to put the Jets ahead for good.

Courtesy photo by David Zalubowski

Colorado Avalanche defenseman Erik Johnson, front, fights for control of the puck in the corner with Winnipeg Jets center Mark Scheifele during the second period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, in Denver.

"It's just going the wrong way for us right now and no one is happy about it, but there's ebbs and flows throughout the season."

Erik Johnson,
Colorado defenseman

"I've got to control my stick a little better, but I was just trying to make a play and I ended up with four minutes," Connor said. "Watching them score, too, it's tough to sit there and watch that but we battled back and everybody, top to bottom, we got efforts from everybody, so it was a good one."

He got his 20th of the season and his hat trick when he roofed a backhander at 16:31 of the third. He now has six goals in his last four games.

"He's dialed in. I mean, the kid's got world-class hands on him and just works extremely hard," Wheeler said.

Connor's only other hat trick against Nashville on March 23, 2019.

Wheeler, who played in his 900th career game, has 19 goals and 51 points in 36 career games against Colorado. Scheifele has 28 points in 26 games.

"That's a big number for sure," Jets coach Paul Maurice said of Wheeler's 900th game. "The hard way. I've been here six full seasons, every day, every practice, every game I'm amazed at his ability to drive his body every single day. He plays a hard, grinding kind of game."

Nathan MacKinnon had two goals and Gabriel Landeskog and Nazem Kadri scored for the Avalanche. Colorado is 1-4-1 in its last six games despite outshooting the Jets 43-26 in addition to hitting the post on a couple of shots. Philipp Grubauer stopped 19 of 24 shots he faced.

"What was it, like two or three posts? So, chances were definitely there," said defenseman Erik Johnson, who had two assists. "It's just going the wrong way for us right now and no one is happy about it, but there's ebbs and flows throughout the season. We're not trying to peak in January, we're trying to peak when it matters."

MacKinnon now has 179 career goals, which is eighth in franchise history and fifth since the team became the Avalanche.

Wheeler's first of the game at 6:25 of the first made it 1-0 and MacKinnon scored at 9:43 of period.

Connor tipped his own rebound over Grubauer midway through the second and MacKinnon's one-timer at 13:47 made it 2-2. Winnipeg took a 3-2 lead into the intermission when Scheifele beat Grubauer with a slap shot.

The Avalanche again tied it when Landeskog scored his 10th of the season on a power play at 7:15 of the third.

NOTES: Sam Girard had two assists for Colorado. ... The Jets are 5-3 on New Year's Eve since relocating to Winnipeg in 2011. The Avalanche are 4-3-2 in Dec. 31 home games since moving to Colorado in 1995. ... Avalanche D Cale Makar is the team's Last Men In candidate to be part of the Central Division team in the All-Star Game. Voting starts Wednesday and goes through Jan. 10.

UP NEXT

Jets: Host the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night.

Avalanche: Host the St. Louis Blues on Thursday night.

CU faces test vs No. 4 Oregon

No. 4 Oregon (11-2, 0-0) vs. Colorado (11-2, 1-0)

CU Events Center, Boulder, Colorado; Thursday, 9 p.m. EST

BOTTOM LINE: No. 4 Oregon presents a tough challenge for Colorado. Colorado has won one of its two games against ranked opponents this season. Oregon has moved up to No. 4 in the latest AP rankings following a win over Alabama State last week.

LEADING THE CHARGE: Colorado's Tyler Bey has averaged 12.5 points and 9.4 rebounds while McKinley Wright IV has put up 12.8 points, 5.2 rebounds and 4.2 assists. For the Ducks, Payton Pritchard has averaged 18.5 points, 4.3 rebounds and 6.2 assists while Chris Duarte has put up 12.3 points and five rebounds.

FACILITATING THE OFFENSE: Pritchard has either made or assisted on 44 percent of all Oregon field goals over the last five games. Pritchard has 32 field goals and 37 assists in those games.

UNDEFEATED WHEN: Colorado is a perfect 10-0 when the team blocks at least two opposing shots. The Buffaloes are 1-2 this season when they block fewer than two shots.

PASSING FOR POINTS: The Buffaloes have recently used assists to create buckets more often than the Ducks. Colorado has an assist on 59 of 87 field goals (67.8 percent) over its past three matchups while Oregon has assists on 59 of 97 field goals (60.8 percent) during its past three games.

DID YOU KNOW: Colorado has made 7.8 3-pointers per game this season, which is second-best among Pac-12 teams. The Buffaloes have averaged 9.4 3-pointers per game over their last five games.

Results

Adams State Basketball
Dec. 21
Fort Lewis 63, ASU 48 (W)
Fort Lewis 90, ASU 76 (M)

Prep Basketball
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Cheraw 74, Sierra Grande 43 (B)
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Prep Hockey
Dec. 21
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Upcoming Events

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Jan. 3
5:30/7:30 p.m. Chadron State at ASU (W/M)
Jan. 4
5:30/7:30 p.m. Metro State at ASU (W/M)

Prep Basketball
Jan. 3
4:30 p.m. Antonito at South Park (B)
Jan. 4
2 p.m. Rocky Ford at Center (G/B)
2 p.m. Kim-Branson at Antonito (G)
5 p.m. Creede at Sangre de Cristo (G/B)
5:30/ 8 p.m. Centauri at Sanford (G/B)

Prep Hockey
Jan. 4
12/ 3 p.m. Taos at San Luis Valley (DH)

Adams State Wrestling
Jan. 10
All Day ASU at San Francisco State Tourny

Prep Wrestling
Jan. 4
9 a.m. Alamosa at Pueblo South Tournament

Schedules subject to change

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

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Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 900-19

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On July 1, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
Original Grantor(s)
Gary L. Walker and Lisa D. Walker
Original Beneficiary(ies)
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Realty Home Mortgage Co., LLC d/b/a Access Capital Mortgage
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Date of Deed of Trust
March 15, 2012
County of Recording
Alamosa
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
March 20, 2012
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
348433
Original Principal Amount
$256,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance
$226,297.71
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
ALL THAT PART OF THE NW 1/4 LYING WEST OF THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY NO. 17 IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST OF THE N.M.P.M., ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO
TOGETHER WITH ALL WATER AND WATER RIGHTS, DITCHES AND DITCH RIGHTS, INCLUDING BUT NO LIMITED TO 49 SHARES OF CAPITAL STOCK OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY CANAL COMPANY, WELL NO. 3 AND 4 IN CASE NO. W-1212 AND ONE WELL BEARING PERMIT NO 210564, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: 9041 Lane 5.5 North, Mosca, CO 81146.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/12/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 12/18/2019
Last Publication 1/15/2020
Name of Publication Valley Courier
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 07/01/2019
Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
By: Jurice Montoya, Deputy Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # CO-19-853074-LL
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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No. 1195
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DISTRICT COURT
COSTILLA COUNTY, COLORADO
304 Main Street
P.O. Box 301
San Luis, CO 81152
(719) 672-3681
COURT USE ONLY
Case Number: 2019CV030019
Plaintiff:
MARGARET O. JOHNSON
v.
Defendants: DELLA L. GALLEGOS; DELLA S. GALLEGOS; ANA ALICIA PACHECO SARMIENTO; SOPHIA GARCIA; ABEL GALLEGOS; ESEQUEIL AND SARA SALAZ; ESQUEIL SALAZ, A/K/A ESEQUEL SALAZ; and SARA A. SALAZ and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Matthew K. Hobbs, #33225
San Luis Valley Law Firm
101 Chico Ct., Ste. A
Monte Vista, CO 81144
(719) 852-0627
matt@slv-law.com
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Costilla County, Colorado, more particularly described as
A certain tract of land within the Sangre de Cristo Grant, near San Pedro, Costilla County, Colorado, described as part of Lots 24 & 25, Tract 12 of the 1913 Survey of the San Pedro Lands, recorded as Reception No. 13803 in the office of the Costilla County Clerk & Recorder and within so-called "Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 72 West of the 6th Principal Meridian", Costilla Estates Survey so-called; and more particularly described by metes and bounds survey as follows:
Beginning at a capped PLS#38009 ?" rebar set for the N.W. corner of this tract on the easterly right-of-way line of Old State Highway 242, currently County Road 21 and the true point of beginning, from whence a Davis Engineering RLS#22583 2-?" aluminum capped ?" rebar found for A.M.S. 30, bears N 87?48'57" E, 6005.79 feet distant, thence leaving said easterly right-of-way line of Old State Highway 242, currently County Road 21;
S 79?56'47" E, 219.80 feet to a capped PLS#38009 ?" rebar set for the N.E. corner of this tract, thence;
S 11?03'59" W, 169.13 feet to a capped PLS#38009 ?" rebar set for the S.E. corner of this tract; thence;
N 77?19'15" W, 221.99 feet to a capped PLS#38009 ?" rebar set for the S.W. corner of this tract on said easterly right-of-way line of Old State Highway 242, currently County Road 21; thence along said easterly right-of-way line;
N 11?50'06" E, 159.01 feet to a true point and place of beginning.
Also known by street address as: 11280 County Road 21
Also known by parcel number: 10015940
Dated November 25, 2019.
Published in the Valley Courier
First Publication: December 18, 2019
Last Publication: January 15, 2020
SAN LUIS VALLEY LAW FIRM
By:
Matthew Hobbs, #33225
Attorneys for Plaintiff
No. 1196
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DISTRICT COURT RIO GRANDE COUNTY
Court Address: 925 6th St., Rm 204, Del Norte, CO. 81132
719-657-3394
In re the Marriage of:
Petitioner: MARIA VAZQUES DEL ROSARIO SANCHEZ RAMIREZ
V.
Respondent: FAUSTO RAMIREZ REYES
Case Number: 2019DR48
Division 1
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT
Alamosa County, District Court, Case No. 2019DR48
FAUSTO RAMIREZ REYES, YOU ARE NOTIFIED, pursuant to C.R.S. 14-10-107 (4), that an action has been filed for Dissolution of Marriage, Regarding your marriage to MARIA DEL ROSARIO VAZQUEZ SANCHEZ RAMIREZ.
You are further notified that a copy of the PETITION and SUMMONS may be obtained from the clerk of court during regular business hours and that a default judgment may be entered against you if you fail to appear or file a response within 35 days after the date of publication.
December XX, 2019
HOLLIE WHEELWRIGHT
Clerk of Court
Mary L. Parker
Domestic Relations Specialist
No. 1203
Published in the Valley Courier on December 19, 26, 2019, January 02, 09, and 16 2020.

District Court
Conejos County, Colorado
6683 County Road 13
P.O. Box 128
Conejos, CO 81129
Telephone: 719-376-5465
In the Matter of the Estate of:
ROGER HARDIN SANDIDGE, a/k/a ROGER H. SANDIDGE, Deceased
COURT USE ONLY
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives
William F. Dunn, Reg. No. 1036
Address: 585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, CO 81132
Telephone: (719) 657-3323; Fax: (719) 657-3320
E-mail: bill@dunn-law.com
Case Number: 2019PR30016
Division:
Courtroom:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the
Personal Representative or to the Clerk of the Conejos County District Court on or before
April 22, 2020 or the claims may be forever barred.
Date: December 18, 2019
/s/ William F. Dunn William F. Dunn, Attorney for Personal Representative
585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, Colorado 81132
No. 1204
Published in the Valley Courier in December 18, 26, and January 02, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Alamosa County Land Use Administrator will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 2:00 PM, at the Alamosa County Annex Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Replat submitted by Christian La Hue and Casey Clifford. The applicants are proposing to vacate six lots of the Zapata subdivision to create a single 6.84-acre lot.
The legal description is:
Parcel No: 499933309016; 49933309017; 499933309018; 499933309020; 499933309021; 499933309022
Lots 24, 25, 26, 28, 29 and 30, Block 14, Zapata, Unit 2, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado.
Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours.
Rachel Baird
Land Use Administrator
Alamosa County
No. 1217
Published in the Valley Courier on January 2, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF CENTER REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION PETITIONS
The Town of Center Regular Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2019. The Election will be conducted via Mail Ballot. There are four (3) Trustee positions and the Mayoral position which will be on the ballot. Nomination petitions for the office of Trustee will be available for circulation beginning on Wednesday, January 7, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. Nomination petitions must be filed with the Town Clerk's office no later than Monday, January 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Candidates must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on Election Day; must be a registered elector and must have resided within the limits of the Town of Center for twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.
No. 1218
Published in the Valley Courier on December 31, January 2, 3, and 4, 2020.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
The San Luis Valley Canal Company
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the San Luis Valley Canal Company is called for and will be held at the Methodist Church Annex in the Town of Mosca, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado on Saturday, January 11, 2020, commencing at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of certification of proxies, with the business meeting to commence promptly at 1:00 o'clock p.m. for the following purposes:
1. Levying of an assessment for operation expenses for 2020; and,
2. The election of two (2) directors to serve for a term of three years; and,
3. The transaction of such other business as may come before such a meeting.
Lunch will be served at noon.
Lyla Davis
Secretary
No. 1219
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173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

LICENSED PLUMBER DOES all types of plumbing repairs and plumbing remodel done at reasonable rate. Call 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593.(1/03)

221 HELP WANTED

RIO GRANDE SAVINGS & Loan is seeking a Full Time Teller/Customer Service Representative to join our team in the Monte Vista office. Qualified candidates will have superior customer service skills, the ability to work cooperatively in a team environment and must be proficient with a 10-key and Microsoft Office. Successful candidates must be able to perform teller functions and assist customers, while complying with banking regulations and internal policies and procedures. Position offers excellent salary and benefits in a great working environment. For additional information please contact Kate Ruybal @ 719-852-7051. Applications available at www.rgsla.com/contact - deadline is January 7th, 2020.(1/10)

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a High School Boys Baseball Coach; applicants must be willing to meet all CHSAA guidelines. For more information contact Mr. Lucero at mlucero@sierragrandeschool.net or at (719) 379-3259. Applications are available at Sierra Grande School District at 17523 Hwy 160, Blanca, CO 81123 or www.sierragrandeschool.net. Application deadline is open until filled. EOE.(1/10)

221 HELP WANTED

FRIDAY HEALTH PLANS is a company designed for the new healthcare economy and empowers more consumers to choose their own health coverage. FRIDAY IS LOOKING FOR ITS NEXT GREAT PROJECT MANAGER IN ALAMOSA. The successful candidate must have 1-2 years' experience in a business or information technology position. Must have computer literacy and be proficient with technology as the candidate will lead and conduct testing environments for product and system implementations, and provide training for staff on various software platforms and programs. Must also have excellent analytical and problem solving skills accompanied with excellent oral and communication abilities. Interested candidates should send their resume and cover letter to Human Resources Department, Friday Health Plans of Colorado, resumes@fridayhealthplans.com. (1/3)

VENDOLA PLUMBING AND Heating is hiring a full time secretary. Great Pay, Paid health insurance, Time off, retirement and yearly bonuses. Please apply at 185 Broadway, Alamosa Co. (01/09)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY: Counseling, Career and Accessibility Services Adams State University seeks applicants for Counseling Services Assistant Director/Coordinator of Accessibility services. AAEOE. For more information visit: https://www.adams.edu/hr/administrative-positions/ (01/09)

221 HELP WANTED

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing Home now hiring LPN's OR RN's. Come join our team! Must have a current license and CPR. Night shift with differential. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th St. in Del Norte CO or call 719-657-1105. Ask for Susan or Paula. (RVI is EOE). (1/22 #1)

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing Home in Del Norte is looking for CNA's to join our Family! Night shift with differential, health benefits/competitive wages. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th St. in Del Norte Co or call 719-657-1105. Ask for Susan or Paula. (RVI is EOE)(1/22 #2)

SEEKING EXPERIENCED AND dependable Full and Part Time gas station cashiers and cooks in Antonito, CO. Please call (719) 580-7772 or (505) 920-0925 for an application.(1/4)

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL District is currently accepting applications for a full-time night custodian. Experience in building maintenance with a basic knowledge of plumbing and electrical is preferred. Applicants must have a valid driver's license. Application forms are available at the district office located at 17523 E. Hwy 160 Blanca, CO 81123 or on District's website at www.sierragrandeschool.net Applications may be submitted to Mr. Robert Taylor at rtaylor@sierragrandeschool.net or turned in at the district office. Position is open until filled. For more information please contact Mr. Robert Taylor at 719-379-3257. (1/5)

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

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RIO GRANDE COUNTY Weed Control District is seeking a full time Weed/Pest District Supervisor. Applicants must have a High School Diploma or GED, knowledge of noxious weeds with Colorado Department of Agriculture Pesticide Applicators Qualified Supervisor License. Good driving record and current Colorado Driver's License required. Background Check and Pre-employment Drug Screening required. Application and job description are available on line at www.riograndecounty.org. or pick up and submit to Human Resources: 925 6th St., Rm. 200; Del Norte, CO 81132.(1/11)

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5 Diamond Head site
9 Carp
12 Verdi's princess
13 Reynolds or Gosling
14 Flow back
15 Slue
16 Radar spot
17 Bakery item
18 Vienna's locale
20 Rubber tree sap
22 Collide with
23 Carry with difficulty
24 Clad like a superhero
27 Colombia's capital
30 Turing or Ladd
31 Beach top
32 Conflict
34 Dowel
35 — -com
36 Salmon variety
37 Forgo
40 Name for a cow
41 Cat's foot
42 Chat
43 Absorb data
46 Souvenir
50 Small business mag
51 Low-cal
53 Muddy the waters
54 Wood ash product
55 Latin 101 word
56 Ocean bird
57 Youngster
58 Genteel one
59 The Banana Boat Song (hyph.)

DOWN

1 Horse bean
2 Place
3 Works by Keats
4 Made of clay
5 Planet's course
6 Jean Auel heroine
7 "Bali —"
8 Disconnect
9 Hung on to
10 NYC theater award
11 Wild goat
19 Unburden
21 In the past
23 Potting soil
24 Ford product
25 Succulent plant
26 Walks softly
27 Sometimes furrowed feature
28 Rarely seen bills
29 Pleased sighs
31 Steep, as tea
33 Trigger's rider
36 Cringed
38 Paramedic's skill
39 Bach contemporary
40 Thud
42 Pier
43 Cheerful tone
44 New Age singer
45 Made a hole in one
46 Viking quaff
47 Mrs. Charles
48 Very little
49 Fake butter
52 Novelist — Levin

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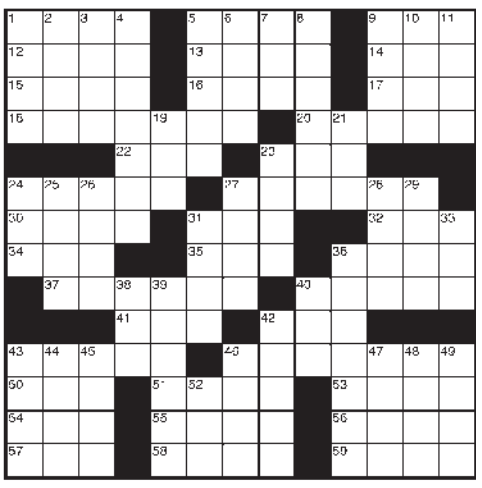

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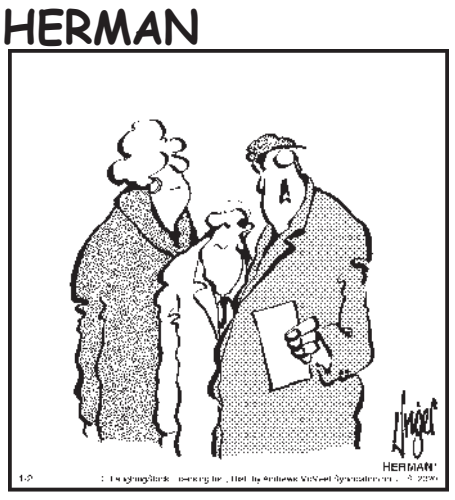

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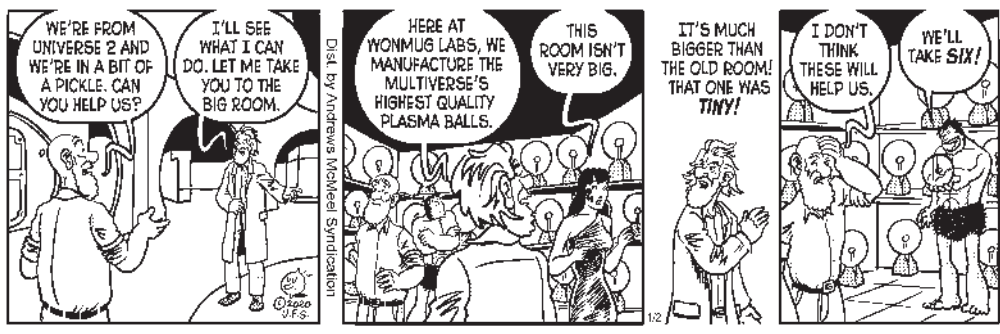

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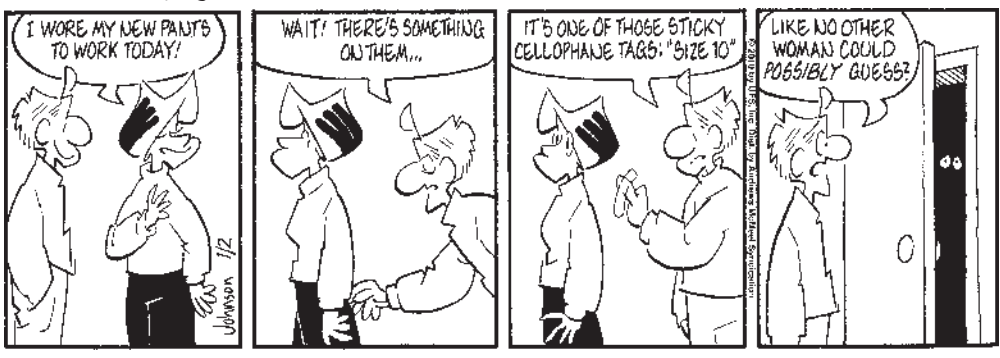

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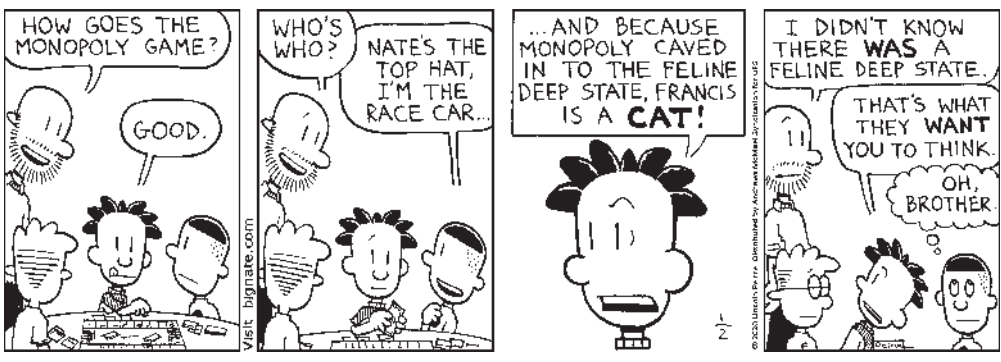

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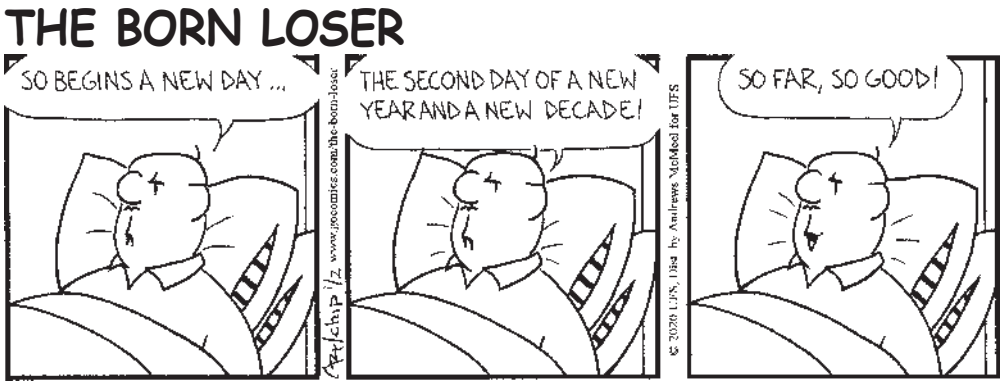

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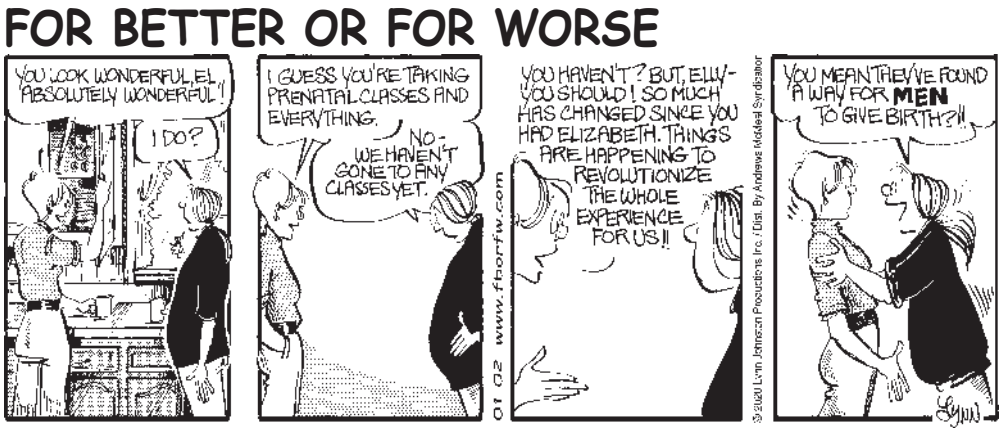

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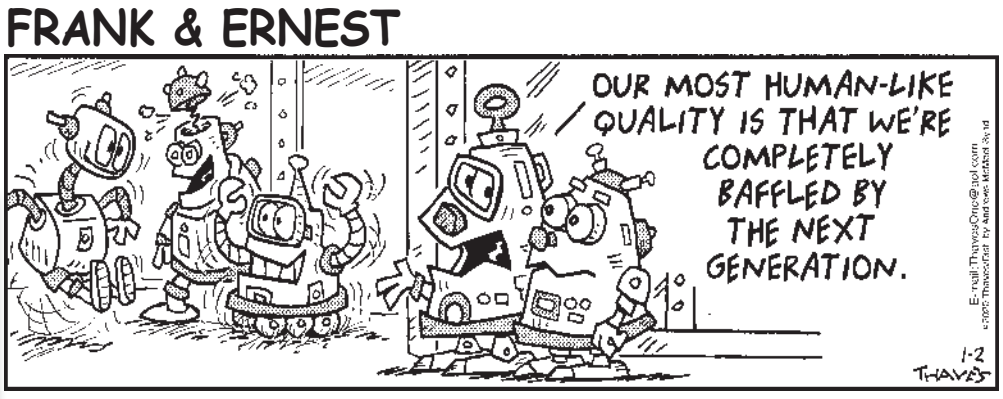

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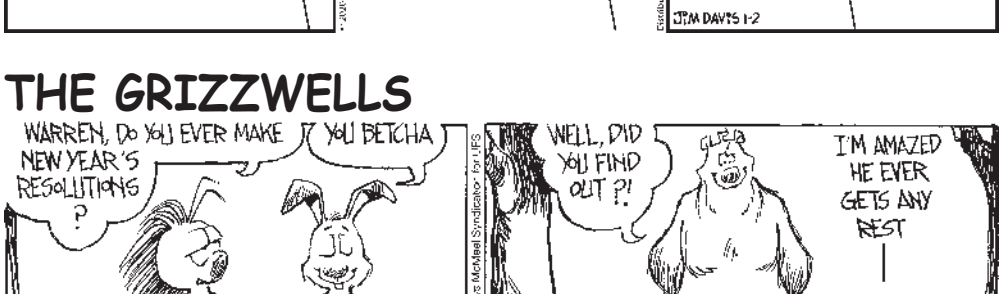

PEANUTS

After mediterranean honeymoon, man refuses to live with wife

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My heart is breaking for my friend who was married just a month and a half ago. She and her husband went on a two-week Mediterranean cruise for their honeymoon. They have not lived together since then. Her husband says he loves her, and I know she loves him, but he has no immediate plans to live with her! She's heartbroken and is planning an annulment. What advice do you have? -- THROWN IN MARYLAND

DEAR THROWN: I wish you had shared a few more details about their situation. I'm surprised your friend wasn't aware of her husband's feelings before she married him.

However, as sympathetic as you are about her situation, my advice is to be there for her to lean on but refrain from giving her advice. She's going to have to figure this out for herself. Some couples do better if they live separately. But if what her husband has in mind was a surprise and is unacceptable to her, she is doing the right thing.

DEAR ABBY: I'm not sure if anyone else has this problem. My husband is constantly grabbing me, either my breasts or my crotch. It's day and night. We have been married almost 40 years, and I am sick of it.

If I say something, he says, "Oh, I bet the guys you work with would love to be touching you!" Not once have my co-workers ever implied such a thing. I just don't understand! Any suggestions on how I can make him understand I hate this? -- GROPED OUT WEST

DEAR GROPED: Your husband may consider what he's doing as foreplay or regard you not as a person but his property. Touching someone in this manner without consent could be considered sexual abuse. His comment about your male co-workers may be a back-handed compliment, but why you are sick of hearing it is understandable.

If he doesn't understand after 40 years that you dislike what he's doing, it's because he doesn't want to, and your feelings are unimportant to him. A marriage counselor may be able to help you get through to him. If he won't go, go without him.

DEAR ABBY: I am 59 years old with a good job. I have a pleasant personality, and I have been told I am attractive. I would love to find someone who would be a very good friend or maybe even a love connection.

The problem is, I wear partials because some of my teeth are missing. I'm very attractive with them in, but I'm afraid if I tell a man I have them, he won't regard me as attractive anymore. Should I withhold that information until further down the line?

Please advise me because this is holding me back on trying to have a relationship. I don't want to remain lonely because of this. -- READY FOR SOMETHING IN D.C.

DEAR READY: You state that you have a good job. If all that's holding you back from finding a partner is embarrassment about your dentures, contact a dentist and ask if there are other options, such as implants, that might be a solution for you. If there are, it will give you the boost of confidence you are seeking. If not, keep in mind that if you are dating the right man in your age group or older, he shouldn't have as much a problem with your teeth as you fear.

Lifestyle

Restoring wildlife habitat in western Colorado starts with native seeds

Colorado Parks and Wildlife technician Ryan Lane holds a mixture of 30 different native seeds used to replant former farm land to benefit wildlife.

Courtesy photo

DOVE CREEK — Good habitat is the key for maintaining wildlife populations.

So Colorado Parks and Wildlife is working in western Colorado to restore abandoned farmland and other areas back to a natural condition.

On a freezing November morning on the western edge of Colorado, Ryan Lane, a CPW wildlife technician, drove an open tractor back and forth across a 400-acre expanse of the Coalbed Canyon State Wildlife Area. The tractor pulled a specialized planter, known as a no-till drill that pushed seeds from 30 different native plants into the dry soil.

Late fall is a good time for planting these types of seeds □ with snow and rain usually reliable at this time of year getting the seed down ahead of moisture is ideal.

Since 2014, CPW has been working aggressively in several areas throughout western Colorado to plant native seeds on: old farmland, state wildlife areas, state trust lands and areas burned in fires.

Since 2015, the agency has planted on about 7,500 acres for restoration and on another 10,000 acres of areas burned in forest fires, explained Trevor Balzer, CPW's sagebrush and mountain-shrub habitat coordinator.

One of those areas is the 2,800-acre Coalbed Canyon State Wildlife Area in southwest Colorado. In the areas level enough to plant, the parcel produced beans and wheat for decades.

To accommodate agricultural crops, however, the land was stripped of sagebrush and other native plants that supported multiple species of wildlife, including the Gunnison Sage-grouse, mule deer, elk, multiple species of birds and small mammals.

Before CPW's ownership, the fields were abandoned and planted with a fast-growing non-native grass that does not provide much value to wildlife. So in 2016, CPW started the long restoration process.

The area was treated to kill the non-native grass and the planting process started. Planting in areas like Coalbed Canyon, however, can be frustrating because of dry weather conditions.

Seeds planted in the fall of 2015 and 2016 received adequate moisture, sprouted and became established. But extremely dry and hot weather followed the fall planting of 2017 and seeds did not do well in 2018. Consequently, those areas are being seeded again.

Wet conditions last spring were favorable for getting seeds to take hold, Balzer said.

CPW plants native seeds using the "no-till" method. The land is not plowed so the roots of the native existing grasses hold soil in place. New seeds are planted among the remaining vegetation.

A key to reclamation efforts is CPW's native seed warehouse in Delta that was completed in 2012. CPW and other agencies collect seeds of native plants, mostly on the Uncompahgre Plateau west of Montrose, and ship them to commercial growers in the northwest U.S. Those businesses specialize in native plant propagation and then harvest thousands of pounds of seed in amounts that cannot be collected in the wild. The seed is shipped to CPW's climate-controlled warehouse where it is stored and distributed as needed.

"With large amounts of seed available we can take on large-scale seeding projects," said Jim Garner, manager of the warehouse. "The warehouse allows us to provide locally adapted plant varieties to Western Slope land managers who are conducting habitat improvement projects."

A mixture of seed from the warehouse was dropped by airplane last spring over more than 5,000 acres of the Bull Draw fire area near Nucla.

That fire burned during the summer of 2018. An inspection of the area in the fall showed that native plants have started to grow.

Balzer explained that the availability of seeds of native forbs – broad-leafed flowering plants – and shrubs are especially important for reclamation efforts.

"Those weren't readily available on the market before we had the warehouse," he said. "They're critical because they provide diverse food sources for all wildlife in the area.

When these plants flower they attract a wide variety of insects which help to spread the plants over large areas of the landscape and restore broader habitat function."

The planting on the 400-acre plot at Coalbed Canyon has been difficult because of wet and cold weather that hit in mid-November.

That planting should be completed early in 2020 and plans are already in place to plant a 200-acre parcel next year.

Across the Western Slope, Balzer wants to stay the course of reclaiming about 1,500 acres per year. Even though that's a small amount of acreage in a vast landscape, biologists know that their work will impact areas far beyond the individual plots.

"Getting native plants established in these areas is not easy," Balzer said. "The process is slow and native shrubs take many years to mature. But revisiting a successfully restored site is extremely rewarding."

CPW is an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 41 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW's work contributes approximately $6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.

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