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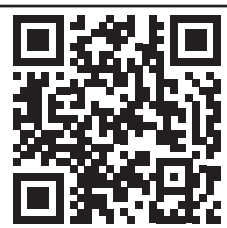
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Mural painting in Moffat on Saturday

MOFFAT— Saguache-based artist GiGi Douglas will lead the art students at Moffat Consolidated School and the community in a mural painting on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The mural the have the western theme of "Standing Strong as a Community," and will be on the bus barn at the school. The public is invited and there will be free food, music, art, and fun.

Veterans Service Office to close May 20-31

ALAMOSA COUNTY— The Alamosa County Veterans Service Office, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, will be closed from May 20-31. The office will reopen June 3 during their regular hours.

Veterans needing emergency assistance are welcome to call Ray Odum, Regional Veterans Service Office at 719-924-2280 or one of the other VSOs in the San Luis Valley.

The office is open regular hours through May 17. Call Bill Brown at 719-589-1109, for an appointment.

Alamosa Cemetery Clean Up

ALAMOSA — Crews will be at the Alamosa Cemetery on Monday, May 13, at 8 a.m., for a thorough cleaning of the cemetery grounds. Maintenance staff will dispose of items outside the designated areas stated in the rules and regulations. If there are items you would like to keep, you must pick them up before Monday, May 13.

For questions, contact Danny Govea at 719-496-7368.

For a copy of the rules and regulations, contact Alamosa Parks and Recreation at 719-589-2105.

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Trial of Daniel Brandt begins

Juvenile being tried as adult for allegedly shooting APD officer, other victim

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter
ALAMOSA — After roughly 100 people were summoned for jury duty with selection taking

two full days, the trial of 17-year-old Daniel Brandt got underway on Wednesday.

Brandt has been charged with two counts of criminal conspiracy to commit first degree murder, three counts of assault in the first degree, one count of illegal discharge of a firearm and one count of criminal mischief for his involvement in allegedly shooting Alamosa Police Department Officer Mollee Heeny and a second victim, Ricardo Rangel, on Oct. 27, 2022.

The opening statement for the prosecution was made by 12th Judicial Deputy District Attorney Carle Tarnutzer-Decker, who is assisting District Attorney Anne Kelly in prosecuting the case. DA Anne Kelly will be handling the questioning of witnesses.

Tarnutzer-Decker opened her statement to the jury by playing an audio tape of Officer Mollee Heeny screaming, "Please, please, don't let me die."

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Alamosa Police Department Officer Mollee Heeny

Dingfelder sworn in as APD chief



In the presence of his wife, Stephanie, and three city staff members, George Dingfelder, former Chief of Police of the Monte Vista Police Department, was sworn in as Alamosa's new Chief of Police with the Alamosa Police Department. The ceremony took place on Monday, May 6, and was officiated by municipal Judge McDonald. APD Chief Dingfelder has a long history of law enforcement service that includes six years in the US Army Military Police, 25 years in the Colorado State Patrol, and four years as Chief of Police for the City of Monte Vista. While serving with the Colorado State Patrol, Dingfelder moved up through the ranks, ultimately serving as the Major overseeing field operations for District 5, comprised of 17 counties, including the San Luis Valley.

Courtesy photo

Ready to ride for a really good cause

Funds will purchase 'rifle ready' vests for ACSO personnel

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter
ALAMOSA — From May 16-19, a group of hearty and committed bike riders will be on a ride that will cover 273 miles and include a gain in elevation of 13,356 feet.

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Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Alamosa County Sheriff's Office deputies are among those to benefit from rifle ready bulletproof vests. Pictured left to right: Deputy Eric Martinez, Deputy Sylvia Lucas-Moreno, Deputy Sergio Cazares, Alamosa Police Department Police Chief George Dingfelder, APD Co-responder Tim Dellett, Alamosa City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, Alamosa County Sheriff Robert Jackson, Deputy Eduardo Saria, Deputy Malachi Sandoval and Detective Zach Decker.

New Malm Trail signs detail natural, human history of area



By JOHN WATERS
News Editor

ALAMOSA— The Malm Trail is a hidden hiking gem in Alamosa which is located off South River Road that traverses City of Alamosa Parks and Recreation land and onto the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge.

Local nature enthusiast and retired biology teacher, Barbara Kruse has led the charge in having 12 interpretive signs placed along the trail network. She approached the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area which

Malm Trail has new signs.

Courier photo by John Waters

agreed to sponsor signs along the trail network in conjunction with Alamosa Parks and Recreation, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Julie Chacon with the heritage area said this, "Partnering together on this project allowed us to educate and interpret the small details we sometimes overlook in our daily lives here in the San Luis Valley. This also allows us a great opportunity to take our tours and youth groups along the Malm Trail for a great learning experience!"

"Thanks to the effort and idea of Alamosa resident Barbara

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OBITUARIES

Marianna Hollmer Brandt

Marianna Hollmer Brandt was born Oct. 12, 1942, in Crestone, Colo., to Harry Otto Hollmer and Mary "Toots" Tooker Hollmer. She grew up in that mountain community and went to school there until the local school closed. She then attended and graduated from Moffat High School, then attended Adams State College (now University), earning a degree in Elementary Education. She taught second grade for 36 years in the Pueblo public school system, retiring in 2001. Marianna cared deeply for each and every one of her students and never forgot any of them. She recently ran into a student she taught many years ago and, in the course of their conversation, found out that she had no pictures from his elementary years. She spent three days sifting through her pictures to find one of him to copy and send. Her children state that no matter where they went, there was always a former student who recognized and greeted her and she was never to busy to stop and visit with them.

After retirement, she and Claude spent 10 years working at Blue Mesa Ranch in Gunnison ... looking after campers and trolling for fish on the lake. Marianna became an expert at filleting salmon during those years. She became very adept at riding a 4 wheeler around the camp to check for compliance and to visit with and help out the summer people. During those years, she planted and cared for a beautiful wild flower garden.

Marianna passed from this life to the next one on May 3, 2024, at Parkview



Hospital in Pueblo, Colo., surrounded by her family. Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Claude Irvn Brandt, one daughter Christine (Vince), four sons: Shawn (Pati), Marty (Missy), Matt (Nikki), and Shane (Corie); three step-sons: Mike (Antonette), Carl (Linda), and Doug together with six grandchildren, Shaylin (Joseph), Ty, Dillon, Bailey, Jasper, and Scarlett, two great-granddaughters: Olive and Emmy, six step-grandchildren, Laura, Julie (Brandon), Chris, Amy, Willie, and Alicia and one step-great-grandson, Alex. Also surviving are two brothers, Jim and Tom (Carol) Holmer, several nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Acts of service and food were Marianna's language of love. After Claude was diagnosed with diabetes, she made it her mission to learn all she could about the disease and to provide him with a diet that would enable him to live with the disease without having to go on insulin. Always generous, she shared food with family and neighbors and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone. She'd spend days canning you things like beans and jam. She'd cook everyone's favorite food for the holidays and make extras just so you could

have leftovers to take. If you told her you had a favorite food or drink she'd buy you so much of it. She would send her grand kids and great grand kids a card with a gift card in it for a treat like ice cream every holiday. One holiday we baked every pie we could think of just because we kept asking her to bake another one. She never had a dirty dish in her sink and would happily do your dishes while visiting. She would do anything for the ones she loved, even if it meant she went without. She was especially known for her dinner rolls and no one made lighter and more delicious rolls than she did. A friend dubbed her "the bread whisperer" as she could tell just by listening to the mixer from the other room whether you'd put enough flour in the dough. Her grandson, Jasper, declares that she was an angel food cake MASTER.

Marianna loved critters and pets were always part of the household - dogs, cats, chickens.

Marianna was always a nature lover. Fishing, hunting, hiking and camping with her are fondly remembered by all her children. Her son, Shawn, is especially proud of the fact that she taught him how to hunt, how to field dress his first deer, and how to butcher his game.

Services will be held May 11, 2024, at 1 p.m. at the POA Hall in Crestone, Colo., (68575 County Road T, Crestone, Colo.) with graveside services to follow at the Crestone cemetery.

Arrangements are in charge of Rogers Mortuary, 205 State Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101.

Myron Richard Peterson

Lifetime La Jara resident Myron Richard Peterson, 94, passed away on May 7, 2024. He was born on March 8, 1930, in Sanford, Colo. He was the eighth of nine children born to Robert and Nellie (Poulson) Peterson. He served his country in the United States Navy.

On Sept. 29, 1951, Myron and Eloise Reynolds were married, they were married 66 years till she passed away in 2017. They enjoyed life together and raised three daughters. They loved to travel the world and visited six of the seven continents and spent time every January in Hawaii. Myron was a cowboy and a rancher until he retired. Myron always had a joke to tell with a smile



on his face. He also always had a piece of candy in his pocket for the kids at church and loved to hold babies. Myron had a deep and commanding voice and could get everyone's attention. He believed that beef was the only thing for dinner and chocolate and ice cream should be enjoyed every day. A great day for him started with breakfast early in the morning with his buddies at the Campus Cafe. He was very much a family man, who enjoyed spending time together and traveling with

his family.

Myron is survived by his daughters Marian Sage and Elaine Peterson; his grandchildren Chrystal, Dustin, and Megan and eight great-grandchildren; as well as his sister Norma Haynie of Seattle, Wash., and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, his wife Eloise, his daughter Lynette Welsh, son-in-law Buddy Sage and his siblings, Cora Gray, Alice Gillman, Evelyn Garris, Wade Peterson, Leigh Peterson, Paul Peterson, and LouAnn Gilliat.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024, at the Sanford Cemetery.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To express condolences, leave words of comfort and tributes for Myron's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

stay sober and help other alcoholics/addicts to achieve sobriety.

There are AA and NA 12-Step Meetings throughout the valley. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affili-

ated 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 or see our website: slvaa.org

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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Multiple agencies engage in high-speed chase of stolen car

CONTRIBUTED

RIO GRANDE COUNTY – Deputies with the Rio Grande Sheriff's Office engaged in a high-speed pursuit at about 3 p.m. on Tuesday after being notified via their Automated License Plate Reader that they had just passed a stolen vehicle west of Del Norte on Highway 160.

According to a statement from Rio Grande County Sheriff Anne Robinson, after confirming a stolen vehicle report from the Colorado Springs Police Department, RGCSO deputies attempted to stop the vehicle on Highway 160 at County Road 44 within Rio Grande Coun-

ty. The vehicle was a 1996 Subaru Legacy station wagon.

The vehicle's driver began to stop and fled from the deputies. With the assistance of the Monte Vista Police Department, an attempt to deploy a tire deflation device west of Monte Vista was unsuccessful. The vehicle continued through Monte Vista.

As the pursuit approached Alamosa another attempt to deploy a tire deflation device was made by the Alamosa Police Department. The vehicle swerved to avoid the Stop Sticks, spun out of control off the roadway, but was

able to regain the roadway and continue toward Alamosa.

The pursuit was discontinued before entering city limits due to concerns for public safety.

The unoccupied vehicle was located in a residential neighborhood in Alamosa a short time later. The identification of the driver of the vehicle is pending further investigation.

The Rio Grande County Sheriff's Department would like to thank its law enforcement partners and the Colorado State Patrol Regional Communications Center for their assistance and support.

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

APD report for week of April 26 to May 3, 2024

Freddy Cecilio Mairena Lopez, 33, of Alamosa was cited for careless driving causing bodily injury, failed to stop at stop sign.

Andres Rosendo, 31, of Alamosa was cited for disorderly conduct.

Franklin Rodriguez Flores, 27, of Alamosa was cited for disorderly conduct.

Ethan Wolfe, 18, of Alamosa was cited for underage consumption/possession of alcohol, DUI -alcohol.

Anna Pacheco, 52, of Monte Vista was cited for failing to use turn signals, unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Quityne Paulson, 22, of Alamosa was cited for vehicle plates not legible, uninsured vehicle.

James Canaan, 39, of Alamosa was cited for violation of restraining order, domestic violence, harassment.

Amber Cortez, 39, of Alamosa was cited for dog at large.

David Silvas Antonito, 28, of Antonito was cited for failing to stop at stop sign.

Rosa Francisco Pascu-

al, 47, of Alamosa was cited for speeding (5-9 over).

Layne Mattausch, 20, of Parker was cited for speeding (10-19 over) in a pedestrian safety zone.

Josiah Medina, 22, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.

Casey Lobato, 32, of Alamosa was cited for careless driving.

Marlon Vigil, 26, of Alamosa was cited for domestic violence, harassment, violation of restraining order.

Jason Ulibarrie, 41, of Chama was cited for failing to abate.

Rayshawne Thomas, 44, of Denver was cited for expired tags over 60 days.

Joanne Coupe, 72, of Crestone was cited for violation of restraining order, DUI - alcohol, uninsured vehicle, passed on right when unsafe.

Elijah Lopez, 22, of Alamosa was cited for violation of restraining order.

Nicole Chavez, 43, of Alamosa was cited for uninsured vehicle, unregistered vehicle.

Jonathan Martinez, 44, of Denver was cited for driving under restraint.

Angelo Espinoza, 41, of Alamosa was cited for un-

lawful possession of controlled substance.

Omar Prieto, 24, of Alamosa was cited for 2nd degree burglary, obstruction of police officer, theft \$300-\$999.

Elizabeth Dodds, 38, of Alamosa was cited for driving under restraint.

Brandon Ratcliffe, 29, of Alamosa was cited for violation of restraining order, theft under \$300, unlawful use of controlled substance.

Catherine Reynolds, 33, of Alamosa was cited for violation of restraining order.

Andrew Almaguer, 44, of Alamosa Unregistered vehicle, uninsured vehicle

Steven Schaich, 44, of La Jara was cited for theft \$300-\$999, trespassing.

Owen Torri, 19, of Golden was cited for false reporting, careless driving.

Lindsey Sisneros-Romero, 33, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.

Nicole Malouff, 37, of Alamosa was cited for trespassing.

Joshua Sawyer, 20, of Monte Vista was cited for domestic violence, harassment, criminal mischief.

OBITUARY

Prexedes I. Sandoval

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend Prexedes Sandoval. She gained her angel wings on May 6, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Prexedes was welcomed into the world on Nov. 19, 1940, the beloved daughter of Antonio Martinez and Emma Cisneros Martinez.

Prexedes was a very loving and caring person with a beautiful smile that would light up any room she entered. As a young lady she learned the value of hard work, dedication and love for family that she carried on throughout her life up to the very last day.

Prexedes graduated from Antonito High School. After graduation she met the love of her life Abelino Sandoval and the two became one and started their family. The two were blessed with 5 children, 3 daughters and 2 sons.

Prexedes enjoyed working, in her free time she loved gambling going to bingo, traveling, shopping and making tortillas for her family and friends. Her grandkids held a very special place in her heart and the time she was able to spend

with them brighten her day.

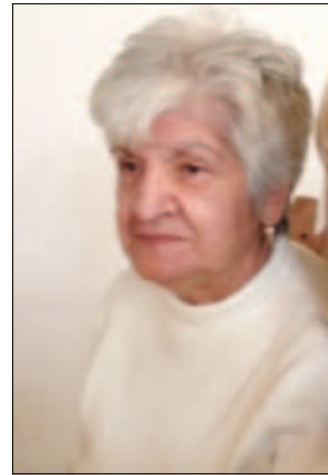
She will be missed dearly by all who knew her. We will forever be grateful and cherish the memories and love she left with us while she was here.

Prexedes will live on through her children; Dora Duran of Antonito, CO, Valerie Romero of Antonito, CO, Cindy (Paul) Clark of Manassa, CO, and Andrew (Monica) Sandoval of Marysville, WA. As well as 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren 2 sisters; Jamie Montoya, Maryann (Alfrio) Sandoval, one brother Chris (Katy) Martinez. She is also survived by numerous cousins and friends.

Prexedes was preceded in death by her parents Antonio and Emma Martinez, one son Timmy Sandoval, one sister, and four brothers.

A Rosary will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Romero Valley Funeral Home in Alamosa. The Mass of Resurrection will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Conejos, CO. Interment will follow at the Lajara Cemetery.

To leave online condolences, please visit



romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

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Valley News

Alpine Achievers Initiative Children's Market



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The Youth of the Valley to Valley Homeschool Group will host a maker's market on Saturday starting at 1 p.m. at the Rio Grande Farm Park, 6935 Co-17, Alamosa. Those interested can enroll in the 2024-25 V2V program. This is a cash only event, bring small bills. Join these kids from the Valley to Valley Homeschool Group at a maker's market on Saturday at the Rio Grande Farm Park.

Alamosa County recognizes Land Use staff



Photo By Roni Wisdom

On May 8, Alamosa County Commissioners proclaimed May as Building Safety Month to recognize the critical role of our Land Use and Building Code staff who assure us of safe, sustainable, and affordable homes, commercial buildings, and other structures. Pictured are Arlan VanRy, Commissioner, Richard Hubler, Land Use Director, Lori Laske, Commissioner and Vern Heersink, Commissioner.

Cash prizes going to top floats of Ski-Hi Stampede parades

Theme is 'Heroes Among Us'

CONTRIBUTED MONTE VISTA – The top floats in the 2024 Ski-Hi Stampede parades will

receive cash prizes. The Ski-Hi Stampede parades will be on July 12 and 13 in downtown Monte Vista. The theme for this year's parade is "Heroes Among Us."

Absolute Shine donated \$1,500 that will go to the first-place float; SLV Auto

Repair donated \$1,000 that will go to the second-place float; and Pepper Equipment donated \$500 that will go to the third-place float.

To qualify for a cash prize the float must be in the parade on both days, Friday and Saturday mornings.

The parades start at 10 a.m. each day with lineup at 8:30 a.m. The parade route will begin in downtown Monte Vista at the Shell gas station and head west to the corner on Davis Street heading back east toward Safeway.

Registration forms can be picked up at Finer

Blessings, 730 1st Ave., Monte Vista. The Ski-Hi Stampede Committee is organizing the parades.

The San Luis Valley Ski Hi Stampede Rodeo was founded in 1919 and is a PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association) sanctioned sporting event that is a non-profit

organization made up of over 200 volunteers.

The 102nd annual Ski-Hi Stampede kicks off with a concert on July 11, featuring Wynonna, followed by three days of PRCA action on July 12, 13 and 14. For more information, visit online www.skihistampede.com.

Ready

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The choice of dates is specific as they fall during National Police week, honoring those who in law enforcement who have made the ultimate sacrifice and died in the line of duty.

The ride is also being held for a cause equally specific and, locally, highly significant – raising enough funds to buy each law enforcement officer, transport officer and first responder with the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) with rifle ready bulletproof vests capable of stopping high velocity bullets. ACSO deputies currently don't have that protection.

"The vests are really needed," says Alamosa Sheriff Robert Jackson. "This is a rural area where there's a greater likelihood of people having weapons like assault rifles."

It is not yet known how many riders will be on this worthy (and probably really cold) ride but two are 100% committed and ready: Tim Dellett, Co-responder with Alamosa Police Department, and Erich Schwiesow, attorney for the city of Alamosa.

"It's an honor to serve our county in this manner and to protect our protectors," says Dellett. "It's also a great adventure to be with other likeminded individuals and to see this great state."

"I plan to raise enough

money to buy a couple of vests, which cost about \$2,300 each. I'm asking people to please support me in reaching this goal."

Asked for his comment, Erich Schwiesow responded, "Yeah, what he said." He then nodded toward Dellett.

Sheriff Jackson expresses his appreciation to any and all who are able to support the riders or donate directly to the cause. "Our deputies and our transport personnel will be much safer," he said.

Those willing to support Dellett or Schwiesow can do so by going to www.Shield616.org and clicking on the "Donate" tab. Anyone with questions are welcome to call Dellett at 719-580-5411.

Signs

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Kruse, The City of Alamosa Parks & Recreation Department partnered with Barbara, the Sangre De Cristo National Heritage Area, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to create environmental interpretive signage along the trails within the Toivo Malm Trail System and the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge.

"The Toivo Malm System created in 2019 gives south Alamosa residents their first official trail system and landmark access to the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge and the Rio Grande. These signs contain educational in-

formation and photos of riparian and lowland ecosystems. As you progress along the trail, knowledge of birds, plants, and other flora and fauna is displayed on the interpretive signs. This initiative provides visitors with a better understanding of the habitats and wildlife they encounter while hiking in this area," said Andy Rice with Alamosa Parks and Recreation.

One of the signs, "Cottonwood Galleries", includes the text, "Alamosa is the Spanish word for cottonwood grove." In the San Luis Valley, where permanent Hispano settlements began in the 1850s, cottonwood beams (vigas) supported adobe buildings, including the many

churches and chapels (iglesias y capillas) established across the Valley. The sign includes photographs of some of the cottonwood residents, including Townsend's Warbler, Cedar Waxwing, and Yellow Warbler. Kruse thanked field ornithologist John Rawinski for contributing his photographs to the project. Over 150 species of birds have been sighted along the trails.

Rawinski will lead a bird walk this Saturday as part of a series of walks sponsored by the Friends of the Refuges at 8 a.m., at the Malm Trail parking lot, 8210 South River Rd., Alamosa. The walk is free and be sure to dress for the weather, bring binoculars, water, snacks, and waterproof boots. Spring bird migration is in full swing, and both common and uncommon birds may be seen.

Trial

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She then took the jury of five men and nine women, including two alternates, through a description of events, detailing Officer Heeney's gunshot wounds to her shoulder and "shattering" her femur, her arrival on the scene, the preceding altercation between Brandt and his aunt, Delia Malouff, that initiated the call to 911, a visitor staying at a house down the street by the name of Rangel – one of the shooting victims – choosing to come to the scene to intervene and yelling at Brandt to leave. Tarnutzer-Decker said Brandt then "swings" at Rangel and a struggle ensues, during which a gun fell from Rangel's pocket, which Brandt picked up and he allegedly used in shooting Rangel and Officer Heeney.

The evidence in the trial would be separated into three categories, Tarnutzer-Decker said. The jury will hear from witnesses, including testimony from Officer Heeney and Rangel, eyewitness account from Adams State Police Chief, "plenty" of officers

with the Alamosa Police Department and others. Evidence will also include photos of "unthinkable violence" and body cam footage from officers. Plus, she said, evidence will include statements Daniel Brandt made after the shooting that show his intentions.

"Daniel Brandt was out of control," Tarnutzer-Decker said. "He tried to kill two people. [His] actions were intentional and with deliberation, and the intention was to kill."

Cobea Becker, one of the two juvenile defense attorneys representing Brandt, then made her opening statement. "This case is a matter of perspective," she told the jury.

Becker's description of the events of Oct. 27, 2022, began much earlier in the day, which started off as a "normal day." Brandt had asked his aunt to take him to school where he met up with some friends. "That led to a day of bad decisions," Becker said, when Brandt went to the park with a friend and drank "Twisted Tea", an alcoholic beverage. "He drank to excess." Brandt and his friend then decided to take the Ortega Middle

School bus home where "Daniel was so drunk he has to hold on the seats to walk down the aisle."

He "sees a pretty girl" on the bus and repeatedly asks for her number. The girl calls Esteban Garcia, a close friend of her mother's, who met her and her brother at the bus stop. That led to a confrontation between Garcia and Brandt. Brandt then went to the house of his aunt, who had just received a call from Garcia. That led to another verbal altercation – this time, with his aunt – and her physically shoving him out of the house. Brandt then breaks his aunt's window. "Daniel Brandt is angry. He's drunk. He's being challenged about his behavior," Becker said.

Becker then described the physical altercation with Rangel, Brandt, now in possession of the gun, the arrival of Officer Heeney, who saw Brandt shoot Rangel, and Heeney yelling at Brandt to "drop the gun."

"Everyone was panicked," Becker told the jury. "Even Mollee Heeney. Nothing indicates Daniel Brandt had the intention to kill anyone." Becker closed her state-

ment by telling the jury, "What you need to decide and pay attention to is the facts. Daniel Brandt was a drunk kid who never intended to kill anyone."

This is the second time the attorneys involved in the case – DA Kelly, for the state, and juvenile defense attorneys Becker and Maralina Schoenfelder – have been in the court of District Judge Krista Newmyer-Olsen in a case involving Brandt.

The first time was during Brandt's transfer hearing, where Newmyer-Olsen ruled in favor of the people and Brandt was ordered to be tried as an adult.

Like much of the transfer hearing, the first day of this trial was punctuated by contention and numerous objections by both the defense and the prosecution. The frequent "back and forth" between counsel, as Newmyer-Olsen described it, was enough to prompt her to issue an order of civility.

At the end of Wednesday's proceedings, all attorneys agreed that frequent objections were slowing down the process while jurors sat and waited, and consensus was reached about ways

to possibly expedite objections, moving proceedings along more quickly.

Brandt if found guilty, will be subject to sentencing in the Department of Corrections for a range of 32 years to 96, depending upon how the judge orders time served. He will also be one of only .4% of people incarcerated who are under the age of 19.

According to the court docket, the trial is expected to last through Wednesday, May 15.

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Opinion

Go call your mother

I knew this old man who loved to tell the same story over and over and over, like old people often do. He got such a huge kick out of it, though, so we all tolerated him and laughed along. The story went something like this: a private detective was hired by a woman to find her son, a Mr. Dun, as he had seemingly disappeared into thin air.

Trout Republic



by Kevin Kirkpatrick

The search soon expanded to a world wide adventure but each time the detective almost caught up with the missing man, he disappeared again. Finally in the wilds of Tibet the detective thinks he has tracked Mr. Dun down and goes into a bar which is devoid of people. He asks the bartender if anyone else is around. The bartender says well only one guy who is out back in the outhouse.

The detective quickly proceeds out to the outhouse only to be met by a man coming out of the privy. The detective blurts out "Are you Dun?" and the man stammers, "Yes." To which the Detective says, "Go call your mother." I know. It's a cornball joke but my friend found great joy in telling it over and over much like Ol' Dutch has been known to do on different subjects of course.

For you see the problem is as we get older we can't remember who we told what and, to be quite honest with you, we don't care. You only have to be around



an RV park all summer to find out that this is not only happening on a daily basis but also quite common in occurrence.

And I said all that to bring us around to this week's highlight of another Holiday Weekend. That's right. It's Mothers Day come Sunday.

There is one thing I guess that joins us all in the human experience for sure and that is we all had a mother at one time or another regardless of our present circumstances. Think of all the mothers in the world. Some were overprepared for the arrival of the bundle of joy. And, some were a bit more nonchalant about the event. No matter what, though, most of them loved us deeply.

I know. There are always a few bad apples out there who for one reason or

another were terrible at the job but this weekend we are going to celebrate the good mothers with the bad regardless. For without their contribution of bringing us life we would not be around to bother other people.

Ol' Dutch has a wonderful mother and I was also fortunate to have known Miss Trixie's mother before she passed to her great reward. She was a jewel like none other.

We were both fortunate to have been raised by women who loved us deeply and always wanted the best for us and I believe it showed throughout our adult lives. Miss Trixie, of course, got the best of training and it seems to have stuck as she is a great partner to me, friend to others and helpmate like no one I know.

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And Ol' Dutch also had a great time growing up with a good mother even though some or most of that training may have been forgotten along the way according to Miss Trixie.

Come Sunday, take time to call your mother or take her out to lunch. And if your mother has passed away like ours, take your wife or best friend out in celebration of the day. And when the waitress asks you at the end of your meal, "are you done?" you can smile and recall my old friend and say "yes."

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News fatigue is a real thing

By DAVID M. SHRIBMAN

The conviction of the Democrats: The tawdry details of Donald Trump's private life that are emerging from his New York trial involving \$130,000 in hush money to the porn star Stormy Daniels finally will sink the former president's reelection campaign. The chaos in the House of Representatives will turn the Republicans out of control of the chamber. Republican reluctance to support armaments for Ukraine will soil the party's reputation for a generation.

The devout belief of the Republicans: The upheaval on the nation's campuses will doom Joe Biden's reelection effort. The anti-Israel rhetoric of the Democrats' progressive wing will undermine confidence in the party's ability to represent ordinary Americans. The courtroom ordeal of Trump will persuade Americans that the legal actions against him are purely political.

Both are probably wrong. That's because a good deal of the country isn't paying attention.

Much as I wish it were otherwise, the readership of this column and others like it may be enviable in quality but is minuscule in quantity. The New York Times has a little more than 10 million digital and print readers; that means 0.3% of the country is reading its dispatches -- more if reprints in other media are counted -- enough to shape elite opinion but not enough to reach a mass audience. Fox News does a little better (0.4% of the country), but the figure still is only about the population of Dallas.

Bottom line: For all the attention on the liberal-oriented Times and the conservative-oriented Fox, their combined stories and commentary don't even reach 1% of the country. Even if they did, most people wouldn't pay attention.

For the first time since the Pittsburgh-based public-opinion data company CivicScience began tracking Americans' attention to politics a decade ago, more people are following poli-

tics "not at all closely" than those who are following it "very closely" -- an astonishing finding considering that the country is in an election year that both parties believe will provide a test of the durability of American democratic values. (The survey found that 45% are following politics "somewhat closely.")

The CivicScience data show that the practice of posting about politics on social media has been dropping steadily in the past five months. Plus this: There's a similar drop in readership in political websites and blogs.

This is not to say that Americans are brain-dead. Since the first quarter of 2021 -- that is when a mob stormed the Capitol in the hope of overturning Biden's election -- the percentage of American adults who say they "follow trends and current events" in music has increased from 33% to 48%, the percentage who say they do so in fashion has jumped from 27% to 39%, and the percentage who say they are following food and cooking has grown from 37% to 53%.

Introducing the cocooning of America. "People are just shifting their attention to what would be considered 'lifestyle' topics," says John Dick, the CEO of CivicScience. "The intensity of attention on politics is waning. You'd expect that in a nonelection year, but not in a year like this. It's declining when you would think interest would be ramping up."

But it's not only happening in this election year. It's so prevalent that there is an emerging area of academic study known as "news avoidance" -- a phenomenon that can warp an election. "People could have preferences that don't match up with their interests and would be different if they had consumed the news," says Natalie Jomini Stroud, director of the Center for Media Engagement at the University of Texas.

Trump may be charged with falsifying 34 business records to hide the hush money paid to Daniels, but people are more interested in what's for dinner. The New York Times apparently no-

ticed. Last Sunday it produced a gorgeous eight-page food section that included 13 recipes. (While I was writing this column about the state of American politics, I did linger over the olive oil baked salmon. The shrimp prepared with sweet paprika with a dash of ground cayenne looked pretty good, too. Forgive me my sins.)

It may be that Americans are simply bone-tired of politics. Or of politicians. (Biden has been in office for 47 of the last 51 years. When Biden joined the Senate in 1973, Trump appeared on the front page of The New York Times for the first time. The headline on the story: "Major Landlord Accused of Anti-black Bias in City.")

In short, familiarity has bred contempt. Listen to Dick: "People are saying to themselves: 'If I can't learn anything about two people we know very well, what's the point of tuning in?'"

And then there is the disgust dynamic. A Pew Research Center poll taken last year found that only 4% of the public believes that the political system is working "extremely" or "very" well.

"A lot of people are actively avoiding news because they want nothing to do with the political system, which they feel doesn't respond to the things they care most about in their everyday lives," says Benjamin Toff of the Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Minnesota and coauthor of "Avoiding the News: Reluctant Audiences for Journalism." "They find political news irrelevant to their lives and hard to make sense of. What they see is mostly bickering and self-serving behavior on the part of powerful people. And they see the people producing the news as part of that." The annual Harvard Kennedy School poll of people 19 to 29 years old found that only 10% said they follow news about national politics closely, with 56% saying they followed such news not very closely or not at all closely. What about all those students in pro-Palestinian protests? An infinitesimal group of young people. When asked

about what issue concerns them the most, the highest percentage (27%) said economic issues. In 13th place: the Israel/Palestine conflict (2%). In an interview in The New York Times last week, the Democratic consultant Lis Smith characterized those who are supporting Robert F. Kennedy Jr. for president: "These are people who do not live and breathe politics. They're not reading The New York Times or watching MSNBC every day." They're certainly not reading this, either. Pass on this column. And while you're at it, pass the salmon.

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Robyn Williams, Imaging Manager for the SLVH Radiology Department, by the CT machine that will be used in the Scoring assessment.

Coronary Calcium Scoring is SLV Health's newest service

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA — San Luis Valley Health (SLVH) recently announced the addition of Coronary Calcium Scoring as a new service line in the Imaging and Radiology Services department at the Regional Medical Center in Alamosa.

Coronary Calcium Scoring is a valuable tool in assessing the extent of calcification in coronary arteries. Quantifying calcified lesions provides clinicians with crucial information about a patient's risk for cardiovascular events such as heart attacks.

Low-dose CT scans, typically with doses below 1-2 mSv, ensure minimal radiation exposure to patients while still producing high-quality images necessary for accurate calcium scoring. These scans can be acquired us-

ing techniques such as ECG-triggered sequences or retrospectively gated spiral scans, which help synchronize image acquisition with the patient's cardiac cycle for optimal results.

Numerous studies have validated the effectiveness of Coronary Calcium Scoring in monitoring changes in coronary calcium load over time. This capability enables healthcare providers to track the progression of atherosclerosis, adjust treatment plans accordingly, and assess the effectiveness of interventions aimed at reducing cardiovascular risk.

Recent studies have indicated that Coronary Calcium Scoring shows promise as a good risk assessment tool in women and multi-ethnic populations, and it may be a bet-

ter predictor of coronary heart disease compared to more traditional cardiac risk evaluation methods. Coronary Calcium Scoring can also be used in a pre-surgical workup before performing cardiothoracic surgery.

Coronary Calcium Scoring plays a crucial role in cardiovascular risk assessment and management, providing clinicians with valuable insights into a patient's coronary health and aiding in personalized treatment decisions.

This service is being offered as Direct to Consumer, with the results going directly to the patient and no insurance will be billed. The cost will be \$100. To schedule this procedure, contact the SLVH RMC Imaging and Radiology Department at 719-587-1231.

5 inspirational gifts for Mother's Day

(METRO) - Mother's Day is celebrated on Sunday, May 12. Mother's Day is devoted to expressing love and showering praise on mothers, stepmothers and any other figure in one's life who has taken on a motherly role.

It is customary to lavish extra praise on moms come Mother's Day, and that often involves gift-giving. The following are five gifts that can ensure Mom knows her efforts and unconditional love have not gone unnoticed.

1. Prompt mindful thinking: The cards from Sunny Present Empowering Questions Cards pose questions to prompt meditation, journaling or simply to practice mindfulness during the day. They are a great way to encourage positive self-talk. Each of the 52 cards feature a door in the Estonian city of Tallinn. Available through Amazon and www.sunnypresent.com.

2. Motivational candle: A little aromatherapy can treat any mother to an uplifting or relaxing fragrance in her special place in the home. But these inspirational candles from Bianchi Candle Co. feature names like "bravery," "joy" and "gratitude" and a motivational message. Purchase at bianchicandleco.com.

3. Inspirational coffee table book: Author and educator Natalie Friscia



METRO photo

Mother's Day gifting can revolve around inspirational and heartfelt gifts that show special mothers how much they are appreciated.

Pancetti wrote, "This Too... Life-Isms to Savor the Sweetness of Life and Calm You Through the Storms" to pay homage to her parents, particularly her father, who was fond of the phrase, "this too shall pass." Pancetti says people often relate the phrase to rough patches in life, but it also can refer to cherishing all the moments that are fleeting. The book offers many inspirational passages and lessons that can be applied to all aspects of life. It can be a touching gift for a mom, grandmother or another special woman. Available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and at www.nataliefrisciapancetti.com.

4. Relaxing home spa experience: Many people have turned their bathrooms into home spas, particularly empty nest-

ers who now have more time to relax and pamper themselves. Spending time in a relaxing shower is a way for Mom to clear her mind and unwind, and Shower Steamers from Body Restore can set the ideal environment. Purchase on Amazon and include alongside additional home spa necessities like loofahs or a bathrobe.

5. Ancestry exploration: Foster greater bonds in the family by giving Mom an opportunity to further trace her heritage. Popular genealogy companies include Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com and 23andme.com, enabling anyone to enjoy a look back at the lineage that helped shape who they are today. These companies can help trace ancestors and even connect people with distant relatives.

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Sports

Lady Mean Moose finish second at home tournament

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor
ALAMOSA – The Alamosa High School girls golf team hosted its annual tournament Wednesday at Cattails Golf Course with the Lady Mean Moose finishing in second place.

Alamosa had a team score of 289 and it was led by Morgan Ortega who finished in third place with a 91. Taybor Wiedeman placed sixth with a 98, Hallie Henry was 12th with a 100, Jayla Quintana was 18th with a 104, and Kiara Gallegos was 30th with a 116.

Alamosa also had a second team which finished fifth with 319. It was led by Paloma Zahringer who was eighth with a 99, Khloe Spangler who was 14th with a 102, and Addison Rice who was 32nd with a 118.

Monte Vista placed fourth with 311. Kiera Sanchez led the Lady Pirates as she was eighth with a 99, followed by Brooke Hoffstaetter who was 14th with a 102, Ellaree Rockey who was 20th with a 110, Laura Stroy who was 22nd with a 111, and Zariah Archuleta who was 37th with a 123.

The Lady Pirates also entered a second team which did not record a team score. Destiny Pacheco was 26th with a 112, and Kaitlynn Roberts was 35th with a 121.

Montezuma-Cortez won the tournament with 256. Fowler was third with 300. Cortez's Amita Crowley and Chesnie Patrick tied

for medalist honors as both shot an 82.

Alamosa will next compete at the Rye Invitational on Friday. The tournament begins at 9 a.m. at Hollydot Golf Course.

Both Alamosa and Monte Vista will return to Cattails on Tuesday for the Class 3A Region 4 Tournament which begins at 9 a.m.

ALAMOSA INVITATIONAL At Cattails Golf Course Par 71

Team scores

Montezuma-Cortez 256, Alamosa 289, Fowler 300, Monte Vista 311, Alamosa 2 319, Gunnison 321, Swink 346, Trinidad 353, Rye 354, La Veta 354, Fowler 2 NS, Monte Vista 2 NS, Swallows Charter Academy NS.

Individual scores

Amita Crowley (MC)	82
Chesnie Patrick (MC)	82
Morgan Ortega (A)	91
Afton Unrein (MC)	92
Andrea Maestas (F)	97
Taybor Wiedeman (A)	98
Aiden Tomlin (G)	98
Kiera Sanchez (MV)	99
Paloma Zahringer (A)	99
Erin Lawrence (MC)	99
Olivia Preston (Sw.)	99
Hallie Henry (A)	100
Madison Porto (F)	101
Presley Mancho (F)	102
Brooke Hoffstaetter (MV)	102
Khloe Spangler (A)	102
Katie Nesselhuf (F2)	103
Jayla Quintana (A)	104
Chesney Escalante (SC)	106
Jaiden Goemmer (LV)	110
Ellaree Rockey (MV)	110
Laura Stroy (MV)	111
Faith Pederson (G)	111
Hannah David (R)	111
Lydia Ballentine (Sw.)	111
Destiny Pacheco (MV2)	112
Norah Abila (G)	112
Phoenix San Roman (T)	112
Kendall Lathrop (R)	115
Kiara Gallegos (A)	116
Dannika Goodall (MC)	117
Addison Rice (A2)	118
Sarah Walters (LV)	119
Laura Borrego (T)	119
Kaitlynn Roberts (MV2)	121
Emily Hosseinzadeh (T)	122
Althea Stansberry (G)	123
Zariah Archuleta (MV)	123
Mary Ames (LV)	125
Brooke Ochs (SC)	126
Lauren Miller (R)	128
Jacklyn Rogers (T)	129
Taylor Pye (R)	131
Aislynn Valdez (LV)	132
Sabryna Su (Sw.)	136



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick
Alamosa High School's Taybor Wiedeman drives from the first tee in the Alamosa Invitational Friday at Cattails Golf Course. Wiedeman finished in sixth place with a 98 and the Lady Mean Moose finished second in the team standings.

Catalano receives Legends Award

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – Dwight Catalano was presented with the prestigious Legends and Heroes Award last Saturday at a Supercross event at Empower Field in Denver.

The Legends and Heroes Award is given to racers that have made a difference nationally and put down footprints that have lasted.

Catalano was originally nominated for the award in 2019, but the nomination was dropped because of COVID. He was nominated again, this time he received the award.

Catalano, 72, still races as often as he can and he is on the steering committee for a new organization which will be in the San Luis Valley on Aug. 17-18 if all the permits are approved. The new club offers classes for classic vintage and modern bike races. It was in the valley in 2022 and it will be at Sutak Raceway which is just south of Alamosa. It was also decided to resurrect the Cat's Classic later this summer.

Catalano is an 18-time Colorado Pro/Exp Level Champion, a Dubya World Vet Motocross champion with 300 wins in four states in more than 1,500 races.

He started racing while attending Adams State University in 1970. His first race was near where the dispatch facility currently sits. He has been involved



Courtesy photo
Dwight Catalano was presented with the Legends and Heroes Award last Saturday in Denver. He also announced plans to revive the Cat's Classic event this summer.

in every motocross statewide since the 70s acting as SRCA referee for two years, then promoter, competition director and board member.

SRAC was ranked as the third largest most organized association in the United States.

Most of his titles were from the SRAC and he raced some AMA nationals in the late 70s and early 80s. He has won in California, Idaho, New Mexico and Wyoming.

Sierra Grande baseball advances to regional

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Sierra Grande baseball team has advanced to regional action in Class 1A and it will face Flatirons Academy Saturday a 12:30 p.m. at Byers High School.

The Panthers are the 15th seed and the Buffalos are the second seed.

Should Sierra Grande win, it will face the winner of the game between seventh-seeded Haxtun and 10th-seeded Holly. That game will be played also today at 3 p.m. at Byers.

If the Panthers win the region, they will play in the Class 1A State Tournament which will take place May 16 at All-Star Park in Lakewood.



Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD TUESDAY
Prep baseball
Center 9, Sargent 8
Monte Vista 13, Alamosa 7
Sargent 6, Center 4
Trinidad at Sanford (2) – postponed

WEDNESDAY
Prep baseball
Montezuma-Cortez 13, Del Norte 3, 6 inn.
Trinidad 16, Sanford 1
Trinidad 26, Sanford 14

College baseball
Colorado School of Mines 7, Adams State 2

THURSDAY
Prep baseball
Sanford at Walsenburg – late
Prep girls soccer
Alamosa at Delta – late
College baseball

Adams State at Colorado Mesa – late

SCHEDULE FRIDAY

Prep girls golf
Alamosa at Rye Invitational (at Hollydot Golf Course), 9 a.m.
Prep track and field
Alamosa, Antonito, Center, Creede, Del Norte, Moffat, Monte Vista, Sangre de Cristo, Sierra Grande at Monte Vista Last Chance Meet, 9 a.m.
Alamosa, Centauri, Sanford at Pueblo West Invitational, 1 p.m.
Sargent at Friday Night Lights (at CSU Pueblo), TBA
College baseball
Adams State at RMAC Tournament (at Grand Junction), TBA

SATURDAY

Prep baseball
Alamosa at Pagosa Springs (2), 11 a.m.
Monte Vista at South Park (2), 11 a.m.
Trinidad at Center (2), 11 a.m.
Sierra Grande vs. Flatirons Academy (Class 1A Region 4 Tournament at Byers), 12:30 p.m.

Sierra Grande/Flatirons Academy winner vs. Holly/Haxtun winner (Class 1A Region 4 Tournament at Byers), TBA

College baseball
Adams State at RMAC Tournament (at Grand Junction), TBA

TUESDAY
Prep baseball
Sargent at Del Norte (2), 11 a.m.
Salida at Centauri (2), 3 p.m.
South Park at Center (2), 3 p.m.
Prep girls golf
Alamosa, Monte Vista at Class 3A Region 4 Tournament (at Cattails), 9 a.m.

THURSDAY
Prep track and field
Alamosa, Centauri at Class 3A State Meet (at Lakewood), TBA
Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Sargent at Class 2A State Meet (at Lakewood), TBA
Antonito, Creede, Moffat, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sierra Grande at Class 1A State Meet (at Lakewood), TBA

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR SAGUACHE COUNTY COURT FACILITIES FEASIBILITY STUDY
 I. OVERVIEW
PROPOSAL DUE DATE/DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS – Responses due by June 10, 2024 at 3PM
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 No inquiries will be accepted after the clarification deadline as indicated in the project schedule.
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 RFP Schedule
 RFP Available
 May 1, 2024
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 By apt with all
 RFP Clarification Deadline
 May 28, 2024
 RFP Clarification Responses
 May 31, 2024
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 June 10, 2024
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 June 25, 2024
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 July 16, 2024
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 July 17, 2024
 Study completion and submittal date
 October 1, 2024
 Report submitted and reviewed by BOCC
 October 8, 2024
 Report accepted and approved
 October 15, 2024
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 Saguache County has outgrown the current space the county and judicial staff occupy. There is no additional space to expand and the need for more space continues to grow.
 III. Project Description
 Saguache County is searching for a vendor to conduct a feasibility study which will assist in deciding the option that best suits Saguache County, it's needs and its circumstances. The options are - a) Construct a new "Judicial Building" that would house the judicial portion of the current courthouse, b) Remodel the 3rd floor of the courthouse to better accommodate the Judicial Department, c) Build a new County Government complex.
 Cost of project study not to exceed \$70,000.
 IV. Submittal Requirements
 Saguache County asks for a letter of interest which incorporates your experience and your qualifications. In addition, please include the cost of the study. Refer to the first page of this document for the address and manner of submitting your information.
 Schedule - See RFP Schedule
 It is expected that the selected firm has the current capabilities and capacity to complete the project by the date listed in the project schedule. Provide a detailed schedule, including milestones, from the notice to proceed date the completion of the study, modifications or alterations, including deviations from the estimated schedule set forth in the RFP Schedule.
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NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging for Region 8 is accepting Request for Proposals (RFP) from both the public and private sectors representing both nonprofit and for profit entities interested in providing services to people age 60 and older for Fiscal Year 2025-2025. Services include: Transportation, Congregate Nutrition Services, In-Home Services (Homemaker, Home-Delivered Meals, Home Modifications), National Family Caregiver Services (support for caregivers). Other avenues of services to older adults will also be considered. South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging, serves all six counties of the San Luis Valley: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache. RFP packets and instructions are available at South-Central Colorado Seniors, 1116 3rd Street, Alamosa, CO 81101. Completed proposals are due to South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc. no later than 5:00 COB, May 31, 2024. Please mail or deliver proposals to South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc. at P.O. Box 639 or 1116 3rd Street, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. For more information, please call Monica Wolfe, Director, 719-589-4511.
 No. 3935.
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ALAMOSA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Alamosa Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM and again before the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 8:30 AM, in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Special Use Permit submitted by Ariene & Brandon Woodman on property currently identified as parcel 541113300310.
 The applicant is proposing to install a single wide mobile home pursuant to Section 3.2.1.C of the ULDC. This property is in the Rural (RU) zone district.
 The legal description of the property is: A tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter (SW7) of Section 13, Township 37 North, Range 9 East, N.M.P.M., Alamosa County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
 Beginning at the Southwest Corner of said Section 13, thence North 10°52'46" West a distance of 2486.08 feet to the West Quarter Corner of said Section; thence North 89°42'21" East along the North line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13 a distance of 437.17 feet to an existing fence; thence South 00°45'07" East along said fence as per the Boundary Agreement recorded under Reception Number 165593, dated July 17, 1970, a distance of 2443.85 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing 12.26 acres, more or less.
 This tract is subject to any and all existing easements, including but not limited to the easement for the existing Brownlow Lateral and to the South 30 feet of the above-described tract (measured perpendicular to the South line) as an easement for County Road 9 South. Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours or at (719) 589-3812.
 Richard Hubler
 Land Use Administrator
 Alamosa County
 No. 3937.
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DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS FILED IN WATER DIVISION 3.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of April 2024 for each county affected.
CASE NO. 2024CR5 RIO GRANDE COUNTY: Bill and Pauline Bond Living Trust, Ronald Bond Trustee: 0640 East County Road 5 North, Monte Vista CO. 81144 bondfarmllc@gmail.com (719)850-2339. Well No. 2, Case No. W-2135, WDID 2011981, as modified in Case No. 20CW24. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: December, 1977 and Oct. 11, 2021 Case Nos: W-3595 and 20CW24 Court: Water Court Division 3. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: The NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, At a point 85 Feet from the North Section Line and 2625 Feet from the East Section Line, in Rio Grande County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. Permit Number: 86836-F (formerly 14085-R) Well Depth: 80 Feet Appropriate Date: July 31, 1937. TOTAL amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs): 985 GPM, absolute, being 2.219 cubic feet per second of time. Decreased use or uses: Irrigation. Restricted to the irrigation of 130 acres in the NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, in Rio Grande County, Colorado. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 985 GPM Well No. 2-A, Case No. W-3595, WDID 2006422, as modified in Case No.
20CW24 Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: December 8, 1977, and Oct 11, 2021 Case Nos: W-3595 and 20CW24, Court: Water Court Division 3. The Center of the NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, At a point 1,320 Feet from the North Section Line and 1,320 Feet from the East Section Line, in Rio Grande County, Colorado Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. Permit Number: 86837-F (formerly 20261-F) Well Depth: 100 Feet Appropriate Date: June 30 1937 Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs): 985 GPM absolute, being 2.19 cfs. S. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Restricted to the irrigation of 130 acres in the NE7 of Section 7, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, in Rio Grande County, Colorado. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 985 GPM Decreed source of water: that applicant intends to change: 985 GPM, Well No. 2-A, Case No. W-3595, WDID 2006422, Well Permit No. 20261-F, now permit No. 86836-F, has been pumping consistently 800-870 gpm with an annual pumping diversion in the range of 120 to 250 acre feet per year to grow crop under a center pivot sprinkler. Production from the unconfined aquifer has decreased dramatically in the past several years. With this application, applicant requests an alternate point of diversion in order to drill a supplemental well to be located in the SW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, to a depth not to exceed the top of the confining clay series. This, in order to maintain at or near the permitted and decreed flow rate of 985 gpm. Applicant is proposing to have the new supplemental well and irrigation Well No. 2-A with individual and combined maximum pumping rates of 985 gpm each, and a combined total decreed pumping rate of 985 gpm at any point in time. The total annual volumetric limit would remain at 276.73 acre-feet, as permitted, and decreed in Case No. 20CW24. The subject well is within the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Groundwater management Subdistrict No. 1 boundary and is included in the annual replacement plan of said sub-district. The additional well will contract as a supplemental well into Sub-District 1. Attached Exhibit 1 is the pumping history for the past 10 years for said well, derived from the Colorado Division of Water Resources database. Applicant intends to drill the replacement well near southwest corner of the NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. The location of the new well will be at or near 2580 feet from the east section line and 1,800 from the north section line. Location information in UTM format - Existing Irrigation Well No. 2-A, Case No. W-3595, Permit No. 20261-F. The new supplemental well will likely be located near: Easting 399478, Northing 4166738 zone 13. Name of owner: Billy and Pauline Bond Living Trust, Ronald Bond, Trustee: 0640 East County Road 5 North Monte Vista CO. 81144.
 You are notified that you have until the last day of June 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 No. 3939.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 10, 2024.

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

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of April 2024 for each county affected.
CASE NO. 2024CW3002; CONEJOS COUNTY: LeRoy O. Martinez and Rosalie M. Martinez, by and through Karl Kuenhold, Esq., Law Office of Karl Kuenhold, LLC, 808 Third Street Alamosa, CO 81101 (Attorney for Applicant) 719-589-3688, karl@kuenholdlaw.com. Petition for Correction of Decree. Decreed water rights for which correction or changes are sought: (1) Well No. 2; Orig. Decree: 09/26/1977, Water Division 3, Case No. W-1692. Location: the well is situated in the SE quarter of SW1/4 of Section 27, Township 35 North, Range 9 East NMPM, in Conejos County, CO at a point 96 feet from the South section line and 1563 feet from the West section line in Conejos County, Colorado, Colorado. Source: Confined Aquifer. Appropriation date: October 10, 1963 Amounts: 3200 gpm being 7.13 cubic feet of water per minute, being 14.26 acre feet of water in a period of twenty-four hours. Uses in Decree: irrigation (2) Well No. 3; Orig. Decree: 09/26/1977, Water Division 3, Case No. W-1692. Location: the well is situated in the SW1/4 quarter of NW1/4 of Section 27, Township 35 North, Range 9 East NMPM, in Conejos County, CO at a point 135 feet from the West section line and 2610 feet from the North section line in Conejos County, Colorado, Colorado. Source: Confined Aquifer. Appropriation date: April 14, 1962 for irrigation and September 1, 1962 for fish culture purposes. Amounts: 2740 gpm being 6.10 cubic feet of water per minute, being 12.20 acre feet of water in a period of twenty-four hours. Uses in Decree: irrigation and fish culture purposes. Detailed description of proposed changes: Petitioner seeks to clarify and correct the decree to clarify that the use of Well No. 2 is decreed to provide water for irrigation of the SW1/4 of Section 27, Township 35 North, Range 9 East NMPM and 56 acres in the SE1/4 of Section 27, Township 35 North, Range 9 East NMPM. Petitioner further seeks to clarify and correct the decree to clarify that the use of Well No. 3 is decreed to provide water for irrigation and fish production in the N 1/2 of Section 27, Township 35 North, Range 9 East NMPM west of Highway 285 which includes the entire NW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 35 North, Range 9 East NMPM. A scrivener's error was made in the application and the Referee Ruling and the Decree fail to describe the actual irrigated acreage of the wells. This Petition seeks to have that error corrected by specifically describing the acres historically irrigated by each well. Correcting the decree will not cause injury to any party and will confirm the historic use. Land ownership: petitioner owns the real property and existing Wells No. 2 and 3, the only diversion structures contemplated and affected by this Petition. You are notified that you have until the last day of June 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 No. 3940.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 10, 2024.

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

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of April 2024 for each county affected.
CASE NO. 2024CW3003; Saguache County United States of America, Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, c/o Brian S. Caruso, Water Resources Division Chief, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Mailstop 60189; Denver, CO 80225; (303) 226-4491; Brian.Caruso@fws.gov; 2. Overview: Pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-305(3)(d), the United States Fish & Wildlife Service ("USFWS") seeks to correct the point of diversion for the Well No. Grant 8 water right, which was incorrectly described in the decree entered in Case No. W-2219. The point of the diversion for the Well No. Grant 8 is already in place and the USFWS seeks no other changes to the water right through this application. 3. Name of structure: Well No. Grant 8 A. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: Case No. W-2219, entered May 13, 1976. B. Legal description of point of diversion as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SE1/4 SW1/4, Section 24, Township 43 North, Range 10 East, NMPM, at a point 750 feet from South Section Line and 1850 feet from West Section Line, in Saguache County, Colorado. C. Decreed source of water: Confined aquifer. D. Appropriation Date: December 31, 1954. E. Total amount decreed to structure: 900 gpm, 2.01 cfs, 4.02 at in a period of 24 hours. F. Decreed use: Irrigation. 4. Detailed description of proposed simple change in point of diversion: The Well No. Grant 8 is located within the Baca National Wildlife Refuge. The established point of diversion and the incorrectly described point of diversion are depicted in Exhibit A. The original well logs and permit, dating from the 1950s, demonstrate that the correct point of diversion is located in Section 8. Those documents are attached as Exhibit B. Aside from the request to correct the established but incorrectly described point of diversion for the Well No. Grant 8, the USFWS seeks no other changes to the Well No. Grant 8 in this Application. 5. Location of the new point of diversion: NWSW Section 8, Township 43 North, Range 10 East, NMPM, 1,260 feet from east and 2,330 from north of SW2 section corner. A. UTM Coordinates. Zone 13, NAD83: Northing 4204449.08 meters, Easting 420790.57 meters. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion structure, or modification to any existing diversion structure is or will be constructed: Not applicable. The new headgate location is located on federal land within the Refuge. **NOTE TO PUBLICATION: Please address invoice and affidavit to: Jeffrey N. Candrian, Trial Attorney U.S. Department of Justice Environment & Natural Resources Division 999 18th Street, South Terrace, Suite 370 Denver, CO 80202 jeffrey.candrian@usdoj.gov (303) 844-1382
 You are notified that you have until the last day of June 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 No. 3941.
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DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS FILED IN WATER DIVISION 3.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of April 2024 for each county affected.
2024CW1: Price Heritage, LLC, 48065 CR C Center, CO 81125, andrew@pricefarmllc.com, 719-849-3281. Amended Application for Change of Water Right in Saguache County. Decreed water right for which change is sought Name of structure: Well No. 5, Case No. 2005CW20, WDID 2705719. Permit No. 84665-F This well was originally decreed in Case No. W-791 as Well No.5 Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: January 9, 1975 (Case No. W-791) and January 30, 2008 (case No. 2005CW20) Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 20, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, in Saguache County, Colorado, at a point 660 feet from the South Section line and 150 feet from the West Section Line. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. The depth of the well is 115 feet with 95 feet of perforated casing. Appropriation Date: December 31, 1953 Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute: Absolute 15 GPM for Commercial Use Absolute 1, 985 GPM for Irrigation Use Decreed use or uses: Evaporative cooling, washing, and humidification of potatoes in a storage facility and irrigation of not more than 148 acres within the SW1/4 Section 20, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. Amount of water that Applicant intends to change: Absolute 15 GPM Commercial - Humidification. Maximum volume, 2.24-acre feet. (See below). Applicant will commit a sufficient amount of flowrate and annual appropriation from Well No. 5 to effectuate this requested change of water right. Name of Structure: Well No. 4, Case No. W-791, WDID 2705391, Permit Number 1390-R. Date of original and all relevant and subsequent decrees: January 9, 1975. Legal description of structure as described in the most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 20, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, in Saguache County, Colorado, at a point 40 feet from the South Section line and 150 feet from the West Section Line. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. The depth of the well is 104 feet with 84 feet of perforated casing. Appropriation Date: December 31, 1948. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute: 2,100 GPM Absolute. Decrease use or uses: Irrigation of SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. Amount of water Applicant intends to change: That amount necessary to effectuate the requested change of water right. However, this is not the primary well involved in the change of water rights. Well No. 4 is an additional irrigation well located on the SW1/4 Section 20, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM that was not a part of Case No. 2005CW20. Name of Structure: Well No. 5-A, Case No. 2005CW20, WDID 2706276, Permit Number 23496-F Date of original and all relevant and subsequent decrees: January 8, 2008. Legal description of structure as described in the most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, at a point 1310 feet from the South section line and 1310 feet from the West section line. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. The depth of the well is 91 feet with 61 feet of perforated casing. Appropriation Date: December 31, 1953. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute: 1,000 GPM Absolute Decree use or uses: Irrigation of the SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. Amount of water Applicant intends to change: That amount necessary to effectuate the requested change of water right. However, this is not the primary well involved in the change of water rights. Well No. 5-A is located at the center of the quarter section and is a water supply for the center pivot sprinkler. Detailed description of proposed change: A. Applicant requests 15 gpm decreed as commercial use water in Case No. 2005CW20 to be increased to allow 2,243 acre feet of annual consumptive use. To increase the annual appropriation from Well No. 5 for commercial use, seven (7) acres of land historically subject to irrigation by Well No. 5 and Well No. 5-A, will be permanently dried up from groundwater irrigation. Well No. 5, WDID 2705719 to be used for commercial purposes for: > One Potato Storage Facility, which stores up to 300,000 cwt of potatoes. > Equipment washing. > One bathroom. > Landscaping up to 0.25 acres. B. The applicant will designate a portion of its irrigated land (Field 2) to be changed from irrigation of land to "dry up" so the subject well can be further decreed for additional commercial use. C. The Estimated Water Usage Needed.
 Usage Type Estimated Water Usage AF/Year
 300,000 cwt Potato Storage 87AF/100 cwt. 2.010AF
 Equipment Washing .30AF/10% Cl. 0.030AF
 Employee Bathroom .075AF/Bathroom 0.150AF
 Landscaping up to .023AC. .053AF/1000Sq.Ft. 0.053AF
 Total 2.243AF
 Well No. 5, Case No. W-791 (as modified by Case No. 2005CW20) will be used for the above commercial uses. It will also be used in combination with Well No. 4, Case No. W-791 and Well No. 5-A, Case No. 2005CW20 for irrigation of the SW1/4 Section 20, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. A total of 15 gpm was removed from the 2,000 gpm decreed to Well No. 5 in Case No. 2005CW20. The subject well has already become a non-exempt well structure with partial year-round commercial use under the decree for 2005CW20. The well will subject to the Rules Governing the Withdrawal of Groundwater in Water Division No. 3. (The Rio Grande Basin) as finalized in Case No. 15CW3024. E. In the original Case No. 2005CW20, the subject well was set up to provide humidification and storage of 100,000 cwt of potatoes. The total decreed volume for commercial use is 0.70 AF for commercial use. Since that time, the Applicant has expanded the storage facility to 300,000 cwt capacity. This application seeks to modify / increase the commercial use of Well No. 5 for commercial use via additional dry up of land historically irrigated with Well Nos. 4, 5, and 5-A. Name and address of reputed owner: Price Heritage, LLC, 48065 CR C Center, CO 81125
 You are notified that you have until the last day of June 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. No. 3943.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 10, 2024.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Resolution No. 4-2024

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Resolution No. 4-2024, a resolution making supplemental appropriations and authorizing expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted for the City of Alamosa in Ordinance No. 18-2023 and known as the 1st budget amendment. The Public Hearing is set for Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk. Alamosa City Council Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk No. 3944. Published in the Valley Courier on May 10, 2024.

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

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of April 2024 for each county affected.
CASE NO. 2024CW3004; CONEJOS COUNTY: Gilleland Heritage, LLC, c/o Karl Kuenhold, Esq., Law Office of Karl Kuenhold, LLC, 719-589-3688, karl@kuenholdlaw.com. APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE OF WATER RIGHTS. Applicant owns four decreed irrigation wells which have been historically used in conjunctive use with surface water from the Mogote and Romero ditches to irrigate all of the S 1/2 of Section 17, Township 34 North Range 9 East NMPNM and the NW 1/4 of Section 20 Township 34 North Range 9 East NMPNM. This application involves three of the wells. They are: Well No. 1 in Case No. W-2455, Permit 0280-R, WDID 2205019, Well No. 2 in Case No. W-0880, Permit 11527-R, WDID 2205173 and Well No. 6 in Case No. W-0880, Permit 8956-F, WDID 2205177. The fourth well, Well 1A in Case No. 82CW136, is an alternate point of diversion for Well No. 1 in Case No. W-2455. This application seeks to make Well No. 1 in Case No. W-2455 and Well No. 2 in Case No. W-0880 alternate points of diversion for Well No. 6 in Case No. W-0880 allowing the division of the gpm from Well No. 6 between the other two wells. It further seeks to make Well No. 6 in Case No. W-0880 an alternate point of diversion for Well No. 1 in Case No. W-2455 and Well No. 2 in Case No. W-0880. Finally, it seeks to correct the decree for Well No. 6 in Case No. W-0880. The granting of this application will not result in any expansion of use and will not result in any injury to senior water rights. Land ownership: Applicants own the real property on which the wells are located. Gilleland Heritage, LLC 13256 County Road P La Jara, CO 81140
 You are notified that you have until the last day of June 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 No. 3942.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 10, 2024.

NOTICE

District Court
 Alamosa County, Colorado
 Court Address: 8955 Independence Way
 Alamosa, CO 81101
 In the Matter of the Estate of
 Yolanda Pepita Duncan a/k/a Yolanda P. Duncan a/k/a Yolanda Duncan
 Deceased
 COURT USE ONLY
 Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):
 Bernadette M. Lucero
 Fernando A. Martienz
 Address: P.O. Box 352, San Luis, CO 81152
 Case Number: 2024 PR 8
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Yolanda Pepita Duncan aka Yolanda P. Duncan a/k/a Yolanda P. Duncan, Deceased
 Case Number 2024 PR8
 All persons having claims against the abovenamed estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Alamosa County, Colorado on or before 9/10/2024, or the claims may be forever barred.
 Bernadette M. Lucero
 Fernando A. Martienz
 Address: P.O. Box 352, San Luis, CO 81152
 NO. 3945
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 10, 17, and 24, 2024.

163 - LOST & FOUND

221 - HELP WANTED

FOUND: PAIR OF GLASSES WITH CASE, west side of PARKING LOT at WALMART, in shopping cart. 719-580-5767. (5/14/24)

JT TIMBER FALLING is hiring LOG TRUCK DRIVERS. Class A CDL. Starting at \$25/hr (\$37.50/hr Overtime). Great benefits available. Home every night and based out of BLANCA, COLORADO. Call 719-379-4066 or visit JTTimber.com to apply. (6/12/24)

173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THE CSU SAN LUIS VALLEY RESEARCH CENTER in CENTER, CO seeks a full-time, salaried w/benefits OPERATIONS SPECIALIST to provide research and farm operations support in the field, shop and office. Requirements include combined education and experience in field crop production. Apply online by 05/19/2024 for full consideration at <https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/143937>. CSU is an EEO/EA/AA employer and conducts background checks on all final candidates. (5/18/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATE: LOCAL, WELL-RESPECTED non-profit agency hiring a PART-TIME MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATE. Responsibilities include varied landscaping, grounds keeping and maintenance/repair projects, special projects, support for Maintenance Supervisor and maintenance team. We're looking for a motivated, values-driven individual with experience in maintenance and repair and excellent interpersonal skills. Initiative essential; training and support provided. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. \$18.00 hourly wage, 21 hours a week. Send resume: hr@lapuente.net, 719 589-5909, ext238, www.lapuente.net (5/29/24)

COFFEE SHOP MANAGER: MILAGROS COFFEE SHOP SERVES THE COMMUNITY quality goods while fostering a comfortable environment for people to spend time and connect with others. Milagros is an interface for the public to learn about and engage in the mission and work of La Puente, as well as local artisans and support other small businesses. Seeking a highly motivated and compassionate individual to join this team of amazing and passionate people and contribute to a mission that betters the community. This is a full-time 40hr/week position with benefits and base salary starting at \$42K-\$45K DOE, plus tips, plus a monthly commission. To apply email your cover letter and resume to: hr@lapuente.net. (5/11+2/24)

UTILITY CLERK POSITION, TOWN OF CENTER, Colorado. Full-time, FLSA exempt position with a salary range of \$16 to \$20.67 DOE. Benefits include 100% employer-paid health insurance, 401(k), paid time off, half-day Fridays, and more. The Utility Clerk manages all Utility billing, Customer Service, Municipal Court and other duties. The Utility Clerk Position is directly under the Town Clerk. All interested candidates must visit the Town of Center webpage at townofcenter.colorado.gov for application. Please email applications to rose@centerco.gov or bring them directly to Center Town Hall, 294 S. Worth St. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Deadline is May 17, 2024. (5/17/24)

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications for LA JARA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL. Applicants must have a principal license/certification or be in the process of obtaining one. NCSd offers a competitive salary with a \$915 health benefit. Interested applicants may download an application at [www.n](http://www.northconejos.com)

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Applications may be picked up at North Conejos School District Central Office or downloaded on the district website at www.northconejos.com. Applications can be submitted to the central office or emailed to rmccarroll@northconejos.com. Position is open until filled. EOE. (5/18/24)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR. The HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ALAMOSA is hiring for the position of Maintenance Supervisor. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in business administration and/or a minimum of 3-5 years of business and supervisor experience. Knowledge in residential and/or commercial building trades, good communication skills, experienced with tools, machinery, and equipment, manage maintenance department, repairs, and capital improvements for multiple properties, manage supplies, tools, and equipment, ability to qualify as an HQS inspector, basic computer skills, maintain records, physical ability to perform required duties. The Alamosa Housing Authority offers a competitive salary and benefits. Minimum salary starting at \$65,520.00. Letter of intent, resume, and references should be submitted to (or mailed to) 213 Murphy Drive, Alamosa, Co. 81101 by May 24, 2024. Equal (Opportunity Employer) (5/25/24)</p> <p>JOB OPENING: FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE / JANITORIAL position. Resumes can be dropped off at Sacred Heart Church office, 726 3rd Street, ALAMOSA or email to Admin@SacredHeartAlamosa.org. (5/22/24)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26It is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. 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This job requires data entry skills and working knowledge of the Assessor's Office to ensure accurate property data is generated to maintain complex records. Responsibilities include: Working independently or in a team setting, entering deed transfers (land splits/combination and replats of parcels into database), entering address changes into the computer system, answering phones and assisting the public at the front counter, coping maps, daily mail runs, participating in professional training, and perform all other duties as required by the County Assessor. \$17.00-\$19.00 per hour, full time, full benefits. Background check and drug screening required. Applications may be obtained online at www.alamosacounty.org. Inquiries may be directed to humanresources@alamosacounty.org. (5/25/24)</p> <p>SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL has the following positions open for the 2024/2025 school year: ELEMENTARY PE TEACHER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, MS FOOTBALL COACH, MS WRESTLING COACH, HS VOLLEYBALL COACH & HS BOYS BASKETBALL COACH. Please contact Dave Crews at 719-420-1422 or 719-378-2321. Applications can be downloaded at www.sangreschools.org. (5/15/24)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>ART TIME DAY STAFF needed at LA PUENTE HOME. Need Mature, dynamic, compassionate people that are able to deal with all types of clients. Must be able to work weekends. Must be at least 21+. Bilingual preferred. Looking for the unique applicants who will be a part of an awesome team of individuals helping others. Beginning pay is \$15.00 per hour. 20 hours per week available with the option to pick up more. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Send your resume to hr@lapuente.net. (5/22/24)</p> <p>ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST - LA PUENTE SEEKING ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST TO assist in efforts to maintain relationships and coordinate with members of the Homeless community and homeless services providers through La Puente's Street Outreach program. Looking for the unique individual committed to ongoing understanding of La Puente programs with a focus on clients residing at formal and informal homeless encampments located in ALAMOSA. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Salary \$38k-\$40k, DOE; comprehensive benefits package. Send resume/work references to hr@lapuente.net. (5/15/24)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>LOOKING FOR A rewarding and fulfilling career? Are you a positive, self-motivated individual? Consider a career with the MONTE VISTA HEAD START FISCAL OFFICER is responsible for the fiscal management and fiscal reporting to the Office of Head Start and the Grantee Board. Must be proficient in QuickBooks and Microsoft office applications. Qualifications are: Experience in business or fiscal management, BA accounting, Business Management, or related field. Salary between \$47,000 and \$52,000 depending on education and experience. Year round position, 5 weeks paid holidays breaks, 10 hours sick/vacation per month, simple IRA, HSA account available. For more information, you may contact the director at director@mvheadstart.org or call 719-852-3215. Positions opened until filled. (5/22/24)</p> <p>CONEJOS COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT is hiring a PART-TIME LIBRARY CLERK, 20 hours per week. Please contact Maria De Herrera at 719-274-5858 for further information. (5/8+2/24)</p> <p>RUSTIC ROOK IN MOSCA is seeking TENT CLEANERS May 20th - October 1st. \$15/HR. Call 719-661-9833 for details. (5/15/24)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL at MARSH ELEMENTARY for the 2024-2025 school year. This is a full-time classified position. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities, by May 7, 2024, or until the position is filled. For application questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/14/24)</p> <p>MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following openings for the 24-25 school year: KINDERGARTEN, K-12 ART, MS SCHOOL TEACHER, HS ELA, HS SOCIAL SCIENCES, K-12 PE, HS SCIENCE, K-12 PRINCIPAL. Send inquiries/resumes to Mr. Stagner @ Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us or call 719-655-2578. (5/28/24)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for an anticipated opening for an ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER at BILL METZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. The district will consider providing tuition assistance for a qualified teacher interested in pursuing a Special Education Endorsement. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. 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MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following COACHES POSITIONS open for the 24-25 season: HS FOOTBALL; MS FOOTBALL; HS WRESTLING; HS VOLLEYBALL; MS VOLLEYBALL; ASSISTANT POSITIONS for HS coaching also open. Send inquiries/resumes to Mr. Stagner@stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us or call 719-655-2578. (5/28/24)

SEEKING AN ENERGETIC, compassionate MANAGER for RETHREADS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE, located at 511 6th Ave., ALAMOSA. Ability to work independently with people from diverse backgrounds and circumstances required. Organizational skills and friendly customer service is desired. Position is 20-25 hours per week, starting at \$15 per hour. Send resume and letter of interest to: hr@lapuente.net. (5/11/24)

WORKING TOGETHER FAMILY ADVOCATE- LAPUENTE SEEKS a motivated, qualified person to improve parent/child education, increase family self-sufficiency and build community partnerships. We will train the candidate with the best written and oral communication skills. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Salary Range - \$37,000.00 - \$42,000.00 DOE, full benefits package. Send resume/work references to hr@lapuente.net. (5/11/24)

VALLEY EDUCATIONAL GARDENS INITIATIVE (VEGI), SEASONAL SUMMER ASSISTANT - Seeking a motivated individual to contribute gardening expertise and teaching experience to a community garden space! Assistant will assist with various aspects of VEGI's programming throughout our main growing season. Assistant will work alongside the AmeriCorps member(s) to teach garden-based educational lessons focused on nutrition and environmental awareness with our partner sites, help maintain our 3 growing spaces, harvest vegetables, and provide general program support during the busy summer months. PART-TIME; Mid-May/June to Mid-October. \$17.00/hr. Send resume/cover letter to hr@lapuente.net.(5/10+2/24)

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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking applications for a knowledgeable, energetic, creative, and collaborative MUSIC TEACHER at BILL METZ ELEMENTARY. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. The District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Teacher Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities> by May 2, 2024 or until the position is filled. For application questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/8+2/24)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY seeks applicants for an ADVISING COORDINATOR for its UPWARD BOUND MATH & SCIENCE PROGRAM. The salary for this position starts at \$46,476 per year. A minimum Bachelor's Degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or related field is required for this exempt position. For application details and more information, please see <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/AA/EOE>. (5/8+2/24)

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year for (1) CENTAURI MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. Application deadline is until position is filled. Please call Brian Riccatone with questions at 719-274-4301. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. EOE. (5/7+2/24)

CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26jt is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website <https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employmentopportunities> or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (5/15/24)

THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA is accepting applications for a SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER. This position is approximately 16 weeks, 40 hours/wk. Duties include mowing, trimming, watering parks and trash pickup. Wage is \$16.00-\$17.00 per hour. Applications and job description are available at www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov or pickup/return applications to the City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave., Monte Vista, CO. 81144. Open until filled. (5/31/24)

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TOWN OF CENTER, COLORADO seeks a TOWN MANAGER. General Statement of Duties: Supervises 22-25 employees of varied departments such as Utilities, Public Safety, Streets and Parks and Administration. Position Overview - As the Town Manager, you will serve as the chief executive officer of our municipality, responsible for overseeing all aspects of municipal operations and administration. You will work closely with elected officials, department heads, to implement policies, manage resources, and foster sustainable growth and development. Key Responsibilities: Provide visionary leadership and strategic direction to achieve the town's goals and objectives. Collaborate with elected officials to develop and implement policies that reflect the needs and priorities of the community. Manage the day-to-day operations of the Town's departments. Ensure efficient use of resources and adherence to budgetary constraints. Foster effective communication and engagement with residents and businesses. Represent the Town's interests in regional, state, and federal forums. Have some knowledge of Human Resources. Promote transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct in all town activities. Education and Experience: The Board will consider, on a case by case basis, a combination of education and experience that shows capacity to perform the essential functions of the job. Qualified candidates should submit their resume to Rose DeHerrera, Town Clerk at rose@centerco.gov or Town of Center, PO Box 400, Center, CO 81125. The Town of Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity at all levels of its workforce. Closing: Open until filled. Salary: DOE with benefits. Job Type: Full Time/Exempt. Location: Town Hall, 294 S. Worth Street, Center, CO. (5/3+4/24)

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Leaving on a Plane"
 - 4 Dove's cry
 - 7 Close with a bang
 - 11 Simian
 - 12 Little bit
 - 13 Soliloquy start (2 wds.)
 - 14 "A Few Good —"
 - 15 Standstill
 - 16 Done to —
 - 17 Bookie's customer
 - 19 Mystical arts
 - 21 Charity
 - 23 Approves
 - 24 Crinkled fabric
 - 27 Beanie
 - 29 Fond du —
 - 32 Tyrannosaurus —
 - 33 Gets it wrong
 - 34 — Khan
 - 35 Insect
 - 36 Gravy vessel
 - 37 Holiday drink
- DOWN**
- 1 Door frame part
 - 2 Sword
 - 3 Pavilion
 - 4 Trinket
 - 5 Frying need
 - 6 Beetle Baily dog

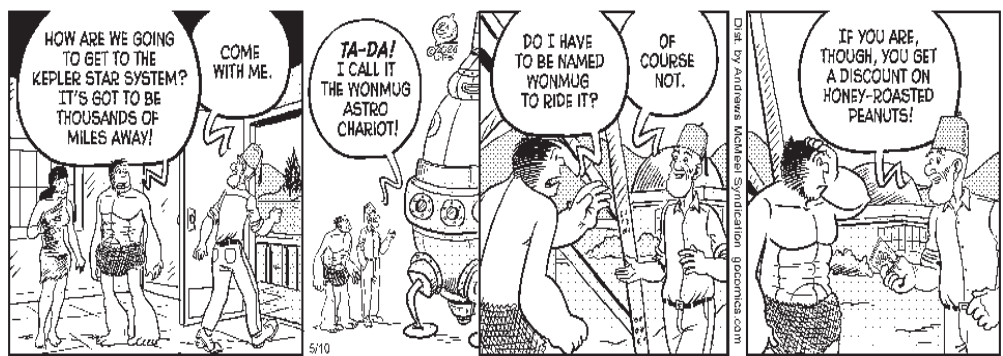
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- 7 Heap
- 8 Idyllic place (2 wds.)
- 9 Adam's son
- 10 Come together
- 12 Unbroken
- 18 Knock gently
- 20 Robbers' foes
- 22 Grate
- 24 Seafood item
- 25 Actress — Russo
- 26 Far-reaching
- 28 Skill
- 30 Excited
- 31 Put in a prison
- 33 Dawn goddess
- 36 Innocent one
- 40 Pass about
- 41 Qty.
- 43 Rose oil
- 45 Dietary category
- 46 Mitt
- 47 Succulent plant
- 48 Tidings
- 50 "I — to see you go ..."
- 51 Test
- 52 Bill of fare
- 55 40 winks

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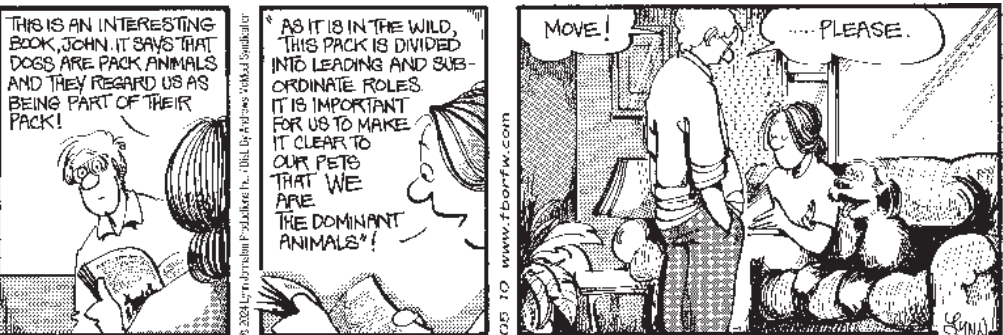
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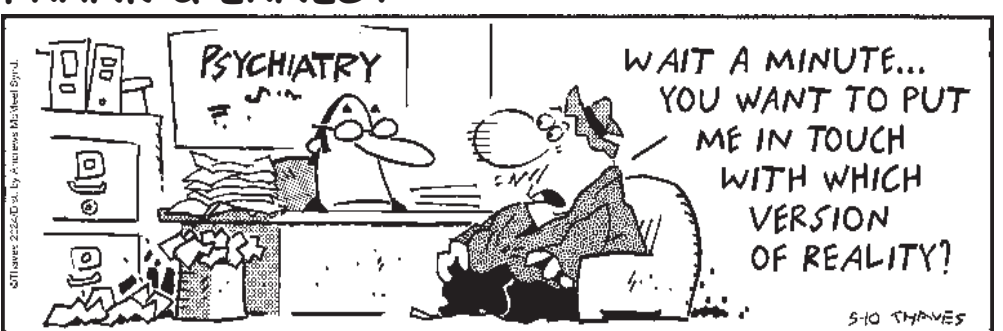
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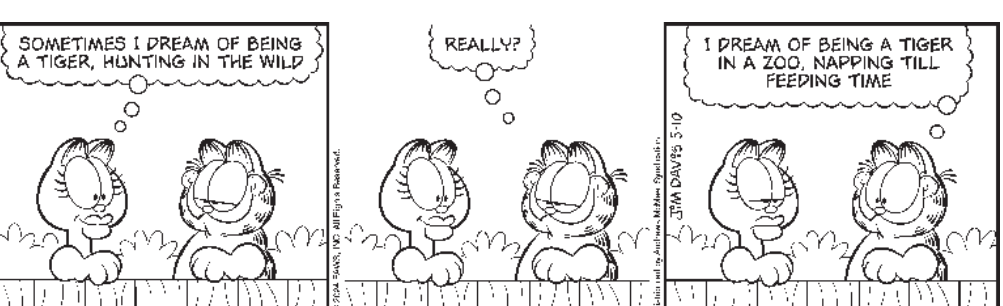
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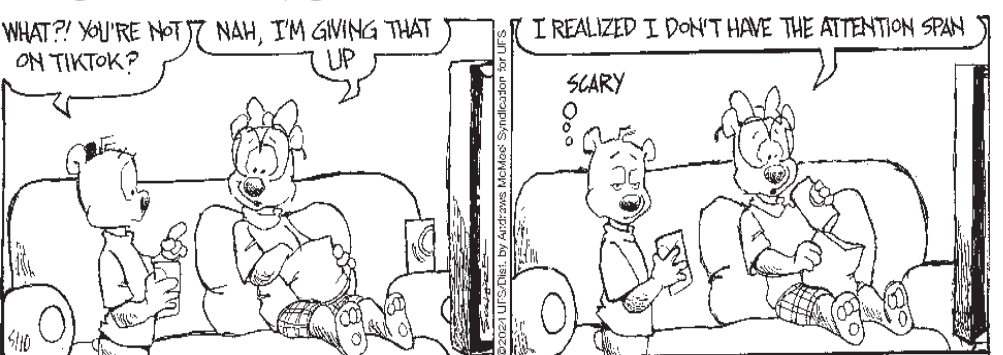
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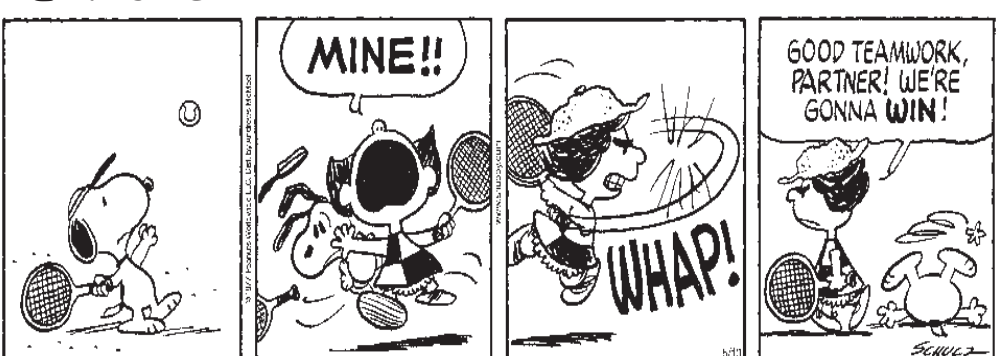
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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Father tells daughter she shares blame for divorce

DEAR ABBY: I am the 18-year-old daughter (and third child) of parents who are going through a divorce after being together for 36 years. I need your insight on this because I am unsure.

My father has always craved physical love and affection, whereas my mom is more like a cat who prefers separation and independence. Even with these differences, things used to be good between them. That was until Mom decided she wanted to stop having sex due to her age and no longer enjoying it. (She also quit drinking, which he didn't like.)

My father was very upset with this and claimed it was abuse if she didn't make love with him, since "that's how people show love." He also stated she should "be more fun" by drinking with him. Mom tried to keep the family at peace and be the person he wanted her to be for a few years, but finally decided she could no longer do it. He moved on very quickly -- my father is already with another woman, even though he and Mom aren't officially divorced yet.

I've always taken my mom's side, but this has caused my relationship with Dad to dwindle significantly. He claims

I am part of the reason the divorce is happening, since I "make her feel like what she's doing is OK." Should I see his perspective as well? -- TEEN OF DIVORCE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TEEN: That your father has dragged you into the marital difficulties between him and your mother is appalling. I believe it is a form of child abuse. The person whose perspective you should seek -- and I am not saying this lightly -- is a licensed psychotherapist, to discuss this entire matter. You are NOT the reason for your parents' divorce. Their basic incompatibility and your father's manipulative nature are the reasons. Please talk to your doctor about a referral NOW.

DEAR ABBY: Nine months ago, I started dating an older man. I've known him for 14 years. We live several hundred miles apart. He lost both of his parents recently. We used to talk and/or text all day long. Now I hear from him only if I reach out. He says I need to give him time to process his loss. As his partner, it feels like he has shut me out. Anytime I mention my feelings, he says I'm acting out. I don't know whether I should walk away or hang tight.



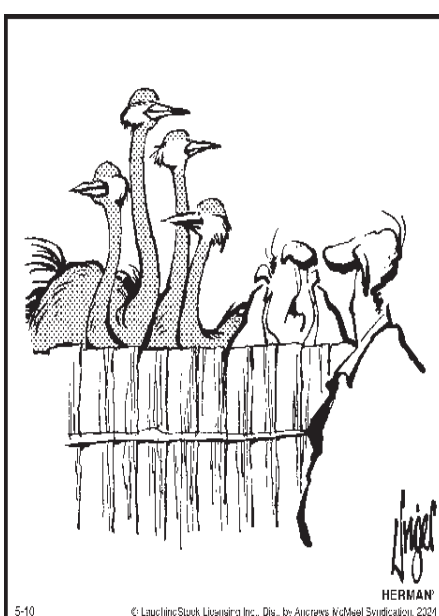
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Please advise. -- SHUT OUT IN TEXAS

DEAR SHUT OUT: This man is absolutely right. He DOES need time to process the loss of his parents. This may strike you as humorous, but I couldn't be more serious: Regardless of his age, your friend is now an orphan.

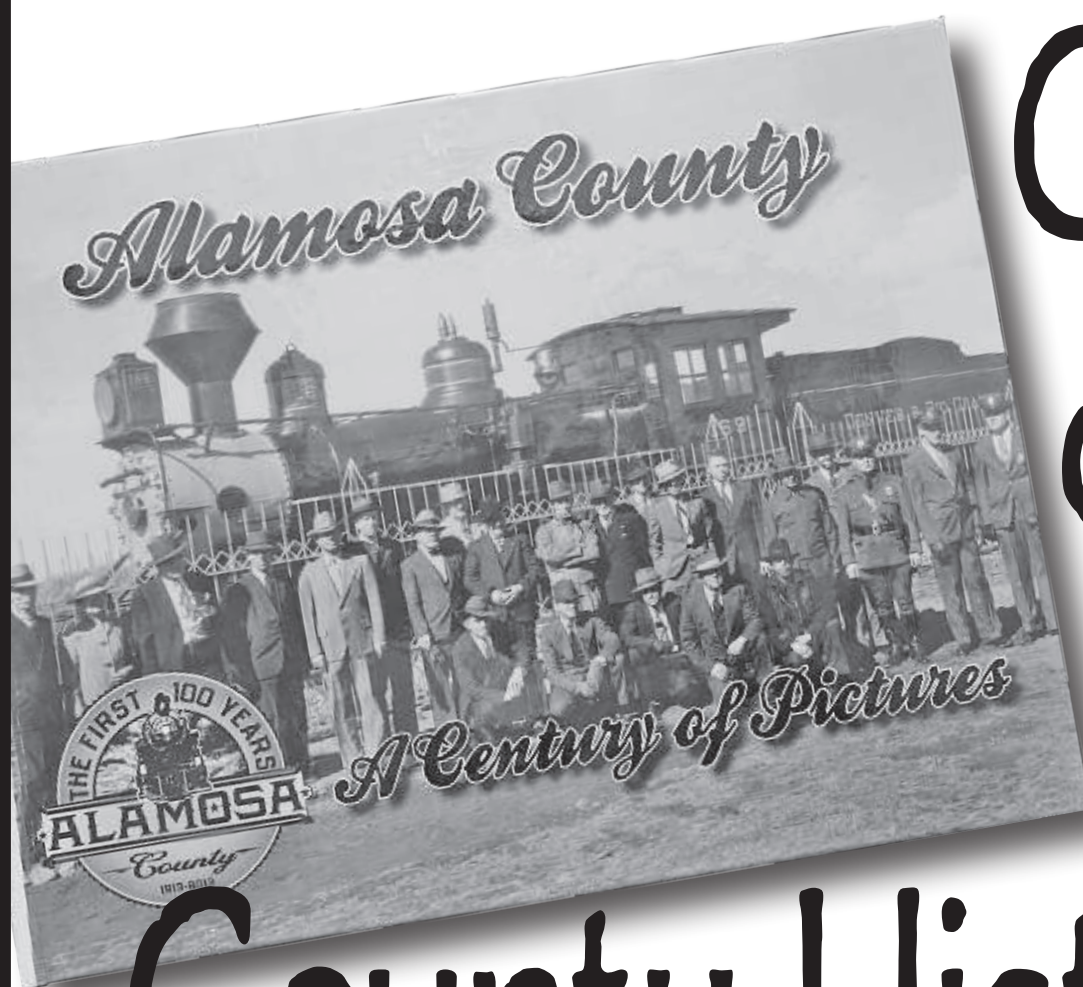
You cannot make the situation better. He has been clear about that. Stop trying to insert yourself and let him regain his balance. Tell him you are there for him IF he needs you. Call every couple of WEEKS to check on him, but not more often. If what you have together is good, in time, things may improve for both of you.

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