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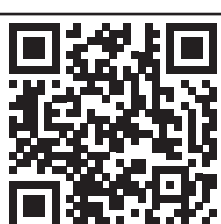
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Senior Center root beer and patio fun

ALAMOSA — Come have a refreshing root beer float from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, on the patio at the Senior Citizen's Center. This fundraiser is \$5 to benefit seniors. The center is at the north end of Cole Park.

SLV Museum hosting Russell program

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Museum will be hosting a program from the well-known local artist Jocelyn Russell at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 8. The museum is at 401 Hunt Ave. in Alamosa. The presentation will last about an hour and is free for the whole family.

Ribbon cutting for baseball diamond is June 6

DEL NORTE — Del Norte Mountain Park and Rec District invites the public to a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completed renovation of the Little Baseball Field at Del Norte's Voss Field on Thursday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is provided.

SLV WEATHER



Slight Chance of Showers 75/36

Sat: Slight Chance of Showers, Breezy 79/40

Sun: Sunny, Breezy & Gusty 80/40

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Two weekends of Round-UP fun coming

CONTRIBUTED
ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Round-UP has been a part of the San Luis Valley's heritage for over 40 years. With multiple days of exciting events, it is the biggest event in Alamosa, and the 2024 version is coming soon.

The 2024 Alamosa Round-UP kicks off June 14 with the Ranch Rodeo. Saturday, June 15, brings the Demolition Derby.

The following weekend, June 20, kicks off with the Mutton Bustin and Local Barrel Race Qualifier, Friday and Saturday nights bring the Professional

PRCA Rodeo. Saturday also includes Cowboy Church at 9 a.m. Saturday night after the rodeo is the sixth annual Round-UP Concert, featuring professional saddle bronc rider and country music artist Justin Lawrence.

The Alamosa Round-UP is proud to be a part of such a wonderful community. The Alamosa Round-UP is supported by The City of Alamosa, Visit Alamosa, and over 85 local families and businesses. This truly is Alamosa's Round-UP, nominated Top 5 PRCA Rodeo of the Year, and Mountain States Circuit Rodeo

of the Year. Top cowboys and cowgirls from around the country as well as future champions don their hats, chap up and put on a show for the fans.

PRCA Rodeo
The top cowboys and cowgirls
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Country music artist and professional saddle bronc rider Justin Lawrence will perform in Alamosa as part of the Round-UP rodeo after the arena events on Saturday, June 22.

Courtesy photo



USFS asks for public comment on plan

RGNF is developing a forest-wide winter travel management plan sub

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

SAN LUIS VALLEY — The Rio Grande National Forest is working on an over snow travel plan and is seeking public comment through June 15.

The plan will designate trails and areas open to cross-country snowmobile use and create motor-use vehicle maps. Draft maps would designate 74% of the Rio Grande (1,382,000 acres) as open for snowmobile use, along with 260 miles of groomed snowmobile routes. Of these, 403, 632 are wilderness areas, 22,987 Special Interest Areas and 20,792, Research Natural Areas and are closed to motorized use.

In 2021, the San Luis Valley Ecosystems Council, The Wilderness Society, and other environmental groups filed a lawsuit against the Forest Service citing inadequate protections for the Uncompahgre fritillary butterfly and the Canada lynx. The litigation also has potential conflicts between motorized and non-motorized users. Some of that has been settled by a court decision



Courier photo by John Waters

US Forest Service employees from left to right Judi Perez, Andrew Kelher, and Gregg Goodland discuss the Over Snow Travel Management Planning Project at a public meeting in Alamosa on May 29.

in March and parts of the litigation are still open. For more on this, see the information at the end of this article.

Under federal law, the Forest Service must comply with a regulation called the Travel Management Rule. Forest managers must designate the roads and areas that are open to motorized vehicles such as snowmobiles.

The Forest Service is seeking public comment on these plans and is hosting several public meetings. At the meeting held on May 29 at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center, about a dozen citizens attended and listened to forest service employees

Judi Perez, Andrew Kelher, and Gregg Goodland.

At the meeting several maps were displayed as part of a "Recreational Opportunity Spectrum," detailing areas proposed to be open to off-road equipment in accordance with the Travel Management Rule.

At the end of the planning process, the forest service will publish a map that will show designated roads and trails where over snow vehicle use is allowed. The maps will include details on the types of vehicles allowed and the time of the year they can be used.

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Trump found guilty on 34 felony counts

By ASHLEY MURRAY
Colorado Newsline

WASHINGTON — Jurors in New York state court on Thursday found Donald Trump guilty on all 34 felony counts of falsifying business records to cover up hush money payments to a porn star ultimately to influence the outcome of the 2016 presidential election.

The first-ever criminal trial of a former U.S. president wrapped up in Manhattan, marking an extraordinary moment in American history not only for a former leader, but for one who is seeking to again hold the Oval Office. Trump, the Republican Party's presumed 2024 presidential nominee, is now a convicted felon.

The jury deliberated for more than 11 hours, beginning Wednesday

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USDA announces Martinez as Colorado Director for Rural Development

She owns and operates a cattle ranch in Southern Colorado

By USDA

DENVER — President Joe Biden on May 29 announced the appointment of Crestina Martinez as the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Develop-

ment State Director in Colorado.

"I am thrilled to begin this journey as the Colorado State Director, filled with excitement, optimism, and a steadfast dedication to serving the rural communities of Colorado. USDA Rural Development boasts a statewide presence with seven offices, a robust legacy of investment, and a talented team. Together, under the Biden-Harris Administration, we will

tirelessly strive to expand economic opportunities, bolster infrastructure, and enhance the quality of life for all rural Coloradans," said Martinez.

Martinez owns and operates a small cattle ranch in Southern Colorado and holds a bachelor's in Sociology and Spanish from Colorado College and certificates from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and the University of Denver's Dan-

iels College of Business.

Martinez previously served as Director of Strategic Outreach and Advocacy at Xcel Energy where she developed and implemented strategic outreach and advocacy initiatives centered on environmental justice, energy equity, and Tribal relations.

Martinez also has experience as Adams County Director of Long-Term Recovery and Major Ini-

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Crestina Martinez



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Record



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Kylee Duran, Alamosa High School junior and president of the FFA Club, stands with Agriculture Teacher Justin Tedford, selling flowers grown in the AHS greenhouse as a fundraiser for the group. Plants are on sale through Saturday.

AHS FFA Club growing future leaders...and flowers!

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter
 ALAMOSA — Alamosa High School (AHS) Agriculture teacher, Justin Tedford, and Kylee Duran, AHS junior and president of AHS' Future Farmers of America (FFA) Club, were on State Avenue this week just outside the Green Spot Garden Spot, selling flowers and plants that had been grown in AHS' greenhouse as a fundraiser for the group.

"FFA is a great program for students in high school because it teaches them skills they need to be successful in a career," says Tedford. "It teaches them a lot of leadership skills, a lot of speaking skills and how to initiate and think critically."

"Our ultimate goal with our high school students is to prepare them to be better members of our community and working citizens," he says.

When asked about FFA's relationship to agriculture as a profession and industry, Tedford says, "Agriculture is such a huge part of our economy in the valley. We want all of our students to have a better

understanding about agriculture so they can be more informed consumers and have a better idea of what they're buying. But they can also have a better appreciation for what goes into it. And we're going to have to have some of these students take over for farmers who are retiring."

FFA and the Agriculture program at AHS are also focusing on innovative practices that will help to support agriculture in the future.

"We also want to present students with new ideas and new thought processes to be sustainable in agriculture with concerns about water conservation and things like that," Tedford says. "That's what makes the greenhouse such an important part of our agriculture program. We can use that space to talk about sustainable agriculture and conservation."

"I really like FFA because there's a place here for everybody," says Kylee. "You don't have to just come from an agriculture background. We have so many opportunities for our students. We give out thousands of dollars in scholarships to pursue an

ag path. We take students on trips all year round. We do things in the summer, like we're here right now. Right now, we're teaching our members about the economy."

Both Tedford and Duran acknowledge that FFA also has a competitive edge to it. "Students gain skills both in the classroom and outside the classroom by competing in contests and the trips that we go on," Tedford adds.

A wide variety of vibrant, healthy plants, all grown in the AHS greenhouse, will be on sale right outside the Green Spot Garden Center located at 711 State Avenue through closing time of 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. A six-pack of plants cost \$7.00 and 4" pots cost \$6. Hanging baskets cost \$25.00.

All funds go to support Alamosa High School Future Farmers of America Club.

When asked about her willingness to open up her sidewalk to high school competitors, proprietor of the Green Spot, Ruthie Brown, blew off the question with a typical wry smile. "Well, of course I'm going to do that. They're great kids."

Laughlin Gulch prescribed fire reannounced

CONTRIBUTED
 SAGUACHE — After postponing the Laughlin Gulch prescribed fire project two weeks ago, the conditions are now favorable for ignitions to begin as early as today, May 31.

The previously announced prescribed fire is 10 miles west of Saguache and part of the La Garita

Hills Restoration Project. Designed to improve winter range habitat conditions for area big game, approximately 105 acres of a larger 210-acre area will be burned over two days.

Due to the location of the planned fire, smoke will be visible from around the San Luis Valley and

may be heavier locally. No significant smoke impacts are expected.

Firefighters from the Bureau of Land Management will be assisting on this project.

Burning will be announced on the Rio Grande National Forest Facebook and X social media platforms.

OBITUARIES

Carole Joyce Powell

Carole Joyce Powell, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away at the Homelake Veteran's Community Living Center on Jan. 9, 2024.

Carole was born on March 6, 1942, in Grant City, Mo., to Dale and Lorene Frederick.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Powell, her brother, Bob Frederick, her three sons, William, Kirk, and Bradley Powell, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces.

Carole was preceded in death by her twin brother, Carl Frederick and her son, Ronnie Powell.

Carole moved from Grant City, Mo., to the Monte Vista area when she was about 10 years old. Af-



ter marrying Ronald Powell, they lived in Alamosa for a short time before relocating to Del Norte where she raised her family. She and Ronald ran a laundry, laundry mat, dry cleaning business for many years before transitioning to the liquor and ranching business.

Carole took care of her family in so many ways! She sacrificed herself to make sure her family came first. She never complained and just got the job done! She and Ronald never missed an event that included their four sons. She enjoyed music by Elvis and country music. She loved to garden, cook, and read! She will be remembered and missed by all who loved her!

With Carole wanting a graveside service, the family has elected to have her services during a more "weather-friendly" time of Friday, June 7, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Del Norte Cemetery.

Arrangements in care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

Gloria M. Salazar Richhart

Gloria M. Salazar Richhart, age 84, passed peacefully at her home, with her beloved husband of 62 years, on Jan. 21, 2024. She was born in Manassa, Colo., on April 22, 1939, and moved to Kingman, Ariz., with her family in 1968, making it their permanent home.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joe B. Salazar, and mother Cora Salazar, along with several siblings.

She is survived by her husband, Harry James Richhart, her brother Rudy and Gay Salazar, her

daughter Cora and Skip Meyer, daughter Michelle and Shelby Martin, son James and Kim Richhart, grandchildren: Jason and Jamie Richhart, Wendy Martin and Shannon McGuire, Jonathan and Jo Martin, James Martin, Dillon and Amber Richhart, Trevor and Hailey Richhart, Dara and Jarrod Gloe, Kyla and Mikey Klemman great grandchildren: Addison and Aidan Richhart, Evan and Emily Martin, Kai, Piper, and Lilah Richhart, Atticus and Ivy Richhart, Killian Klemman, and Bjorn Gloe. As well as



her large extended family.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. on June 8, 2024, at St. Theresa's of the Child Jesus Catholic Church, 115 Main St., Manassa, CO, 81141. A reception will immediately follow the service.



Photos courtesy of Linette Nye-Schmidt

Rio Grande County Search and Rescue aided four teenagers stuck in 'blowdown' at Cross Creek on Memorial Day, May 27.

RGC Search and Rescue aids teens stuck in 'blowdown'

CONTRIBUTED
 RIO GRANDE COUNTY — Rio Grande County Search and Rescue aided four teenagers stuck in "blowdown" at Cross Creek on Memorial Day, May 27.

At approximately 6 p.m. on Monday, RGCSAR was contacted regarding four teenagers stuck at Cross Creek.

The teens were traveling on dirt bikes and became stuck in the blowdown without proper gear, water and were running low on fuel, RGCSAR reported.

A specialized team of six RGCSAR members responded by ATV with chainsaws, warm clothes, fuel and water. They removed over 20 trees to clear the trail and bring the teens to safety. The mission ended at approximately 10 p.m.

RGCSAR provided the following tips for going into the back country:

Navigation - That phone or GPS is nice until suddenly it won't charge with your solar charger and you have no backup. In addition to your electronic device consider taking a paper map of the area.

Sun Protection - Take a hat, good sunglasses, sunscreen and other protective clothing. No one enjoys a sunburn.

Insulation - Take layers and rain gear, even in the middle of the summer you may wish you had warm, dry clothes.

First Aid - No one wants to get hurt on



the trail, but it happens. Be ready for it.

Illumination - Take a flashlight or headlamp and spare batteries.

Fire - Take fire starting tools-materials. While a fire can provide much needed warmth and light in a survival situation, it's crucial to prioritize safety, you don't want to make a bad problem worse causing a forest fire.

Hydration - Take

water and ensure everyone in your group does too. Have a plan to purify emergency water if needed.

Nutrition - Even on the shortest trip, take food.

Emergency Shelter - Take an emergency blanket or have a plan for taking shelter if the need arises.

Repair Kit - Whether you're on a dirt bike, in a side by side or ATV. Take a basic repair kit.

OBITUARY

Buddy Randall Romero Sr.

Buddy Randall Romero Sr. (Paloma), 53, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 6, 2024, at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs with his family by his side. He was born April 24, 1971, in La Jara, Colo.

Buddy truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures, chatting with friends and family, fishing, hunting, working on cars, and cruising. Especially spending every minute, he had with his son. When Buddy wasn't with his son, he had his dog Koda that he spent all his time with.

Buddy had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way and made friends anywhere he went. If you knew Buddy, you knew he would give his shirt off his back to anyone even if it was a stranger. Buddy was a devoted father, grandpa, brother, uncle, and friend

to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Lucinda Barela; children; Amber Romero (Joseph Clifford), Estevan Barela (Ashley), Kerrissa Romero (Chris Quintana), Randall Romero, and Alexander Suarez; brothers, Lee Romero, Leon Romero, and Ernest Romero (Peggy); sisters, Margie (Thomas) Alanis, June (Juan) Rodriguez, Ernestina Romero; and Dillie Romero; grandchildren Braydyn Barela, Aspen Barela, Gabriella Barela, and Timber Barela. As well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Buddy was preceded in death by his mother Avelina "Roy" Romero, brothers; Don Toby "Neno" Rodriguez, Jimmy "Miko" Armstrong, Danny (Miko) Romero; Sister; Andrea (Honky) Armstrong; grandchild Baby Barela; in-laws Angelica (Gel) Barela, Mario Barela,



Robert (Kiko) Barela; niece Jaydyn Quintana; nephew Miguel Barela.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Friday, June 7, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish in Capulin. Mass of the Resurrection will be held June 8, 2024, at 11 a.m., at the St. Joseph Parish in Capulin a dinner will follow at Our Lady of the Valley Parish in La Jara. A private burial will be held on a later date.

Valley News

Polis visits with local EMS responders

CONTRIBUTED SAN LUIS VALLEY — On May 24, Governor Jared Polis visited with local first responders in recognition of their work, efforts, and contribution toward the SLV Youth Justice League project. This project, and a few others under the SLV First Responders Outreach Unit and the SLV RETAC, is supported by the Alamosa County Commissioners. The San Luis Valley Youth Justice League Program is empowering youth in the community to raise awareness in schools

about bullying, sexual harassment and assault, dating violence, affirmative consent, safe bystander intervention, survivor care, rights under Title IX, and suicide prevention. The program is conducted by local first responders (law enforcement, doctors, nurses, EMTs, paramedics, firefighters) working together to share their skills and knowledge through educational training, workshops, presentations and activities for youth across the San Luis Valley.



Courtesy photo of Governor Jared Polis, Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laske, City of Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman, Twelfth Judicial District Attorney Anne Kelly, SLV RETAC, Conejos County EMS, Monte Vista EMS, Alamosa County EMS, Alamosa Sheriff's Office, Alamosa Police Department, Alamosa Fire Department, DFPC 32, Colorado State Patrol Dispatch, and Eagle Air Med.

Free summer meals available to teenagers

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA — The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) at Alamosa School District helps kids get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow during the summer when school is out. Starting on May 28 and going through July 26 at three different sites, breakfast and lunch will be served to anyone who is 18 years old and younger. In two locations, meals must be eaten on site. In another location, meals can be eaten on site or are

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 • **ALAMOSA ELEMENTARY K-2**
 Monday through Friday, May 28 to July 26.
 1707 W. 10th St., Alamosa.
 719-587-6609
 Breakfast is served from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
 Lunch is served from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Meals must be eaten on site.
 • **ALAMOSA HIGH SCHOOL**
 Monday through Thursday, June 3 to June 27.
 805 Craft Dr., Alamosa
 719-587-6054.
 Breakfast is served

from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
 Lunch is served from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Meals must be eaten on site.
 • **ZAPATA PARK**
 Monday through Friday, June 3 to July 26.
 850 Ross Ave., Alamosa
 719-587-6609
 Breakfast is served from 9 to 9:30 a.m.
 Lunch is served from 11 to 11:30 a.m.
 Grab N Go or eat on site
 This program is made possible by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman, city staff and others just after the official snip of the ceremonial ribbon celebrating the completion of the reconstruction of La Veta Avenue.

City council celebrates reconstruction of La Veta Ave.

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier News reporter
ALAMOSA — Alamosa City Councilor Dawn Krebs, Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman, various staff and partners with the city convened on La Veta Avenue Thursday morning for a ribbon cutting ceremony, celebrating the completion of yet another significant project in reconstructing some of Alamosa's city streets.

Mayor Coleman addressed the small crowd that had gathered, explaining that, in 2019, Alamosa's city council proposed a half-cent dedicated street tax to fund streets in desperate need of reconstruction. "The cost was so high that council knew a dedicated tax was needed," he said. A "street committee," was subsequently formed to identify and prioritize streets in need of improvement. In January of 2020, a street tax was passed with all funds to be dedicated to road improvements. That dedicated tax, Coleman says, will sunset 2030. He then listed six significant street projects completed since the tax passed, totaling about \$8 million. The reconstruction of La Veta Avenue accounted for \$454,380 of that total. Coleman then added that 2025 will be just as busy, beginning with reconstruction of 2nd street. "We're so excited to be able to use the funds to improve the

quality of our roads and are thankful for the community's support. We also appreciate the hard work and dedication of city staff, including Streets Division, Water and Sewer Division and the Public Works Department." Coleman went on to recognize the city's partnership with Reynolds Engineering and Design, Gardner Excavation, Alcon Construction and ACI in getting the projects completed, adding that these projects have benefited the citizens of and the visitors who come to our city. "We also want to thank the residents and businesses for your patience," he said. "We hope you're as satisfied with the results as we are."



Photo courtesy Rio Grande County Tourism The Rio Grande National Forest is seeking public comment through June 15 on the Over Snow Travel Management Planning Project. The comments can be submitted online at www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande.

USFS

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 The goals of the plan include: Providing high-quality over-snow access and experiences, ensuring that over-snow vehicle use occurs when there is adequate snow to protect underlying resources, enhancing public enjoyment safely minimizing impacts to natural resources, and minimizing user conflicts. Kelher said the Forest Service is currently working on decision-making issues and an analysis of the impacts of the plan. In response to a question from this reporter to elaborate on who is part of the analysis team, Perez, who is a strategic planner said, "Right now we have a very small team, a hydrologist a wildlife biologist, a recreation representative and botany,

and me. I've been doing this type of work for 35 years, I know it well and I've been meeting teams like this." Perez then explained the process the team will take including public comments and present Kelher with alternatives the team has compiled. Perez concluded with, "We will develop some alternatives, we will analyze all of the effects on the environmental resources, the natural resources and all of those alternatives, that is why we are doing an EIS [Environmental Impact Statement]. After the EIS is issued, the Forest Service and issue a draft decision open for public comments, then a final draft. The Forest Service is estimating implementation of the plan in early January 2027. The public can also make comments on the plan on the Rio

Grande National Forest website. The Rio Grande National Forest has extensive resources regarding the plan and can be accessed at www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande. There are two additional public meetings regarding the Over Snow Travel Management Planning Project. In Saguache on Tuesday, June 4, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Saguache County Road and Bridge Building on 3rd Street, and in South Fork on Wednesday, June 5, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the South Fork Fire Department on Mall Street. Contact Matthew Nies, Department of Justice at 202-598-6713, for any additional questions related to the litigation mentioned in this article. You can also fill out a media inquiry with DOJ online at www.justice.gov/opa/webform/media-inquiries.

Trump

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 just before 11:30 a.m. Eastern and delivering the verdict to Justice Juan Merchan just after 5 p.m. Thursday, according to reporters at the courthouse. New York does not allow recording in the courtroom but provides public transcripts of the proceedings. States Newsroom covered the trial in person on May 20.

Trump now faces penalties ranging from probation to up to four years in prison for each charge of falsifying business records in the first degree. It is unclear when Merchan will sentence Trump. New York state prosecutors charged 34 felonies against the former president for each of the 11 invoices, 11 checks, and 12 ledger entries tied to reimbursing his former personal lawyer Michael Cohen. Cohen, often referred

to as Trump's former "fixer," said during trial testimony that he wired \$130,000 to adult film star and director Stormy Daniels days before the 2016 election to silence her about an alleged sexual encounter with Trump. Three criminal cases, two federal and one in Georgia, also still hang in the balance for Trump, but the likelihood of another trial happening before November's election is slim.

Round-Up

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 in the sport of professional rodeo make their way to Alamosa to compete in all seven major events of rodeo – Bareback Riding, Steer Wrestling, Tie-Down Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Team Roping, Barrel Racing, and Bull Riding. The Alamosa Round-UP is proud to be a part of the All-American Series, of The Professional Rodeo

Cowboys Association. Over 350 cowboys and cowgirls make their way to beautiful Alamosa each year to compete for over \$45,000 in prize money. Entries are now open for the Ranch Rodeo (June 14) and the 2024 Mutton Bustin Qualifier (June 20). Local Barrel Race entries will be taken the night of the Barrel Race, 5-6:30 p.m. June 20. Tickets are also available through the website, www.alamosaroundup.com.

USDA

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 initiatives where she led the development of strategies for equitable economic and health recoveries from COVID-19 and as Chief of Staff in the Office of the Colorado Lieutenant Governor where she led policy and legislative strategies, stakeholder outreach, and constituent services. Before that, Martinez

also served as Regional Manager in the Colorado Department of Local Affairs where she managed local government operations emphasizing rural community and economic development and served as a Costilla County Commissioner. RD State Directors serve as the chief executive officer of Rural Development in the states and territories and are tasked with carrying out the mission of rural develop-

ment to the benefit of everyone in rural America. In conjunction with the guidance and support of the National Office, State Directors are responsible for promoting the mission and strategic goals of Rural Development and provide key leadership to develop and support a productive, diverse, and inclusive state workforce. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA Rural Development provides loans and

grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, tribal and high-poverty areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/co.

Opinion

Whirlwind of activity

Miss Trixie and Ol' Dutch have finally arrived in Colorful Colorado, and we are darned glad to be here, let me tell you what.

We had a heck of a time getting out of Texas as we were trying to get the siding on the new house before we left and hit all kinds of snags. Each of which could probably consume inches of column space, but I will spare you the details.

Suffice to say that the challenges were many and not easily addressed but we did finally get it on and weather tight, which meant we were able to leave – albeit, a week later than we had hoped for. Ol' Dutch breathed a sigh of relief as he pulled out of the driveway and said a prayer over the property and cows, entrusting them to God and His Providence.

We always bring two vehicles along with us as Ol' Dutch learned early that he does not want to be stuck at home while Miss Trixie galivants around the Valley going to garage sales, community events, or friends' houses.

We had planned early on to stop and see Gidget and Moon Doggy at Wichita Falls, Texas, play some cards and have some laughs. So, it was only a hop, skip and a jump from the farm to their abode and Ol' Dutch was really looking forward to it.

Just about the time we got within striking distance Miss Trixie informed me that there was a dangerous storm directly in our path. And even if you think the Internet is Satan's spawn, it sure is nice to be able to get instant weather and radar wherever you might be.

Now Ol' Dutch was raised on the Weather Channel and my Dad, Fast Freddy of Dodge City, Kansas, and Boot Hill fame, taught me early on to pay attention to the weather wherever you may be.

So, we had the very best radar and first-person weather reports and were able to stop in Nocona, Texas under an awning to wait out the hail, rain, and tornado. A quick prayer later and the storm took a track off to the north and we were able to proceed on our way.

The radar did indicate another smaller storm directly south of us but the future track feature of where it would go showed an easterly track and not towards us. We did find it a bit odd to pass 17 Storm Tracker vehicles headed east but thought they had just been in the storm we were in.

We arrived at our friends' house and after a great steak dinner, we began a card game and the hilarities began anew but as I said, I am my father's child when it comes to weather, and I kept close tabs on the radar during the ensuing hours that followed.

And true to Texas fashion, that storm that originated south of us grew into a monster with massive tornados that tracked across areas close to friends and family while all we could do was watch and pray.

The fearful thing hit a gas station with 150 people sheltered there plus an RV park not to mention all the people at the local lakes for a Memorial Day weekend of camping.

Sadly, many people lost their lives in a moment in time and my heart goes out to each family who lost a loved one or their homes. Words can never describe the pain they must be suffering today.

The tornado tracked on across the landscape and just missed our new house and farm, so we are blessed this morning and are ready to hit Colorado running.

As you know Miss Trixie is a social butterfly and we have an agenda packed full of things to do, people to see and places to be, starting tonight already with our Cajun friends and a great Louisiana style home cooked meal.

So, hang onto your hat as we once again try and do more in one summer than is humanly possible because Miss Trixie is gonna try.

Kevin Kirkpatrick and his Yorkie, Cooper, fish, hunt, ATV, or hike daily. His email is Kevin@TroutRepublic.com. Additional news can be found at www.troutrepublic.com or on Twitter at [TroutRepublic](https://twitter.com/TroutRepublic).

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'Whatever they can get him for is fine with me'

The trial of former President Donald Trump is heading toward a conclusion. For those who at the beginning thought the case was weak and politically motivated, the presentation of the prosecution's evidence has made it seem even weaker and more politically motivated. A conviction will not change that.

On the other side, though, some in the anti-Trump world who were originally skeptical about the case's merits have come to believe that it is actually stronger than they first thought. That was not necessarily because the case is actually stronger, but because, as events unfolded, it became clear that the current trial, in which Manhattan Democratic District Attorney Alvin Bragg alleges that Trump committed bookkeeping offenses as part of a conspiracy to corrupt the 2016 presidential election, represents Democrats' only chance to try Trump, to possibly convict him, and perhaps even to imprison him before the election in November.

"Not all that long ago, I thought that the trial currently being held ... seemed the least serious of the cases against him," wrote George Conway, the conservative-lawyer-turned-Joe-Biden-megadonor, in *The Atlantic* earlier this month. "But I feel the need to admit error. The truth is, I've come around to the view that People v. Trump is, in at least some ways, the perfect case to put Trump in the dock for the first time, and – I hope, but we'll see – perhaps prison."

Why is that? Conway, one of the

more aggressive members of the anti-Trump Resistance, wrote that he now believes the Manhattan case perfectly exposed what he says are Trump's myriad lies. But for the Resistance, the most salient fact about the Manhattan trial is this: It is happening. It is getting done before the election, which is the most important consideration for Democrats who pray that a Trump conviction could change the dynamics of a presidential race in which Trump currently leads Biden.

The other cases against Trump seem lost in legal never-never land. The Resistance's favorite case, special counsel Jack Smith's indictment of Trump over the 2020 election and the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, is awaiting two critical Supreme Court rulings and seems unlikely to go to trial before the election. The second-favorite case, Smith's indictment over classified documents, is lost in procedural complexities. And the final indictment, the one that, like the current case, was brought by a local prosecutor – Fulton County Democratic District Attorney Fani Willis in Georgia – seems to be a total mess.

But the current case, brought by Bragg, who, incidentally, won office in deep-blue Manhattan on a promise to pursue Trump, is a reality. If you really want to bring down Trump, some anti-Trumpers believe, who cares if it is weak? Who cares if it is politically motivated? Trump is "a criminal" who "basically tried to destroy American democracy," Conway said in an interview last week. "And whatever

they can get him for is fine with me." Whatever they can get him for is fine with me. That is perhaps the most succinct and direct explanation for the wave of Democratic lawfare we have seen in the runup to the 2024 vote. The cases are all over the place, four prosecutions in all, at the county level, the federal level, in New York, Washington, D.C. and Georgia. For more than a year, it has been obvious that they represent a redundant effort against Trump; if one case falters, another might succeed. And if one or two or three cases falter, the fourth might still break through. And that is what has happened in Manhattan. Just as some of the anti-Trump trial skeptics thought in the beginning, the end of testimony and the arrival of closing arguments have highlighted the flaws in the case. One analyst on CNN's pro-prosecution coverage said, "The crime here is not easy to explain or understand." On MSNBC's even more pro-prosecution coverage, another analyst said, "It is difficult because it's a very nuanced argument. ... It's never been prosecuted before." If charges are so Byzantine that it is hard to convince reasonable people that a crime even occurred, then maybe Manhattan prosecutors should not have charged Trump with 34 felony counts that could result in a maximum of 136 years in prison over what is basically a bookkeeping matter. But such is the state of our justice system today.

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CPW will hold two public meetings in early June to discuss issues related to Rio Grande cutthroat trout.

Public invited to Westcliffe, Monte Vista to discuss fisheries management related to Rio Grande cutthroat trout

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

MONTE VISTA — Colorado Parks and Wildlife has scheduled two public meetings to discuss proposed fishing regulation changes that are aimed at advancing conservation goals related to Rio Grande cutthroat trout.

One meeting will be held in Westcliffe and another in Monte Vista. The meeting in Westcliffe will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. June 10 at the West Custer County Library located at 209 Main St. The meeting in Monte Vista is slated for 6 to 8 p.m. June 13 at the conference room at CPW's office located at 722 Henderson Rd.

"We are proposing restricting harvest and tackle in the Sand Creek drainage to allow for the re-establishment of a self-sustaining Rio Grande cutthroat trout population," said CPW

Aquatic Biologist Estevan Vigil. "In addition to changing the regulations at Sand Creek, we are also proposing to restrict harvest and tackle at Rito Hondo Reservoir and the creek above the lake also to restore Rio Grande cutthroats."

Both the Sand Creek and Rito Hondo drainages have recently been reclaimed by removing non-native fish from these drainages so Rio Grande cutthroat will thrive. The proposed regulations are aimed at protecting populations during the rebuilding process, which can take up to five years.

Additionally, another regulation change is also proposed for Kerr Lake within the Rio Grande National Forest south of South Fork. CPW has proposed the removal of special regulations involving fly-and-lure fishing only that has been in place at Kerr Lake since 1955. CPW has also proposed

removing the limit of two fish and returning Kerr Lake to statewide regulations on bag and possession limits of four and eight.

CPW has found there is no biological reason to keep the special regulations at Kerr Lake in place.

"The cutthroat in Kerr Lake are sustained through stocking and are not genetically pure," Vigil said. "In order to match regulations to other waters managed the same way, we are proposing the removal of the special regs at Kerr Lake."

CPW will discuss these proposed changes and be available to discuss issues related to Rio Grande cutthroat trout conservation at these two meetings. All are welcome to attend.

"It is important we hear feedback from the public and local anglers before implementing any regulation changes," Vigil said.

No fishing license required during Free Fishing Weekend on June 1-2

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

DENVER — Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) invites resident and nonresident anglers of all ages to participate in Free Fishing Weekend. On June 1-2, 2024, the fishing license and Habitat Stamp requirement will be waived, allowing anyone interested in fishing to try it out and hopefully get hooked.

Fishing offers a variety of health benefits and is a great excuse to get outdoors and you can even try to put some food on the table.

For experienced anglers, Free Fishing Weekend offers a perfect opportunity to introduce someone interested in fishing who might be hesitant about purchasing a license.

From reservoirs, lakes and ponds to rivers and high-altitude streams, Colorado is a highly-regarded fishing destination. The state features nearly 9,000

miles of trout streams - 321 miles of which are designated Gold Medal waters - and over 1,300 angling locations, all managed for high-quality fishing.

Colorado offers an opportunity to catch some 35 species of warm-water and cold-water fish.

"The outdoors are for everyone, and fishing is a great way to discover and enjoy Colorado," said Angler Outreach Coordinator Andre Egli. "The fish are biting and Free Fishing Weekend is the perfect opportunity for everyone to give fishing a try."

All other fishing regulations, including bag and possession limits still apply. Learn more about fishing regulations and license fees in the 2024 Colorado Fishing Brochure.

For more information about licenses or fishing, including the Stocking Report and Fishing Atlas, visit cpw.state.co.us/Fishing.



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Lifestyles

Saguache County Museum celebrates 65 years

By MARIE MCCOLM
SAGUACHE – The Saguache County Museum opened its doors, with a free admission day on May 26 in celebration of its 65 years of being open.

ger to visiting its different hallways filled with historic items.

Lane Ellis, a resident of Mosca, attended the opening at the museum and stated that it was nice to see something so rich in history, so well preserved.

“These days there are tours being held online for museums and virtually, it’s hard to visit something in person that is so well preserved. My favorite part of this museum is the jail. It’s hard to fathom someone being put in that jail, but from what I hear, that is the actual jail, that has been here for 65 years, and it did house criminals,” she said with a chuckle. “I am glad I came today; this is a neat part of history that I get to see and enjoy, and you don’t get that every day.”

The Saguache County Museum began in 1959 as a municipal improvement venture, in celebration of Colorado’s Centennial Anniversary. Saguache County had just finished building a brand-new jail, and the old one was set to be demolished. Members of three different clubs who collaborated on the idea for the museum, begged Saguache County not to demolish the jail, so that the site could be used as a “historical place.” The establishment was saved and became the Saguache County Museum. It was collaboratively decided that the little museum would be opened as a celebrated display of history, in Saguache Town Hall.

The museum is celebrating 65 years this year. Volunteers make up the board of directors for the museum. The museum is completely non-profit and is also separate from the Saguache County government.

The museum opens annually on Memorial Day and closes for the season on Labor Day.

The Saguache County Museum opened shortly after 10 a.m. and people were ea-

A parade was hosted in downtown Saguache and featured many floats and vehicles. The Saguache Chamber of Commerce drove an ATV in the parade, with members of the Saguache Art Walk on a trailer in the back, smiling and waving happily.

The Saguache County Ambulance blinked their lights and drove in the parade, followed by a red station wagon which proudly adorned a sign that read “Saguache Senior Citizen’s Center,” across the passenger side.

The Antique Tractor Club was also a hit in the parade with a barrel train hitched to a tractor.

Grammy’s Kitchen had a colorful float in the parade, decked out with balloons and a gentleman wearing a white apron, who smiled and waved at all the people who lined the street for the parade.

There were also a few prancing horses in the parade, and the Garcia brothers of Center also displayed their antique cars in the parade proudly. Two law enforcement trucks blinking their lights were the final entrants of the parade.

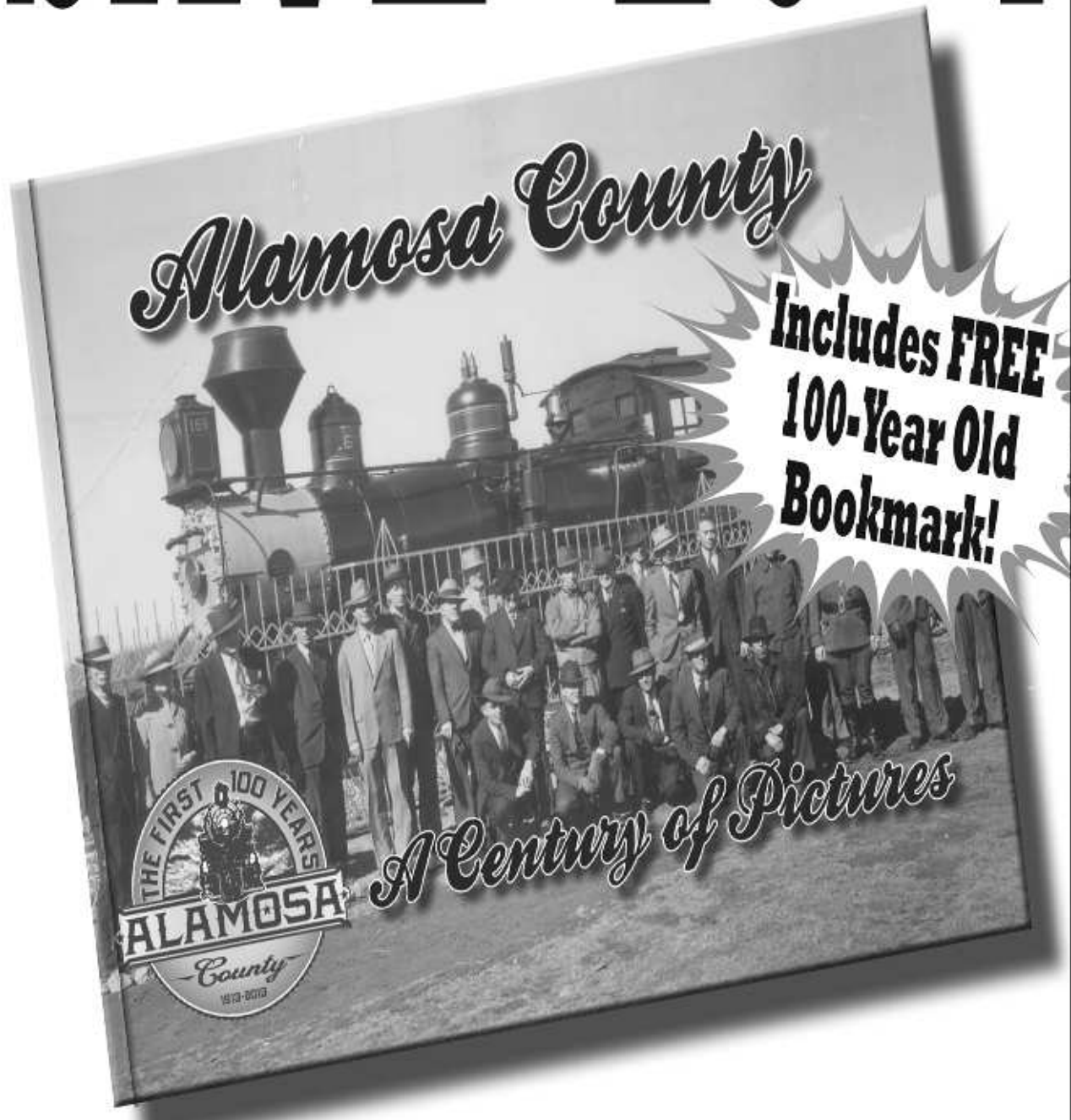
In lieu of the museum’s celebration, there were also vendors in the middle of town at Otto Mears Park. There were vendors selling handmade jewelry. The Saguache quilting club was also set up at the park, along with an entire canopy filled with goat milk products for sale. The Garcia brothers also set up all their antique cars at the park, they were arranged in a big circle at the park.

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Photos by Marie Mccolm
The Antique Tractor Club pulls a barrel train in the parade on May 26 celebrating the Saguache County Museum’s 65th anniversary.

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Antique cars were parked in Otto Mears Park during the Saguache County Museum’s 65th anniversary celebration on May 26.

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Sports

Seven SLV athletes to play in CHSCA All-State Games

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – A total of seven San Luis Valley high school graduate student-athletes will be competing in the Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games which will take place June 11-14 at CSU Pueblo.

Three of the locals will be playing boys basketball. Sanford's Cash Caldon will play for the Black team, Sierra Grande's Brian Ontiveros will be on the Blue team, and Centauri's Chaz Holman will compete for the Red team.

Caldon led the Mustangs in scoring with 16 points per game, and he also averaged 4.8 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 1.5 steals per game.

Ontiveros was the Panthers' leading scorer with 16.7 points per game, and he also averaged 2.2 rebounds, two assists and two steals per game.

Holman averaged 9.3 points, 3.9 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 4.1 steals per game.

The Red team will play the White team on June 11 at 6:30 p.m., and the Blue team will play the Black team at 7:45 p.m. The third-place game is June 12 at 6:30 p.m., and the championship game is at 8 p.m.

One local athlete will be playing girls basketball as Center's Alicia Rios will play for the White team.

Rios led the Lady Vikings in scoring with 12.1 points per game and she also averaged 3.1 rebounds, 2.3 assists, and 3.6 steals per game.

Monte Vista's Shawna Larson will be one of the White team's coaches.

The girls semifinals will be on June 11 with the Red team playing the White team at 4 p.m., and the Blue team will play the Black team at 5:15 p.m. The third-place game is June 12 at 3:30 p.m. and the championship is at 5 p.m.

All of the basketball games, both boys and girls, will be played at Massari Arena.

One local athlete will be playing in the girls soccer game as Del Norte's Peyton Neal will play for the Red team at 5:30 p.m. on June 13 at the Gonzales Soccer/Lacrosse Complex.

Complete statistics for Neal were unavailable.

There will also be one local athlete playing volleyball as Centauri's Kailyn Polzin will play for the Blue team. The semifinals will be played on June 13 with the Red team playing the White team at 6:30 p.m., and the Blue team will play the Black team at 7:45. The third-place match will be played at 2:30 p.m. on June 14, and the championship is at 4 p.m. All volleyball matches will be played at Massari Arena.

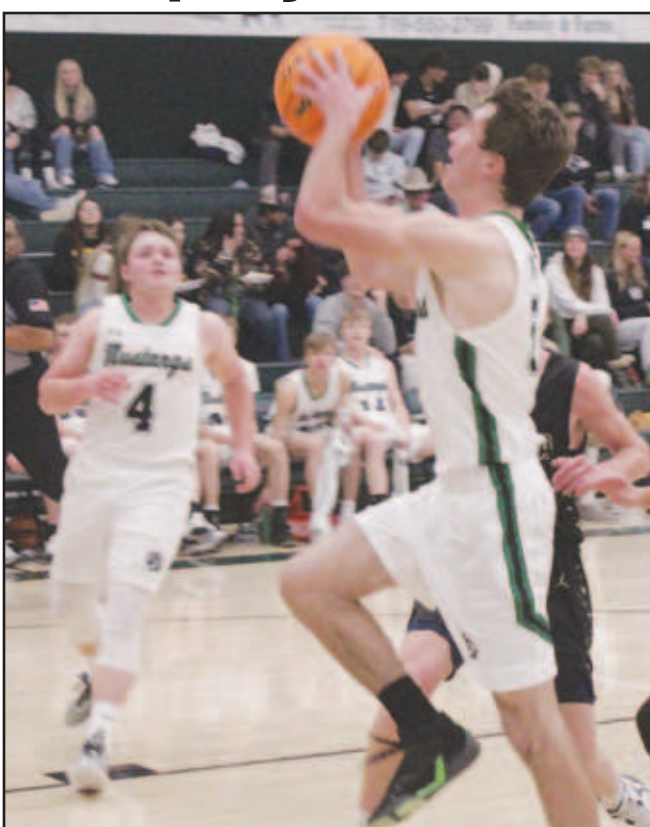
Polzin led the Lady Falcons in kills with 430 and she also tallied 64 blocks, 287 digs, 29 service aces and eight assists.

There will be only one SLV athlete playing in the All-State football game as Centauri's Deven Brady will play for the South team.

The football game kicks off at 7:30 p.m. at the Thunderbowl.

Brady had 493 rushing yards and seven touchdowns, and he had 13 receptions for 261 yards and three touchdowns. On defense, he had 82 tackles, one sack and two pass interceptions.

There are no local athletes playing in the softball game which will be played June 12 at 11 a.m. at Rawlings Field, the boys soccer game which will take place June 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gonzales Soccer/Lacrosse Complex, or the wrestling match which will be June 14 at 11 a.m. at Massari Arena.



Sanford's Cash Caldon



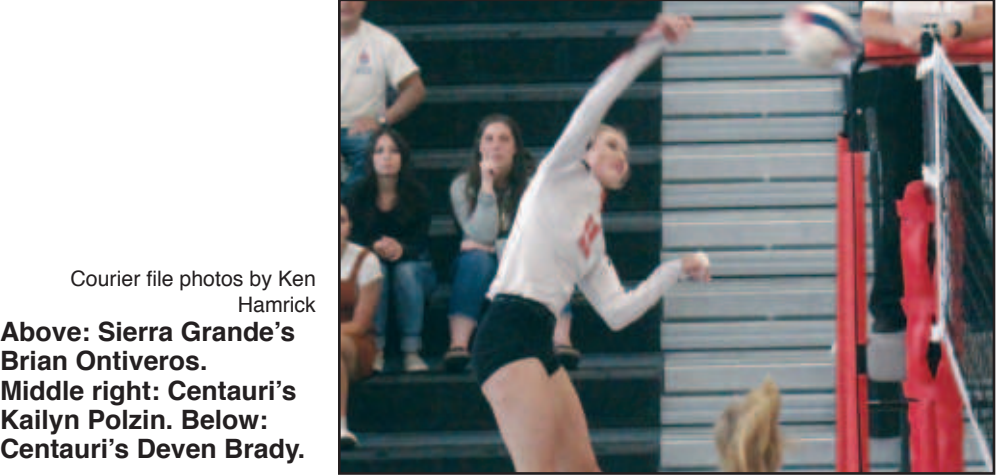
Center's Alicia Rios



Centauri's Chaz Holman



Del Norte's Peyton Neal



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Above: Sierra Grande's Brian Ontiveros.

Middle right: Centauri's Kailyn Polzin.

Below: Centauri's Deven Brady.

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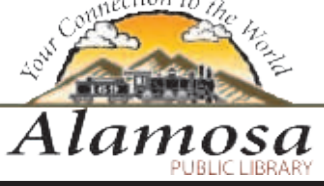
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 All Candidate inquiries will be responded to at the same time which will be after the "Clarification Deadline". Candidates should not rely on any other statements, either oral or written, that alter any specification or other term or condition of the RFP during the open solicitation period. Candidates should not contact any team member, or any individual associated with the Owner or Saguache County regarding this RFP or this project except to schedule an optional site visit.

RFP Schedule
 RFP Available May 1, 2024
 Optional Site Visit By apt with all
 RFP Clarification Deadline May 28, 2024
 RFP Clarification Responses May 31, 2024
 RFP Responses Due June 10, 2024
 Interview Invitations Sent June 12, 2024
 Interviews June 25, 2024
 Selections Made and Candidates Notified July 3, 2024
 Contract Negotiations/discussion - Complete Notice to Proceed Given to Successful Firm Study to begin July 9, 2024
 July 16, 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

II. Background
 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.

V. 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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TOWN OF SOUTH FORK ORDINANCE NO. 24-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH FORK, COLORADO ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AS GUIDELINES FOR DESIGNATING SITE SELECTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR NEW DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEMS AND MAJOR EXTENSIONS OF EXISTING DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEMS AND MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER PROJECTS AS ACTIVITIES OF STATE INTEREST

WHEREAS, the Areas and Activities of State Interest Act, Sections 24-65.1-101 to -502, C.R.S. (the "Act") allows local governments to designate certain areas and activities as "matters of state interest;" (which the Town of South Fork has enacted by the provisions of Ordinance Number 24-03); and

WHEREAS, once a local government has designated an area or activity as a matter of state interest, it may adopt guidelines and regulations to administer such areas or activities; and

WHEREAS, any person who would engage in development in a designated area or conduct a designated activity must first obtain a permit from the local government; and

WHEREAS, the surface water and groundwater resources in the San Luis Valley are the lifeblood of the human and natural environment, and the communities' continued ability to thrive; and

WHEREAS, certain activities of state interest that would transfer water from the San Luis Valley could endanger the viability of these water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Fork has designated these activities of state interest and now adopts regulations in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TOWN OF SOUTH FORK, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations.
 At the May 28, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, a public hearing was conducted regarding the adoption of guidelines and regulations for water projects for export outside the San Luis Valley as a designated matter of State interest in accordance with the provisions of Colorado Revised Statutes §24-65.1-101, et seq., and §24-65.1-401, et seq. In consideration of the testimony, evidence, and documents submitted at the public hearing, the Board of Trustees of the Town of South Fork, Colorado, hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

A. The public hearing was duly noticed in accordance with the requirements of Section 24-65.1-404(2)(a), C.R.S.
 B. The Board of Trustees of the Town of South Fork, Colorado, has taken the following into account:

- All testimony, evidence, and documents taken and admitted at the public hearing.
- The intensity of current and foreseeable development pressures in the Town.
- The potential for transfer of water from the jurisdiction of the governing body and from the San Luis Valley.
- The potential locations of the activities of state interest.
- The uncontrolled conduct of water export would threaten the surface water and groundwater resources of the San Luis Valley, and the designation and regulation of such activities will allow for a coordinated approach to protecting these resources.
- The municipalities and counties in the San Luis Valley will or have entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") to establish the San Luis Valley Planning Area to Protect Surface and Groundwater Resources to allow a coordinated approach for regulation of these activities of state interest.

Section 2. Joint Planning Area Defined.
 The boundaries of the Joint Planning Area are the geographic boundaries of the Counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache.

Section 3. Designation.
 The following activities have been designated as matters of state interest:

A. Site selection and construction of major new domestic water systems and major extension of existing domestic water systems.
 B. Efficient utilization of municipal and industrial water projects.
 Section 4. Applicability and Exclusions.
 A. Except for activities set forth in Section 4.B. below, this Ordinance applies as follows:

- Major domestic water treatment system shall include any collection, treatment, storage, or distribution system and any of its components for the export of water outside the Joint Planning Area directly or by exchange with the eventual capacity to serve 15 or more service connections. The term components includes without limitation all diversion structures, dams, reservoirs, ponds, water bodies, streams, trenches, wells, pipes, conduits, tanks, pumps, buildings, structures, trucks, and other methods or conveyances.
- Municipal and industrial water project means a project, and any of its components to export water outside the Joint Planning Area for eventual use for municipal or industrial purposes, directly or by exchange. The term components includes without limitation diversion structures, dams, reservoirs, ponds, water bodies, streams, trenches, wells, pipes, conduits, tanks, pumps, buildings, structures, trucks, and other conveyances.

B. These designated activities of state interest do not include augmentation or replacement water to the Rio Grande basin for the purpose of replacing injurious depletions caused by the use of water within the San Luis Valley if such water is provided in accordance with the Rules Governing the Withdrawal of Groundwater in Water Division No. 3, the Rio Grande Compact, water court decrees, or other state administrative or judicial requirements. Nor do these designated activities of state interest include export of water from the Joint Planning Area that remains for eventual use within the Rio Grande Basin.

Section 5. Permit Required.
 No person shall conduct a designated activity of state interest until the activity has been reviewed and permitted by the Town of South Fork, Colorado, in accordance with the duly adopted guidelines and regulations in conformance with the IGA and attached to this ordinance as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 6. Severability.
 If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction invalid, such judgment shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 28th Day of May 2024, by the Board of Trustees of the Town of South Fork, Colorado, and determined by a roll call vote as follows:
 Major Schmidt yes Trustee Butcher absent
 Major Pro-Tem Sparrow yes Trustee Woolf yes
 Trustee Stickens yes Trustee _____
 Trustee Entz absent

ORDINANCE NO. 24-03 passes X / fails ____
 DONE AND SIGNED this 28th DAY OF MAY, 2024.

/s/
 Tyler Schmidt, Town Mayor

ATTEST:
 /s/
 Hank Weber, Town Administrator
 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
 /s/
 Eugene L. Farish, Town Attorney
 No. 3969.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 31, 2024.

County Court Conejos County, Colorado

Court Address:
 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129
 In the Matter of the Petition of: ANDRE JAMIL WILCOX
 Adult:
 For a Change of Name to: ANDRE JAMIL MARTINEZ
 COURT USE ONLY
 Case Number:
 2024C24
 Division B
 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Public Notice is given on May 21, 2024 that a Petition for a Change of Name of a
 Adult has been filed with the Conejos Court.
 The Petition requests that the name of
 ANDRE JAMIL WILCOX
 be changed to
 ANDRE JAMIL MARTINEZ
 By FELIX GALLEGOS
 Clerk of Court
 No. 3961
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 24, 31, and June 7, 2024

TOWN OF SOUTH FORK ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 24-01 [AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH FORK INCREASING THE TOWN SALES TAX FROM TWO PERCENT (2%) TO FOUR PERCENT (4%)]

WHEREAS, the Town of South Fork passed Ordinance No. 24-01 subsequent to its April 2024 regular election raising the sales tax rate from two percent (2%) to four percent (4%); and

WHEREAS, the Town has been made aware that the town ordinance, which refers to its "sales and use tax"; and

WHEREAS, the Town does not currently have a "use tax"; and

WHEREAS, the remaining language of said ordinance is correct;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of South Fork that the language, "and use" is hereby stricken and deleted from all references in Ordinance No. 24-01 by interlineation as contained on the amended copy of said ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

DONE AND SIGNED this 28th DAY OF May 2024.

/s/
 Tyler Schmidt, Town Administrator
 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
 /s/
 Eugene L. Farish, Town Attorney
 No. 3970.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 31, 2024.

099 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

221 - HELP WANTED

LAKE CITY HOSTS A Wednesday Market for locally-grown foods and artisans in June, July, August. INTERESTED IN BEING A VENDOR? lakecitydir.com/vibrant-economy. (6/26/24)

MECHANIC POSITION AVAILABLE at VALLEY TRACTOR REPAIR, MONTE VISTA, CO. This is a full-time position offering top pay with benefits. Contact Ric or Tony for qualifications, 719-852-0200. (6/19/24)

163 - LOST & FOUND

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications for HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR. Interested applicants must be certified/licensed in counseling. NCSD offers a competitive salary with a \$915 health benefit monthly. 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. (6/8/24)

LOST DOG: SMALL 14yo female POODLE MIX. White with darker long ears. Missing since May 18, near Cole Park, ALAMOSA. WEARING A BANDANA WITH SUNFLOWER PRINT. Please call if seen, 719-480-9744. (6/1/24)

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.northconejos.com or pick one up at North Conejos School District Central Office. Applications may be submitted to Superintendent Darren Edgar at dedar@northconejos.com or delivered to the NCSD Central Office. Application deadline is Thursday, June 6th at 4:00 p.m. (6/8/24)

173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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LICENSED PLUMBER DOES all types of plumbing & plumbing repairs. Quick service! Call anytime, weekends & evenings: 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. (8/2/24-monthly)

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.northconejos.com or pick one up at North Conejos School District Central Office. Applications may be submitted to Superintendent Darren Edgar at dedar@northconejos.com or delivered to the NCSD Central Office. Application deadline is Thursday, June 6th at 4:00 p.m. (6/8/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

THE TOWN OF CENTER is seeking applications for a full-time STREETS & PARKS SPECIALIST DEPARTMENT. The applicant should be able to operate various pieces of equipment, such as lawn mowers, trimmers, chainsaws, dump trucks, snow plows, tractors, backhoes, and street sweepers. The applicant will also need to be able to work with underground sprinklers and irrigation systems and may assist with Animal Control. He/she needs to be self-starter, and have the ability to plan ahead and look to the future as the town grows. Salary will be \$16 to \$20 dollars an hour, based on experience. Benefits include 100% health paid for employee, with competitive plans in dental, vision, and life insurance, generous PTO vacation earnings as well as up to a 3% match for retirement IRA's. Must have a valid driver's license and be able to pass a drug test. Applications are available on the Town's website or can be picked up at Town Hall. If you have any question's contact Jaime at 719-754-3497. Applications must be turned in by close of business on June 14, 2024. (6/14/24)

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THE ALAMOSA HOUSING AUTHORITY is seeking a qualified individual for a full-time MAINTENANCE LABORER. Minimum of three years of knowledge in small appliance repair, basic knowledge of electrical and plumbing such as changing electrical outlets, light fixtures, operating a plumbing snake, changing out faucets to list a few. Be able to operate grounds keeping equipment and be able know and use common hand tools. Have common knowledge of minor furnace repair problems and basic carpentry skills (must be able to patch holes in drywall and interior doors.) MUST LIVE IN ALAMOSA COUNTY and be able to be on-call for emergency maintenance requests. Must also have a valid Colorado Driver's License, and must be able to pass Colorado Background Investigation and a drug test. Minimum starting hourly wage is \$20.50 and we offer A competitive benefit package. Wage is determined upon experience. Apply at Alamosa Housing Authority located at 213 Murphy Drive. Job will close on June 28, 2024 or when position is filled. (6/8/24)

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 839 or 1116 3rd Street, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. For more information, please call Monica Wolfe, Director, 719-589-4511.
 No. 3935.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, & 31, 2024.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Auditor Services

Introduction:
 The Town of Crestone is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide auditing services for fiscal years 2022-2024. The selected auditor will be responsible for conducting a comprehensive audit of the Town's financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

Scope of Work
 The selected auditor will be expected to perform the following tasks:
 - Conduct an audit of the Town's financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.
 - Review internal controls and make recommendations for improvements, if necessary.
 - Provide a management letter outlining findings and recommendations.
 - Assist in the preparation of required financial reports and statements.
 - Any other tasks deemed necessary for a comprehensive audit.

Proposal Submission:
 Interested firms are invited to submit their proposals by email. Proposals should include the following:
 - Firm profile, including relevant experience and qualifications.
 - Proposed audit approach and methodology.
 - Proposed timeline for completion of the audit.
 - Fee schedule and estimated total cost.
 - References from past clients, preferably in the public sector.
 PO Box 64, Crestone, CO 81131, (719) 256-4313, crestonetownoffice@gmail.com
 No. 3950.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31, June 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 2024.

District Court Denver Probate Court

Alamosa County, Colorado
 Court Address:
 Alamosa Combined Court
 8955 Independence Way
 Alamosa, CO 80111
 In the Matter of the Estate of
 Billie Kathleen Carpenter; a/k/a Billie K. Carpenter; a/k/a Billie Carpenter
 Deceased
 COURT USE ONLY
 Myka Marie Landry
 133 County Road 17, Ste. E2E
 PO Box 2276
 Elizabeth, Colorado 80107
 Phone Number: 303-802-4672 Email: mykalandry@mykalandrylaw.com
 FAX Number: 303-646-2020 Atty. Reg. #: 20430
 Case Number:
 2024PR30016
 Division D Courtroom
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Billie Kathleen Carpenter; a/k/a Billie K. Carpenter; a/k/a Billie Carpenter, Deceased. Case Number 2024PR30016
 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Alamosa, County, Colorado or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before October 15, 2024 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.
 Myka M. Landry, Attorney for PR Donald R. Carpenter
 Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
 PO Box 2276
 Address
 Elizabeth, CO 80107
 City, State, Zip Code
 No. 3958.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 24, 31, & June 7, 2024.

District Court Alamosa County, Colorado

Court Address: 8955 Independence Way
 Alamosa, CO 81101
 In the Matter of the Estate of: Gunner Clay Andrews, a/k/a Gunner C. Andrews, a/k/a Gunner Andrews
 Deceased
 COURT USE ONLY
 Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):
 Helen Sigmond, P.C.
 P.O. Box 1270
 Alamosa, CO 81101
 Phone Number: (719)589-6626 E-mail: helen@helensigmondpc.com
 FAX Number: N/A Atty. Reg. #: 13019
 Case Number: 2024 PR 30015
 Division Courtroom
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Gunner Clay Andrews, Deceased Case Number 2024 PR 30015
 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Alamosa, County, Colorado or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before September 25, 2024 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.
 John C. Andrews
 Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
 721 Graf Drive
 Address
 Alamosa, CO 81101
 City, State, Zip Code
 No. 3960.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 24, 31, & June 7, 2024.

District Court Costilla County, Colorado

Court Address: 304 Main St.
 P.O. Box 301
 San Luis, CO 81152
 In the Matter of the Determination of Heirs or Devises or Both and of Interests in Property of:
 EUGENIA POKORNY
 Deceased.
 COURT USE ONLY
 Attorneys for Dana Pokorny:
 The Gasper Law Group, PLLC
 Catherine Anne Seal, #26908
 Jack Roth, #32040
 Emily Moy, #56186
 101 North Cascade Ave., Suite 100A
 Colorado Springs, CO 80903
 (719) 227-7779
 cseal@gasperlaw.com
 jroth@gasperlaw.com
 emoy@gasperlaw.com
 Case Number: 2024PR30006
 Division: B
 NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION TO INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY DESCENT OR SUCCESSION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-1303, C.R.S.
 To all interested persons and owners by descent or succession (List all names of interested persons and owners by descent or succession): Peter Pokorny, Son of Eugenia Pokorny (DOD: March 14, 2022); Dana Pokorny, Widow of Peter Pokorny/Daughter-in-Law of Eugenia Pokorny.
 A petition has been filed alleging that the above decedent(s) died leaving the following property (including legal description if real property):
 Description of Property
 Location of Property
 Property 1
 Lot 3490 of Block 189 of Sangre de Cristo Ranches, Unit C-2
 Costilla County, CO
 Property 2. N/A
 The hearing via WebEx on the Petition for the Determination of Heirs or Devises or Both, and of Interests in Property will be held at the following date, time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:
 Date: July 24, 2024 Time: 9:00 a.m. Division: B
 Address: 304 Main St., San Luis, CO 81152
 The hearing will take approximately one (1) hour.
 WebEx Attendance Information:
 For WebEx appearance options via smartphone, land-line phone, cell phone, or computer, please utilize one of the following options:
 1. Open the WebEx application and use the hyperlink for Judge Jim Cortez-Rodriguez WebEx as follows: <https://judicial.webex.com/join/kimberly.cortez>. When prompted, tap "join meeting" and wait for the host. If you have trouble connecting, enter the corresponding 9-digit access number 927 174 122; or
 2. Join by calling 415-655-0001 (U.S. toll) OR 720-650-7664 and enter the corresponding 9-digit access number 927 174 122 then #. Please attempt to use the first option. If you are unable to access the video feed, use the second option. Please do not call in using a Bluetooth or hands-free device and please ensure that you are calling in from a quiet area.
 Note:
 * You must answer the petition on or before the hearing date and time specified above.
 * Within the time required for answering the petition, all objections to the petition must be in writing, filed with the court and served on the petitioner and any required filing fee must be paid.
 * The hearing shall be limited to the petition, the objections timely filed and the parties answering the petition in a timely manner. If the petition is not answered and no objections are filed, the court may enter a decree without a hearing.
 No. 3959.
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221 - HELP WANTED

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. 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 the central office or email to rnc-carroll@northconejos.com. Position is open until filled. EOE. (6/8/24)

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year for (1) **CENTAURI HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER**. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. 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 the central office or email to rnc-carroll@northconejos.com. Position is open until filled. EOE. (6/8/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

AT HOME CHILD CARE PROVIDER needed at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. 150 days per year which includes all days that teachers are at school. Applicants must have a high school diploma and experience working with young children is a plus! Please submit your application and resume to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, at 950 French Street, DEL NORTE, CO, 81132, or call at 719-657-4040, x4000. Applications may be retrieved on-line at urtigers.co or at the District Office. (7/3/24)

LEAD TEACHER FOR INFANT CARE CENTER needed at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. 150 days per year which includes all days that teachers are at school. Please submit your application and resume to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, at 950 French Street, DEL NORTE, CO, 81132, or call at 719-657-4040, x4000. Applications may be retrieved on-line at urtigers.co or at the District Office. (7/3/24)

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS accepting applications for a **PART-TIME LIBRARIAN**. All candidates must pass background checks. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E. (6/8/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (7/3/24)

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONIST / SCHOOL ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR, needed at DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL for the 2024-2025 school year. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic team. Applicants must have a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, Principal at ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Annie at 719-657-4020. Applications can be found online at: urtigers.co. (7/3/24)

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

221 - HELP WANTED

SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS/LONG TERM SUBS needed at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT in DEL NORTE! Call or email: Sophia at 719-657-4040, x4000 (scrutz@urtigers.co) for more information, go on-line: urtigers.co, or stop by the district office at: 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO to pick up an application. You do not have to hold a college degree or be a certified teacher to substitute; however, you must be a high school graduate and have a substitute license from CDE (Colorado Department of Education). (7/3/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for **HS ASST. BOYS' BASKETBALL COACHES** (2 positions). The salary for these positions will be paid from the current MVSD Extra Duty Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities>, by May 29, 2024 or until the positions are filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (6/5/24)

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221 - HELP WANTED

FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS POSITION open at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Applicant must pass a background check and be able to work independently, be a forward-thinking individual with an overall team approach to all tasks at hand. Applicant must also be able to work in all weather conditions (snow removal/general landscaping). If interested, please contact Demo Trujillo, 719-657-4040 x4007, dtrujillo@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (7/3/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION at ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is seeking a FIELD PLACEMENT COORDINATOR. This position is responsible for coordinating field experiences across all Education programs, undergraduate and graduate, and works with program coordinators, and administrative personnel, as well as outside partners and constituents to provide high-quality experience for our pre-service educators. This is a twelve-month full-time, exempt position. The pay range for this position is \$46,476 - \$52,164 commensurate with experience and education. A master's degree in an education related field is required and experience in educator preparation is preferred. For more information and to apply, please visit https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/ (6/11/24)

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS accepting applications for a HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. All candidates must pass background checks. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E. (6/8/24)

TOWN OF CENTER is accepting applications to fill 2 positions in their UTILITY DEPARTMENT. Applicant should possess knowledge and skills in all aspects of high voltage power lines, gas systems, water distribution, and sanitation. Applicant should accept duties of construction, repair, maintenance, and operation of these systems. Applicant must also have a valid driver's license and be able to operate trucks, backhoe, and other equipment in the performance of these duties. The duties also included are heavy manual labor and utilization of a large variety of hand tools. Some experience is preferred and continued training will be provided. Salary: \$19 - \$22 per hour depending on Experience. Generous Benefits Plan: 100% Employer-Paid Health Insurance, Competitive dental, vision, and life insurance plans, Generous PTO vacation earnings, Up to 3% match for retirement IRA's and Half-Day Fridays. Applicant must also have the ability to interact with customers and possess good communication skills. Applicant must also pass a background check and pre-employment drug testing. The candidate will also be subject to random drug testing upon hiring per CDOT regulations. CDL license preferable but not required. The application deadline is June 7, 2024. (6/7/24)

NOW HIRING: PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT. Job Description: A Public Works Assistant is an on-call, PART-TIME position with no benefits, supervised by the Public Works Superintendent. The Public Works Assistant assists the Public Works Superintendent to service the sewer system, water system, roads and bridges, drainage, buildings, parks, Town properties, and cemetery. Required Knowledge, Qualities, Skills, And Abilities: Working knowledge of the language, principles, methods, materials, and equipment common to municipal public works repairs and maintenance of parks, roads, grounds, and buildings. Ability to operate and maintain small snow removal equipment, mowers, and a variety of power and hand tools. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Town officials and employees, representatives of other agencies and organizations, and members of the community. Required Education, Training, And Experience: A valid Colorado driver's license or equivalent, and high school diploma or equivalent. Previous experience in a parks or public works department preferred. All applicants should fill out an application (located at http://townofcrestone.colorado.gov/) to submit along with a resume and cover letter to crestonetownoffice@gmail.com. (6/19/24)

TOWN OF DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK. Town of Del Norte is hiring PART-TIME Municipal Court Clerk. High school graduate or GED equivalent and two years of office, legal, and court clerical. Will work closely with Town municipal judge for operations and procedures of the municipal court system. With knowledge of legal terminology and practices. Oversees and maintains the court dockets, records of all pending and disposed cases, and ensures accurate and updated information. All administrative and technical duties in support of municipal court. Send resume to Town of Del Norte - Attention Town Clerk. Resumes may be submitted by email to delnorte1860@outlook.com or mailed to Del Norte Town Hall, 140 Spruce Street, DEL NORTE, CO 81132. EOE. (6/12/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

THE SLV LANDFILL is accepting applications for a TEMPORARY LANDFILL LABORER/BACKUP EQUIPMENT OPERATOR. Maintain landfill property, pick up trash, and be a backup equipment operator. Position open until filled. \$16.00 to \$17.00 per hour, 32 to 40 hours week. Applications can be emailed to Kim at officemanager@slvlandfill.com or returned at the office. Download the application at slvlandfill.com. (6/5/24)

AMERICORPS PATHWAYS NAVIGATOR. LOCAL, well-respected non-profit agency seeking enthusiastic individual to coordinate and support AmeriCorps members serving with the Rural Alliance for Dignity. No AmeriCorps experience necessary. On the job training and professional development provided. This position will specialize in recruitment, placement, and guidance for AmeriCorps members serving in small non-profit organizations throughout SOUTHERN COLORADO. They will work with La Puente's team to provide career pathway, logistical and project support for our local cohort of AmeriCorps Members. Join our dynamic team of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Qualifications: interest in non-profit organizations, ability to travel, relationship skills, organizational, and writing skills. \$41 - 45k/yr/benefit package. Send resume: La Puente Home, P.O. Box 1235, ALAMOSA, CO 81101, 719 233-2673 www.lapuente.net Email: hr@lapuente.net (6/19/24)

DEL NORTE HIGH SCHOOL is seeking a qualified SECONDARY BUSINESS TEACHER. We are seeking an experienced, hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, and vibrant team. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a Secondary Business endorsement. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Annie Hardy at ahardy@urtigers.co or call Mrs. Hardy at (719) 657 - 4020. Applications can be accessed online at www.urtigers.co. (6/15/24)

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 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/employment-opportunities or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (6/12/24)

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POTATO WAREHOUSE IN CENTER IN NEED OF WORKERS. There are SEVERAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Hours 8:00 am-???. Competitive wages. Please inquire at MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO. (6/5/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is looking for candidates to fill the position of BUDGET ANALYST within the BUSINESS & FINANCE DEPARTMENT. You can apply https://adams.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/ENUS/ASU/details/Budget-Analyst_R188. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please reach out to our Human Resources department 719-587-7990. (6/8/24)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking an ELEMENTARY TEACHER for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Colorado Teaching License or be eligible to apply for one. Salary schedules are available on the district website. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, and transcripts at https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply. (6/5/24)

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)

SHIPPING CLERK NEEDED for a POTATO WAREHOUSE in CENTER, CO. Hours are generally 8am-6pm Monday thru Friday, and possibly a few hours Saturday mornings. FAMOUS software experience and knowledge a must. Salary is negotiable. Please inquire at MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO or email resume or application to tluna@mtknkng.com. (6/5/24)

304 - LAWN & GARDEN

3 SEASONS YARD SERVICE. Call 719-588-1183. (6/1/24)

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341 - GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 31 & Saturday, June 1: 2519 County Road 10 South, ALAMOSA, CO 81101. (6/1/24)

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601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

EAST ALAMOSA STUDIO. Utilities included. No pets/smoking. \$590 monthly. Deposit. First & last month rent. 3 months steady employment to qualify. 719-580-3710. (6/7/24)

MODERN & SPACIOUS APARTMENT for rent in PRIME CRESTONE LOCATION. Welcome to your new home! Nestled in the heart of Crestone, this beautifully appointed apartment offers both comfort and convenience in every square foot. Key Features: Location: Prime Crestone location, offering easy access to local amenities and attractions. Size: Approximately 1,250 square feet of living space. Rent: \$1600 per month (inclusive of electricity, trash disposal, propane, sewer, and water services). Deposit: \$500 (plus first and last month's rent). Pets: Unfortunately, no pets allowed. Application Process: All potential tenants are required to undergo an interview and background check. Schedule a Viewing: Don't miss out on this opportunity to call this apartment home! Contact us today to schedule a viewing and start the application process. PO Box 64, Crestone, CO 81131; (719) 256-4313; crestonetownoffice@gmail.com (6/19/24)

630 - ROOMS FOR RENT

ONE NICE FURNISHED ROOM, close to downtown ALAMOSA. New carpet & paint. \$525 monthly, utilities included & free wifi. Must have \$1K per month verifiable income. References required. 720-436-5550. (5/31/24)

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Table extension
 - 5 That woman
 - 8 "Big Brother" network
 - 11 Arm bone
 - 12 Stack
 - 14 Cakes and —
 - 15 Pal of Dorothy
 - 16 Poker stake
 - 17 — anemone
 - 18 Soup legume
 - 20 Mentioned
 - 22 Skilled craftsman
 - 25 Pursue
 - 28 Grand dwelling
 - 32 — Roman Empire
 - 33 Double agent
 - 34 Life story, for short
 - 35 Wonder
 - 36 Dawn goddess
 - 37 Thin layer
 - 38 Everyday
- DOWN**
- 1 Time of calm
 - 2 Writer — Wiesel
 - 3 Unknown auth.
 - 4 Delusion
 - 5 "Thou — not ..."
 - 6 Farm bird
 - 7 Dine
 - 8 Horse-drawn vehicle

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 9 Spectrum color
 - 10 Pip
 - 13 Nut for pies
 - 19 Wrath
 - 21 — and outs
 - 23 Get from overseas
 - 24 Utters
 - 25 Burn
 - 26 Hockey player
 - 27 "Shake —!"
 - 29 Wading bird
 - 30 Paints for painters
 - 31 Alaska city
- DOWN**
- 33 Actor — Penn
 - 37 False copy
 - 39 — and downs
 - 40 Coffee beverage
 - 41 — capita
 - 43 Get a move on
 - 44 Hoary
 - 45 Use a whetstone
 - 46 Bettor's concern
 - 48 Ohio lake
 - 49 — bene
 - 50 Russian monarch (var.)
 - 53 Letters
 - 54 Trouble

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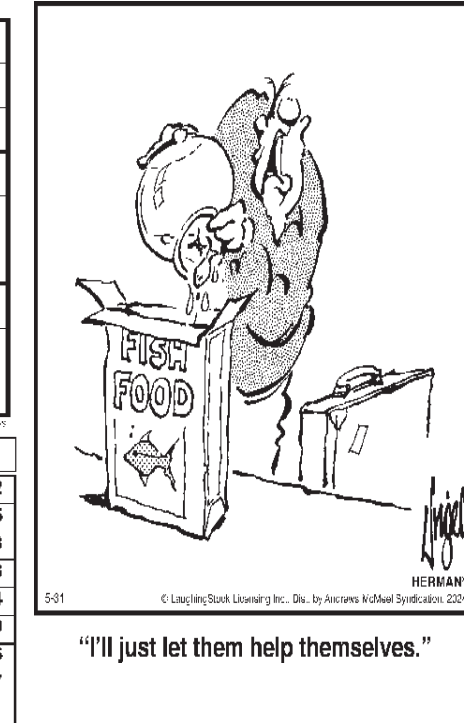
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

HERMAN



Senior boyfriend kept kids' ages under wraps

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my man for seven years. When we got serious, he told me he had kids. Because we are seniors, I assumed his kids were adults. I recently found out that the kids are teenagers! He is very involved in their lives. The problem is, their mother calls him constantly about bills for her house and what the kids need. He pays her phone bill, water bill, electric bill and sometimes the internet bill, as well as giving her money each month for the kids. He says he does it because he doesn't pay child support, and he wants to take care of his kids.

He says he's not, under any circumstances, getting back together with the mom. He tells me he loves me, and he does show it. He says that when the kids graduate from high school in two years, he will have no reason to talk to their mom or to pay her bills. He wants his kids to leave and go to college.

I'm very concerned about our relationship moving forward. He gives me a lot of information about what happens between the mom, the kids and him. The woman is dangerous and volatile. She has come at him with a knife twice. Should I hang in there for the next two years or move on? I love

him very much. -- SUSPENDED IN FLORIDA

DEAR SUSPENDED: Hang in there, but understand that the time has come for you to discuss ALL of this with your gentleman friend. Suggest he talk to a family law attorney now about his children's higher education. In some states, laws or case law gives courts the authority to order a non-custodial parent to pay for some form of college expenses.

As to his children's unstable mother, you can bet that when he stops footing her bills, she's going to be one angry woman. If she threatens his life again, he should immediately report her to the police and seek a restraining or no-contact order.

DEAR ABBY: My friend had back surgery that has left her walking with a walker or a cane. We go out to eat quite often. When the waitress takes us to our seats, they often take us to a table that is far from the door, bypassing many empty tables. Sometimes, we have even had to go up or down some steps.

I know they have a system for seating in a restaurant, but it sure would be nice if they'd recognize her difficulty in maneuvering and seat us closer to the entrance or exit. I'm sure many people

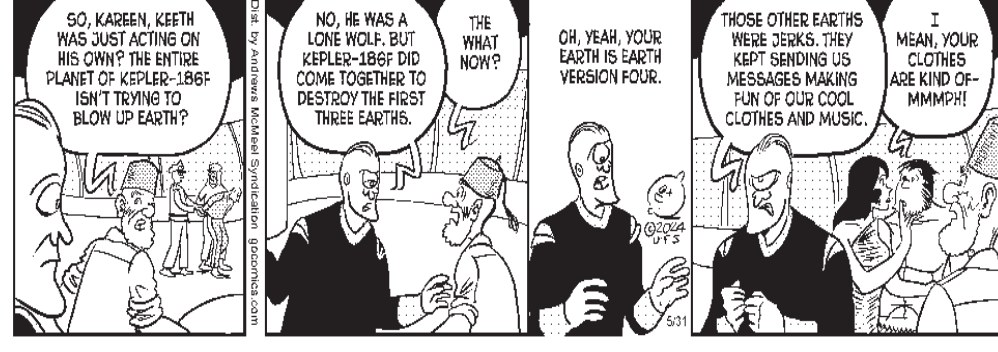


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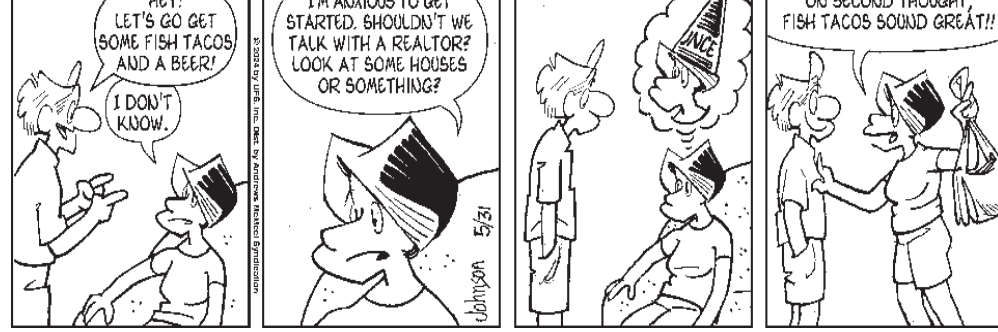
have this issue. I would say something, but my friend says it would embarrass her. How do others solve this problem? -- BETTER ACCESS NEEDED IN IOWA

DEAR ACCESS: Others resolve the problem by informing the restaurant at the time the reservation is made that a member of the party has a disability and needs easy access not only to the entrance and exit, but also to the table. If you and this friend are walk-ins with no reservation, discreetly inform the host where you need to be seated. It would be to the restaurant's advantage to avoid the potential liability of a trip and fall by not forcing this guest to maneuver through an obstacle course.

ALLEY OOP



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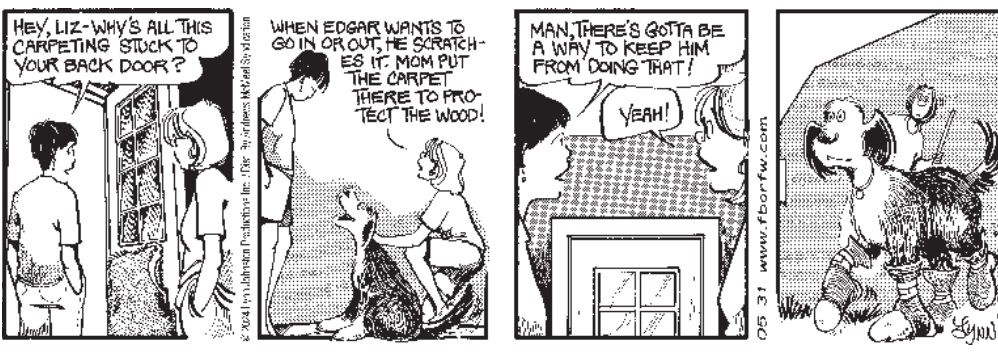
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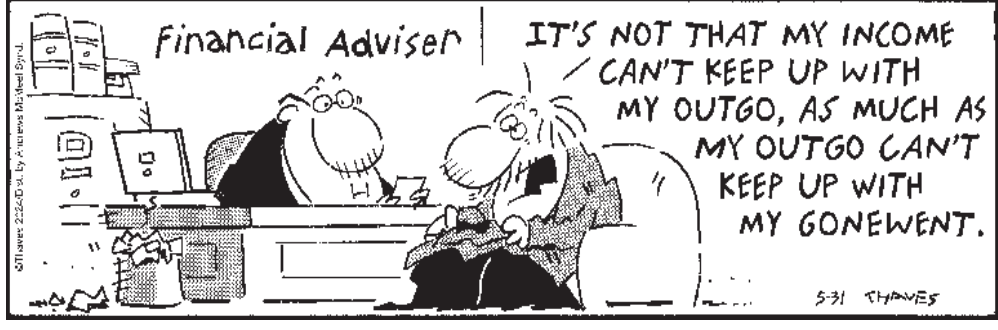
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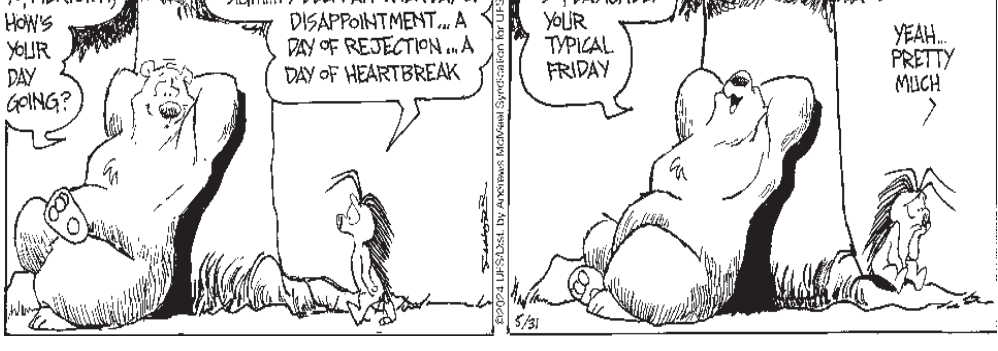
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