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**ALAMOSA** – The Valley Courier's office will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

**MV Historical Society season begins May 28**

**MONTEVISTA** – The Monte Vista Historical Society will open its season on Tuesday, May 28.

The History Center at 110 Jefferson will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Transportation of the West Museum will be open Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sites are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Visitors are welcome, and there is no admission fee for either site.

**Del Norte Food Bank monthly distribution**

**DELNORTE** – The Del Norte Food Bank will be open for its monthly distribution on Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. until noon. Anyone in need of food assistance is welcome.

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## Composer Stephen Lias celebrates, 'Wind, Water, Sand'

By **JOHN WATERS**  
*Courier News Editor*  
**GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE** — Music and the American landscape are an inescapable combination. "Appalachian Spring" by Aaron Copeland, the "Grand Canyon Suite" by Ferde Grofe and of course the official Colorado state song, "Rocky Mountain High," by John Denver. Our landscapes as so amazing, Colorado has

two state songs, the first, "Where the Columbines Grow" by A. J. Fynn.

Texas-based composer Stephen Lias has been working with the National Park Service for about 15 years to "create a body of music inspired by the history, geography, wildlife, scenery, and people of America's national parks." Lias has been composing for several decades and, "In about 2010, I combined my interest in chamber and

concert music with my interest in outdoor pursuits and the logical place to do

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**Composer Stephen Lias hiking in Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. Lias is composing a piece of music inspired by his time in the park, which premieres January, to be performed by the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra.**

Photo courtesy of Stephen Lias



Courier photo by John Waters

**Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad engines, painted in what has become their trademark blue, sit in the railyards in Alamosa. The railroad was highlighted as a "new" business by San Luis Valley Development Resources Group during a recent visit from the Office of Economic Development and International Trade.**

## Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad gaining speed

By **PRISCILLA WAGGONER**  
*Courier Reporter*

**ALAMOSA** — When the auction for the San Luis Rio Grande Railroad happened in 2022, the scene was akin to something in a movie. OmniTRAX, a short line railroad operator out of Denver, had announced in September that they purchased the railroad with a bid of \$5.7 million, although the official auction had not yet been held.

Two months later, Stefan Soloviev, chairman of the Soloviev Group that operates across eight sectors of industry including a very strong presence in agriculture and a short line railroad on the eastern Plains, entered the picture when he placed a bid. Soloviev then stunned everyone by showing up at the auction in person.

Over the next three hours, Soloviev competed against Big Shoulders Capital and OmniTRAX, ultimately outbidding

the two with an 86% increase over OmniTRAX's original bid of \$5.7 million.

William Brandt, bankruptcy trustee who had been managing the railroad, described the bidding as "very spirited". He then went on to state, "This is great news. A responsible operator for the railroad in the Valley. And given the value that was created in the auction, the creditors and the others will be very thankful. There will be some money to pay bills."

Several counties, who were owed significant amounts of money for back taxes, were among those creditors.

Within 24 hours of the federal judge approving the bid, Soloviev and Matt Prince, president of CWC Rail and general manager of the Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad, came to the Valley and, along with railroad employees, traveled the length of the railroad, via HyRail truck, up La Veta Pass.

The Soloviev Group took

over the railroad in February of 2023 and, in a little more than a year, have already built strong relationships with municipalities.

"The relationship with Colorado Pacific Rio Grande RR has been refreshing," says Gigi Dennis, city manager for Monte Vista. "Their team meets with the city regularly and we find solutions that are mutually beneficial to both of our needs."

"Alamosa County has struggled in years past to get cooperation from the railroad to improve some of our crossings that need attention," says Vern Heersink, Alamosa County commissioner. "The current owners, however, have been very responsive and open to working in partnership with the county to address four crossings this year. Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad is a pleasure to work with, and we're excited to move forward

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## Adams State Foundation adds three members

By **ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY**

**ALAMOSA** – The Adams State University Foundation Board recently announced the appointment of three new board members, Elizabeth Suarez, Jan Mangum and Chas Moeller. They will serve a three-year term.

Suarez is the founder and managing partner of Avanza Business Group in Westminster, and cur-

rently works as the advisory board director for the Latino Entrepreneur Access Program and the Latino Leadership Institute. She holds a bachelor's in chemistry from Cornell University and a master's from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

After graduating from Adams State in 1963, Mangum worked as a teacher in Albuquerque,

N.M., for a decade and for 40 years was co-owner of an auto-body shop in Albuquerque, N.M. Now retired, Mangum continues as a volunteer for the Rio Grande Nature Center and the Lovelace Senior Health Advisory Board. A long-time and significant donor to Adams State, especially to its nursing program, she and her husband, Jasper, received the

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Myriam (Mimi) Aracely Cooke

Myriam (Mimi) Aracely Cooke (née Celada), 52, suddenly passed away on March 7, 2024. Mimi was born on Nov. 11, 1971, to Marco and Maria Celada in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

She was one of three children: Marco and Roberto. After graduating from Centauri High School in La Jara, Colo., in 1990, she attended the University of Colorado



where she met her future husband, John Cooke.

She went on to have three children: John, Ana, and Bethany. Her chil-

dren were her pride and joy. She will be remembered by her kindness and contagious smile.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Jara on June 1, 2024, at 10 a.m. followed by a reception.

To leave online condolences, please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com).

### Dr. Phyllis Mae Garcia

Rosary, mass, and interment were held Saturday, May 18, in Alamosa and Monte Vista for Dr. Phyllis Mae Garcia. She was born May 30, 1936, to Modesto and Genoveva Martinez, and she passed away on April 10, 2024.

Her siblings include Loreta (Archie), Dick (Phyllis), Betty (Bob), Erna (Jerry), Modestito, Cathy (Donald), Gloria (Rex), and Rodney.

She married Felix Garcia on Jan. 17, 1955, and raised four children, Felix, Brian (Kimberly), Rich (Martha) and Cynthia. She has nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Dr. Garcia and her children lived in Alamosa in



the 1970s, which is also where her children went to high school.

She attended Sargent schools, and continued her educational career after the children were born. She attended Southern Colorado State College, Taught at Si-

erra Grande school, obtained a Master's Degree at Adams State College, and received her Ph.D. in Education from the University of Northern Colorado. She was a college professor at UNC, the University of Colorado Boulder and Arizona State University.

Recognized as a national expert in Bilingual Education Reading, she headlined dozens of conferences, received many awards and influenced thousands of students. From humble beginnings and not speaking English, she left a powerful and lasting legacy and was an exemplary role model for many family members to follow.



Courtesy photo

The SLV Community Band is in concert on Thursday, May 30, at Richardson Hall on the campus of Adams State University. The concert featuring excellent local musicians is free.

## SLV Community Band to perform at ASU's Richardson Hall

By **KERRY HART**  
ALAMOSA - The SLV Community Band will perform its annual spring concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, in Adams State University's Richardson Hall, 208 Edgemont Blvd., Alamosa. The concert is free and open to the public.

The concert is the highlight of the 2023-24 concert season and will represent the best of the band.

"The SLV Community Band is emerging from obscurity and is no longer a 'best kept secret' in the San Luis Valley," stated Dr. Kerry Hart, director of the band. During this past season, the band was in demand to perform at the Potato Festival in Monte Vista, made a live recording at Society Hall by Howlin' Dog Records in December - in combination of a Christmas concert that featured Don Richmond singing, "You're a mean one, Mr.

Grinch," from The Grinch Who Stole Christmas.

The band also performed at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Christmas Bazaar and was featured at the Top of the Nation Honor Band at Adams State University (ASU) in a combined concert with the ASU Wind Symphony in March.

Recently, a recording of the combined SLV Community Band with the ASU Wind Symphony from the Top of the Nation Honor Band performance was used for ASU's graduation ceremony on May 11.

The concert on May 30 will feature a variety of musical selections that includes music from the "Lion King," a ragtime piece highlighting the talent of the band's trombone section, an original band composition by Clifton Williams, a band transcription of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" by Martin Luther,

and an orchestral transcription of "Folk Dances" by Dmitri Shostakovich. In addition to the selections for the full band, the concert will feature a few numbers performed by the Hard To Be Humble Tuba Quartet - made up of the low brass contingent of the community band.

The band is an important part of the musical culture of the Valley with a tradition of excellence dating back to the approximate time of the founding of the City of Alamosa in 1878.

The SLV Community Band is open to any musician with band experience. Current participants range in age from middle school students through retirement age. Any musician interested in becoming a member of the SLV Community Band is encouraged to contact Hart, director of the SLV Community Band, at 719-587-3342.

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

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

ated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and families. For information, call 719-937-5083 or see our website: [slvaa.org](http://slvaa.org)

## EMS Week declared in Alamosa County



Courtesy photo

ALAMOSA — At the May 22 meeting of the Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners, EMS Week was proclaimed to honor all EMS professionals. From left to right, Vern Heersink, Reyna Martinez-Ramirez, Craig Worth, Adam Daniels, Kyle Crawford, Brandon Sowards, Ashliegh Sowards, Kim Jordan, Darrick Garcia and Lori Laske.

## Rio Grande Levee cleanup



Photo by Robert Rice

RIO GRANDE RIVER — Alamosa County Democrats cleaned trash from the Rio Grande Levee Trails adjacent to Cole Park on May 23 in preparation for welcoming visitors to the community during the summer season. Pictured left to right, are Stella, Chris Haley, Mary DeLorenzo, Trudi Kretsinger, Sherry Perdue, and Regina Rice.

## Author speaking at Narrow Gauge on Saturday

CONTRIBUTED  
ALAMOSA - Local author Bill Hatcher will be giving a talk related to his third book, "The Red Planet," at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Narrow Gauge Book Cooperative in Downtown Alamosa.

In his third book, Hatcher connects the history of violent cultures in humanity to geography. This book provides an expansive view of inequalities, especially the ones based in gender discrimination, throughout human evolution.

"The Red Planet" is an accessible read, both for independent researchers and academics, as well as a textbook for students. Mixing folktales and scientific insights, Hatcher argues for the Gendered Landscapes

Theory (GLT), a compelling addition to the field of Social Sciences.

GLT addressed the aspects of geography and the relationship of communities and their place of living. It explains how we went from an intrinsically non-violent society, to one that encourages domination over people and animals. The author goes beyond a historic review, proposing a path to change the dominant, oppressing mindset.

Hatcher has instructed geography and anthropology courses since 1994. As an author, he has written for Colorado Central magazine, appeared on local radio shows, and has previously written two books published by Lantern: "The Marble Room", and "Principles of Flight." He

now teaches in Southern Colorado, where he lives with his wife, Kim.

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

A.A. and N.A members primary purpose is to

# Valley News

## Railroad

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 on something tangible for our community.”

As was proven when Soloviev bought the short line railroad on the eastern plains that became Colorado Pacific, the Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad is clearly holding up their end on making the railroad a strong, dependable operator in the valley.

“We’ve assembled a fantastic team of hardworking individuals in a variety of positions, including Train Service – meaning engineers and conductors, Maintenance of Way, Mechanical Operations and Management,” Prince says. “Each department relies on the others and without each and every aspect, we would not be able to operate.”

The Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad is also unlike any other freight railroad in a number of ways. “First of all,” Prince says, “the elevation at which we operate is the highest op-

erating freight railroad in North America. The top of La Veta Pass is 9,242 feet above sea level.

“And the grade of the mountain ranges from 2.4-3.4 per cent at our steepest portions of the mountain. This may not seem like a lot, but when pulling a train that is 3,000 tons, the elevation grade is significant.”

(If you’re trying to calculate that in your head, that’s equivalent to pulling six million pounds uphill.)

Currently, CPRG Railroad services customers from Imerys (a perlite facility) and Red Hill Lava (a lava rock mining, production and shipping operation) to Poole Chemical, Wilbur Ellis, Monte Vista Coop and Coors.

They also interchange cars twice a week with the San Luis Central, a short line railroad, whose customers include other fertilizer businesses and agricultural goods such as wheat and potatoes.

When asked where they’re looking to grow, Prince says, “We’re looking

to help our current customers in any way we can so that their businesses will grow – that obviously helps us as well. We also hope to see businesses move to the area that would be interested in rail freight shipping. And we’re also encouraging the return to rail freight shipping for customers who have moved primarily to trucking.”

**FREIGHT RAILROAD – CHEAPER, BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

“Shipping by freight railroad out of the San Luis Valley makes sense,” Prince says. “When it comes to cost effectiveness, safety and the environment, shipping by rail wins out.”

According to the Association of American Railroads, rail cars can hold three to four truckloads of cargo, meaning a single freight train can haul a load that would otherwise require more than 300 trucks.

Freight trains can also move one ton of goods about 470 miles on a single gallon of gas compared to a truck that gets about 134 miles

per gallon of diesel.

There are also significant benefits to the environment as rail emits 75% fewer greenhouse gas emissions than over-the-road shipping.

**LOCAL AND STATE SUPPORT IS VITAL**

“Our goal is to provide a service to members of our community that not many people can provide, and our expertise in the way we operate, even with the challenges we face, is hard to beat,” Prince says.

He recognizes that some commodities aren’t going to be candidates for rail freight shipping. “But

those commodities that can be shipped can do so at a fraction of the cost compared to trucking - not to mention taking as many trucks off the road as possible will only benefit the safety of passenger traffic, the environment and cause less wear and tear on Colorado highways.”

At the same time, Prince says that local support is important and “increased community knowledge and understanding of how we operate” is what allows the railroad to thrive, which, in turn, benefits the community.

“Support at the state lev-

el is also vital,” he adds, “so far as regulation, financial assistance and so forth is concerned.”

Since the first tracks were laid in the west, successful railroads have been crucial to communities, especially those located in more rural parts. The Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad takes that relationship seriously.

“We’re excited to be in the valley,” says Prince, who appears to be so optimistic about the future that he has bought property in the area. “We look forward to serving and being part of the community and help-

## Lias

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that is in national parks,” said Lias. His outdoor interests include hiking, backpacking, photography and kayaking.

“Over the past seven or eight years, no composer has been more synonymous with our national parks than Stephen Lias,” stated Fred Child, Performance Today.

Indeed, Lias has composed works for many national parks including Rocky Mountain, Yosemite, Sequoia, Big Bend, Mount Rainier, Denali, and Mesa Verde to name just some of the parks he has composed about.

After composing works for Big Bend and Sequoia National Parks, Lias said he realized that many parks have Artist in Residence program and, “I started applying to the program and at that time, I was a novelty because many of the parks had never had a composer apply to the program which was a nice surprise to me, but I was supplying a niche in the creative arts community where I was doing something that other people weren’t doing. I was very fortunate and to get selected as an Artist in Residence at Rocky Mountain National Park, and then at Denali, Glacier, and Gates of the Arctic.

“The list of parks increased and included some of the crown jewel national parks. With those parks in particular, it seemed appropriate to write larger, more epic symphonic works that really capture some of the grandeur of those places.”

Soon after, Lias said he established a “rather fruitful,” relationship with the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra Music Director Michael Butterman and composed his work, “All the Songs That Nature Sings” about Rocky Mountain National Park. Lias said he then approached former Great Sand Dunes Superintendent Pam Rice about composing a piece about the park and continued that process with current park Superintendent Andrea Compton who were both supportive of the idea and, “I immediately approached Michael Butterman and said, ‘How would you like another orchestral piece about another Colorado national park? That worked.”

“The park was very generous and let me stay in employee housing for about 10 days. I began composting [last summer] and it is on the Boulder Philhar-

monic schedule to premier on Jan. 12, 2025.”

When asked if the American composers Aaron Copeland and Ferde Grofé influenced his composing style, Lias responded, “Aaron Copeland and Leonard Bernstein, yes. “When I was an 11-year-old boy, ‘Star Wars’ came out, for the first time in my life, the idea of orchestras as a thing exploded into my consciousness was when I listened to the ‘Star Wars’ soundtrack wow, John Williams remains an influence on my concert style.

“You can’t be an American composer writing about the outdoors and not deal with the legacy and shadow that Aaron Copeland casts over that whole discipline. His music is so marvelous and evocative. The piece I wrote about Glacier National Park called, ‘Crown of the Continent,’ is very overtly influenced by Aaron Copeland. It hard to write about horses, trains and mountains, without capturing some of that same Americana epic sound that he creates in his music.”

Lias said that he is currently composing “Wind, Water, Sand” about Great Sand Dunes, and does not have other composers influencing the work while he is in the process of composing. “My head is too much in the weeds for me to zoom out and see the forest. It is very possible after I finish, I may have a clearer sense it is part some compositional lineage. Right now, I’m capturing the ideas that musically fit the thematic direction I want to go with the piece.”

Regarding the creative process he employs in composing and while he was at Great Sand Dunes Lias said, “My general philosophy is not to compose a lot while I am at the place, I would much rather have a really immersive experience with the place which I can only have there. I can compose music anywhere. My tendency is to wait and compose afterwards so that I can devote my full attention to letting the place reveal itself to me.

“When I’m working in partnership with the park as I did at Great Sand Dunes, that often affords even more exciting ways of emerging myself, they [park service] were able to send me out for a half a day with a park geologist so I learned a great deal. They allowed my access to the marvelous, marvelous museum of artifacts they have there. I had those very unique experiences. I try to get out of my comfort zone

and get immersed.

“I tended to alternate my time between days on the dunes and days up in the mountains. The mountain landscape is so beautiful I didn’t want to overlook it. I also spent some very long days hiking deep into the dunes, much deeper than I had been on previous visits. Because I was there in the park, I had the opportunity to climb dunes at midnight and look at the stars in that dark sky environment. I was also there at the peak surge flows of the creek and all of that definitely influenced my ideas for what the piece would be. While I was there I wanted to sink my teeth into the place or let it sink its teeth into me.

“The piece is titled, ‘Wind, Water, Sand.’ It is not programmatic in that it is not trying to tell a specific story, and [it is] not a musical theme that represents wind and a theme that represents water, etcetera. What I was struck with when I was there is that if you could freeze the water flowing, it would be the same shape as the sand dunes. If you could fast forward the sand blowing through the air, and the shape of the dunes, it would look like flowing water. If you could see the wind, the eddies and currents of the wind in the air, and slow them down, and speed them up, they would be a perfect analog to what we are seeing very quickly in the water and very slowly in the sand at different scales.

“That relationship between the movement of wind and water and sand and the fact that the wind and the water are primarily what is moving that sand through that place — those interrelationships are what fascinated me most after spending a week there. That is the idea I wanted to capture in very broad philosophical sense, the interrelated but very similar elements flowing at different speeds and interacting with one another.”

Fred Bunch with Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve said this, “I was able to spend some time with him here at the dunes, and I am impressed by his creativity. National parks and the Great Sand Dunes in particular serve as areas of inspiration where ‘nature bats last,’ and humans are given the opportunity to experience the natural quiet, the power of wind and water, and the awe-inspiring dark night sky. These special, protected places are areas where people can go for recreation, rejuvenation, and

## ASU

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Willis Fassett, Jr. award in 2020, which the Foundation presents annually to a distinguished supporter of Adams State.

Moeller was appointed as the ASU Grizzly Club representative to the foundation board, replacing Keith Cerny who had served

in that role for 20 years. Moeller is a 1998 graduate of Adams State and is currently president of Alamosa State Bank.

“I’m especially excited with these appointments,” said Ed Crowther, president of the Foundation Board. “Elizabeth and Jan bring splendid skill sets and a strong commitment to continue and enlarge our work.”

The Foundation exists to promote and further the interests, objectives and purposes of the University; to seek and receive gifts, legacies and grants of money or property and to administer such for the benefit of Adams State; and to provide active leadership, direction and expertise in fund-raising efforts. Currently 16 people serve on its governing board.



Courier photo by John Waters

**Composer Stephen Lias composed ‘Wind, Water, Sand,’ inspired by the dunes and Mount Herard, as seen in this landscape photo taken in Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.**

invigoration.”

Currently, Lias, who is a professor of Composition at Stephen F. Austin

State University in Texas, is working on the piece, the world premiere of which the Boulder Philharmonic

will perform live on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, at 4 p.m. For tickets, see [www.boulderphil.org](http://www.boulderphil.org).

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# Opinion

## In the summertime

Get it while it lasts! The temperatures are finally soaring; and it is time for that dip in the famous Hooper Pool – aka The Sand Dunes Pool and Recreation Center. It's time for a snow cone or a trip to Taos, N.M., and Baskin Robbins.

### Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

Summertime has been the stage of many a novel, play or short story from the likes of William Faulkner, Tennessee Williams, or Flannery O'Connor. Do you remember the sweltering words out of movie star Elizabeth Taylor projecting the heat of anger? Or the charged mindset from Paul Newman as Brick to Burl Ives as Big Daddy in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"?

Summertime was the backdrop for the family in "Lean On Me" and "Steel Magnolias." In Mud, we see the lazy river life that shields Matthew McConaughey's character Mud and we're reminded of Huck Finn, Jim, and Tom Sawyer's backyard waterway.

If I think about it, summertime has been the backdrop of many of the moving pictures in my brain.

I remember playing hide and seek in the summer when the pecan trees were ripening, and in the fall, gathering paper bags full of soon-to-be cracked, opened, stored or eaten Algonquin drupes. I remember standing over a gas stove stirring and stirring the butter, evaporated milk, and brown sugar. As I dropped it into ice-cold water, the desired result was the little caramelized ball before I added pecans, chopped or halved. Pralines. What a treat with that cold, homemade vanillas ice cream!

I remember playing traveling dogs with my sister in the back of that black 1961 Peugeot my father drove. Once we camped along the Rhine and chased bugs before we launched our two-inch plastic poodle and terrier with their own set of trailers and camping gears. I remember the summer of 1970. The family moved to Alaska and travelled along the Alaskan-Canadian Highway. Perched atop the overhang bed over the Ford cab, I read, and read War and Peace and watched as our expedition met up with towering mountains barely missed dipping into a crevice by a mere wheel or two.

Then there are the summers here in the Valley when the mountain to Valley winds subside as the temperatures grace them equally. The willow trees in green are home to many a wild bird. On the new transmission poles, I have noticed hawks and eagles peering out over the plains for scampering mice or rabbits. At night sitting there under my own Grandmother Willow, I hear the coyotes, the owls and the paired doves. Sometimes the sounds swell and subside on the highway like the Gulf does on Galveston Island's beaches. Yes, life is often a summertime; get it while it is hot but not too hot and still inviting!

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## On Memorial Day, don't forget the rescuers

By DAVID SHRIBMAN

FORT PIERCE, Fla. – Monday is Memorial Day. Wednesday would have been John F. Kennedy's 107th birthday. More than eight decades ago this month, an American tanker ship was torpedoed off the Florida coast, leaving two men dead. Stay with me. There's a connection to all this.

First, the story of the SS Java Arrow, a tanker built just over a century ago by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp. It weighed 8,327 tons and carried 1,300 drums of lube oil. It was torpedoed by the German submarine U-333 in the sixth month of American involvement in World War II.

The first torpedo from U-333 hit the port side of the ship, just aft of the bridge, with the second hitting above the keel and destroying the engine room. The two officers in the engine room were killed, but the 42 others on board took to two lifeboats.

The survivors were rescued by a patrol craft and a 33-foot fishing boat called the Kitsis that was operated by Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers and made its way to the Fort Pierce Coast Guard Station. It was so overloaded that it almost sank entering the inlet.

"There were very few Coast Guard resources here, so boat owners like my father went offshore every night to make the U-boats think there was something out there," said Rodolph [cq] Johnson, the publisher of three community newspapers and the author of "Different Battles," which, among other local episodes, recounts the story of the rescue. "He saw a series of flares and rescued half the crew. The people he took on his boat were in shock. Some were bleeding and some were throwing up. But they all survived."

The German sub's rampage wasn't done yet. It torpedoed two other ships off Fort Pierce, and one of them, the 435-foot Halsey, remains beneath the seas 12 miles southeast of the Fort Pierce inlet, broken into three pieces. Fourteen years ago, a diver reported that "the sheet metal and beams were violently tangled from the sea floor." Before it was sunk by the British in 1944, U-333 sank seven commercial ships and damaged a warship.

Now let's go from the Atlantic to the Pacific theater. The story of John F. Kennedy and the wreck of PT 109, once a prominent part of the story of World War II, has receded from American memory. It is the tale of how the Japanese destroyer Amagiri struck the fragile craft in August 1943, throwing the surviving crew into dangerous waters. The young commander led the survivors by swimming from island to island before sending a message scrawled on a green coconut, resulting in a rescue mission undertaken by PT 157 and PT 171.

Six months earlier, another of the flimsy craft, PT 111, was hit by fire from the Japanese destroyer Kawakaze off Guadalcanal. On board was my uncle, Lt. j.g. Phillip Shribman, who died in the encounter. His life took me 52 years to re-create, culminating in an account published in this month's Atlantic magazine ([bit.ly/4dKXZSp](http://bit.ly/4dKXZSp)). In the course of the research for that piece, I acquired the declassified report of the action in which he was killed. His crewmates were thrown in the water. One of the men suffered compound fractures and extensive injuries to his legs. He was saved by one of his crewmates, who warded off sharks for 2 1/2 hours. The report said simply that the men were "rescued." Sadly, there is no record of the names of those rescuing heroes.

Three months ago, Nate Hendley published "Atrocity on the Atlantic: Attack on a Hospital Ship During the Great War," a stunning story of a World War I U-boat attack on HMHS Llandoverly Castle, a Canadian hospital ship, in the mistaken belief American arms were aboard. The most horrifying part of the tale: The submarine circled back to the survivors bobbing on the sea and killed them. The passengers on one lifeboat survived and were rescued by a Royal Navy destroyer, HMS Lysander Castle.

And two years ago, Bett Fitzpatrick published "Hard Aground: Untold Stories from the Pollux and Truxtun Disaster," recounting how three American warships ran aground off Newfoundland on the west side of Placentia Bay in 1942. Local miners from Chamber Cove undertook a difficult rescue mission in icy February waters amid gale-force winds, sleet, hail and snow. The

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exhausted survivors were hauled up what Fitzpatrick describes as "a slab of straight-up granite" and then were fed food and given clothes transported to the scene on a toboggan. One of the men was so wrapped in tar that the only sign that he was human was his white teeth that protruded from the goo.

For most of its history, the Medal of Honor has recognized actions against the enemy on a battlefield, the criteria that exist today. However, for a period of time, the Navy awarded a medal to individual sailors for peacetime heroism as well. One such commendation went to Chief Machinist's Mate Francis Ormsbee Jr., who plunged into water to extricate the pilot of a seaplane that crashed into Pensacola Bay on Sept. 25, 1918. Nearly a century later, the Army honored National Guard personnel and others who rescued 17 members of the crew of a Navy MH-60S Nighthawk helicopter that crashed in snow-covered mountainous terrain during a 2010 training mission in West Virginia.

So on Memorial Day, and a few months later on Veterans Day, let us honor the warriors and the dead for their bravery and sacrifice. But let us also not forget the rescuers. They saved more than the sailors and survivors. They saved the democracies.

Epilogue: Shortly after the Java Arrow was hit, Coast Guard officials deemed the vessel salvageable. The ship's master, Sigvard J. Hennichen, and four other mariners returned to the scene and dropped the starboard anchor to make sure the vessel didn't drift aground. The vessel later was repaired and eventually saw action in the Pacific theater. During the Second World War, several ships like the Canadian vessel that was torpedoed were converted into hospital ships, and one of them eventually evacuated 38,000 patients. It bore the name Llandoverly Castle. The PT 109 story was transformed into a book, a film and, in 1960, part of the Kennedy presidential campaign. Several PT boats have been restored, but the Navy, like the rest of the country, has moved on from the PT era.

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## Fine line between a long sermon and a hostage situation

By ARGUS HAMILTON

HOLLYWOOD – God bless America, and how's everybody?

Pope Francis gave a lengthy sermon on Pentecost Sunday telling worshippers the Holy Spirit gives Christians the energy to tirelessly proclaim peace. The service lasted 3 hours. A lifetime of attending church has taught me that there's a fine line between a long sermon and a hostage situation.

The Louisville Police are reported set to drop charges against Scott Scheffler after he put a cop in the hospital, was jailed, released no bail, then given a police escort to the 1st tee at the PGA. You just can't beat white privilege. Today Walgreen's gave Scheffler the key to the toothpaste and deodorant aisle.

Red Lobster filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Monday in hopes of saving the restaurant chain by reducing locations and selling assets. Red Lobster made the worst business decision since New Coke when they began offering customers Endless Shrimp just as most states were legalizing marijuana.

A Daily Mail survey says 25% of Americans want their state to secede, higher in the South, plus in Alaska, California and New York. I saw this coming last week when a Virginia school was renamed for Lee and nobody objected. A break up is so imminent Taylor Swift should write a song about it.

The Kansas City Star urged the KC Chiefs to fire kicker Harrison Butker for his conservative family values speech to a Catholic college. The paper wants him replaced with a female kicker. This opens the door for P. Diddy, who has video to prove why he's the most feared female kicker in the nation.

P. Diddy posted a video Monday in which he apologized for his violent behavior on display in a hotel hallway video recorded in 2016. It caught him brutally beating and kicking and dragging his girlfriend.

The Los Angeles Police saw the video and couldn't decide whether to arrest Diddy or hire him.

Donald Trump's hush money trial is slated to wrap up this week in New York. Every minute of the trial has monopolized the attention of the media for five weeks now. Say what you want about Michael Cohen, but he ended the war in Ukraine and stopped the flood of migrants on the Texas border.

Michael Cohen admitted on the stand Monday that he stole \$60,000 from Trump. He secretly recorded conversations with his clients and was sentenced to four years in jail for lying to Congress and a federal judge. Today the William Morris Agency offered Cohen seven figures and a corner office.

President Biden gave the commencement speech at Morehouse College in Atlanta on

Saturday where he was awarded an honorary doctorate. That'll come in handy. From now on, whenever Joe is caught on camera sniffing the hair of the women and girls he hugs, he can say, it's okay, I'm a doctor.

Joe Biden and Trump were clocked talking far more about themselves than the voters in their last two speeches. They'll never be as self-centered as a comedian. Sometimes I think that the hatred between Democrats and Republicans is my fault because I didn't forward that e-mail to ten other people.

President Biden gave the black graduates of Morehouse College a blistering commencement speech painting Republicans as racist against blacks. He played the wrong race card. Black folks and white folks have a hard time getting along in Los Angeles because neither one of us speak Spanish.

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi, known as the Butcher of Teheran, died in a helicopter crash along with Iran's foreign minister and seven others. Raisi was the second-most powerful man in the Islamic Republic. The Ayatollah issued a statement Monday declaring gravity to be a Zionist conspiracy.

The UN honored the memory of Iran's president Monday who was killed when his helicopter crashed in the mountains of Iran during a heavy fog. However he won't be lost to posterity. While not quite the same as Mount Rushmore, Iran now also has a president's face on the side of a mountain, too.

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# Religion

## Harrison Butker speech has critics calling wide right

There was nothing unusual about the conservative Catholic leaders of Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, inviting a conservative Catholic to deliver a conservative Catholic speech.

But the May 11 commencement ceremony was different since the speaker was three-time Super Bowl champion Harrison Butker of the nearby Kansas City Chiefs.

The team's star place-kicker stressed that "being Catholic alone doesn't cut it" while attacking many famous Catholics, including President Joe Biden, for, among other choices, making the sign of the cross during a Florida abortion rights rally. Butker spent most of his 20-minute address criticizing many American bishops while also offering blunt defenses of Catholic teachings on sexuality.

But the words that ignited a media firestorm hit closer to home.

Butker asked the female graduates: "How many of you are ... thinking about all the promotions and titles you're

going to get in your career? Some of you may go on to lead successful careers in the world. But I would venture to guess that the majority of you are most excited about your marriage and the children you will bring into this world."

Butker stressed that his wife, Isabelle, is "a primary educator to our children. She is the one who ensures I never let football or my business become a distraction from that of a husband and father. ... It is through our marriage that, Lord willing, we will both attain salvation."

Pundits and comics claimed that Butker criticized working women -- while his mother, Elizabeth, is a medical physicist in the radiation oncology department at Atlanta's Emory University School of Medicine. In a 2020 Mother's Day tribute, Butker tweeted: "Growing up my mom was my biggest supporter, guiding me to be the man I needed to become."

Earlier this week, Change.org had gathered 221,866 signatures urging "the Kansas City

Chiefs management to dismiss Harrison Butker." The petition said the kicker's remarks "were sexist, homophobic, anti-trans, anti-abortion and racist," thus hindering "efforts towards equality, diversity and inclusion in society. It is unacceptable for such a public figure to use their platform to foster harm rather than unity."

The NFL's top diversity and inclusion official, Jonathan Beane, told the press: "Harrison Butker gave a speech in his personal capacity. His views are not those of the NFL as an organization." He added: "The NFL is steadfast in our commitment to inclusion, which only makes our league stronger."

In response, Terry Schilling of the American Principles Project noted that "Harrison Butker was condemned by the NFL more quickly than any of the players that were caught in rape, domestic abuse, drug and even murder scandals. All because he advocated for prioritizing family over everything else."

Meanwhile, two famous comics stressed that Butker had a right to state his beliefs, even if they offended many. On "The View," Whoopi Goldberg

noted: "Listen, I like when people say what they need to say. He's at a Catholic college. He's a staunch Catholic. These are his beliefs and he's welcome to them. I don't have to believe them. I don't have to accept them."

On his HBO "Real Time" show, agnostic Bill Maher said he couldn't understand why Butker is "now history's greatest monster." Millions of Americans, he added, agree with the superstar kicker. "He said, 'Some of you may go on to lead successful careers in the world,' but a lot of you are excited about this other

way that people -- everybody -- used to be. And now ... can't that just be a choice, too? And I think that they feel very put upon, like there's only one way to be a good person, and that's to get an advanced degree from one of those (expletive deleted) factories like Harvard."

Tavia Hunt -- the wife of Butker's employer, Kansas City Chiefs owner Clark Hunt -- stressed that it "is not bigoted" for a man to affirm motherhood and praise marriage.

"I've always encouraged my daughters to be highly educated and chase their dreams," she wrote on

Instagram. "I want them to know that they can do whatever they want (that honors God). But I also want them to know that I believe finding a spouse who loves and honors you as or before himself and raising a family together is one of the greatest blessings this world has to offer."

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## Bible Digest

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6 AKJV)

Here is a recipe for living life at its best.

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

"Come to me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28 AKJV)

This invitation from Jesus is for you also. Pray and turn to Him now.

**Monday, May 27, 2024**

"The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that does good." (Psalms 14:1 AKJV)

Don't be foolish. Look around you. This world

did not happen by accident. God created it all.

**Tuesday, May 28, 2024**

"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear you not therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows." (Matthew 10:30-31 AKJV)

We do not have to fear when we put our trust in the Lord. He knows us like no one else knows us.

**Wednesday, May 29, 2024**

"Whoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

en." (Matthew 10:32-33 AKJV)

Followers of Jesus gladly identify with Him. Does that include you?

**Thursday, May 30, 2024**

"And he that takes not his cross, and follows after me, is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38 AKJV)

Following Jesus requires full commitment to Him.

**Friday, May 31, 2024**

"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathers not with me scatters abroad." (Matthew 12:30 AKJV)

There is no middle ground with Jesus. Are you for Him or against Him?



## Experiencing God's Power in Everyday life

After I became a Christian, there were many years when I had no victory in my everyday life. I was miserable because I still had wounds in my soul from the past that made me insecure, angry, suspicious of others, and hard to get along with.

Even though I loved God and went to church every week, I had no idea that there was power available to me to overcome the hurts from the past and the struggles of daily life. And everything that came along that was hard to handle, defeated me.

But I was so grateful when I found out in God's Word that not only is He powerful, but He wants to fill us with His power. He promises in His Word that we can have abundant life in Christ because He has overcome the world (John 10:10; 16:33)!

The truth is, as believers in Christ, we don't have to live weak, wimpy, pitiful, pathetic, barely getting-by lives. We can have God's power working in us to enable us to do whatever we need to do!

Some people have the misconception that when they give their lives to Jesus, they will no longer have any problems. It would be nice if this were true, but in this world, we WILL have trials and tribulations. The good news is we can cheer up anyway because Jesus has overcome the world.

In John 16:33 (ESV), Jesus says, "... In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

No one can promise you a problem-free life, but God promises that if you will put your trust in Him, He will give you a faith that enables you to rise above the problems you face. And when you get through them, you'll be stronger on the other side than you were before you had them.

Knowing you can have power from God to live in this world is one thing,

but learning to believe this truth and walk in it is the key to having victory over the trials and suffering you face. I love Philippians 3:10 because it says we can actually experience the same power that raised Christ from the dead.

In this verse, the apostle Paul says his determined purpose was to "know Him [experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted with Him, understanding the remarkable wonders of His Person more completely] and [in that same way experience] the power of His resurrection [which overflows and is active in believers], and [that I may share] the fellowship of His sufferings, by being continually conformed [inwardly into His likeness even] to His death [dying as He did]." (AMP)

This is an amazing and encouraging promise from God, because we all face problems and have weaknesses we can't overcome in our own strength or effort. But if we are determined to trust God in every situation, all the time, we can fight the good fight of faith by HIS grace.

Romans 8:37 (AMP) says: "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors and gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us]." I love this phrase "more than conquerors." But what does it really mean?

Being more than a conqueror means that before you ever have a problem, you are confident that you have whatever it takes to overcome it through your relationship with Christ. In other words, you know you have the victory before you ever get the problem.

Now, in order to "qualify" for the power of God, we must first come to the place where we recognize that in and of ourselves, we are weak and we have limitations without God. If we didn't have any weakness, we wouldn't



realize we need Him. And one of the best prayers we can ever pray is "God, I need You, and I'm nothing without You." (John 15:5.)

It's so important for us to understand this because if we wait until we have a problem that's too big for us to handle before we rely on God's strength, then we're setting ourselves up to fail.

The best thing we can do to live this life in victory is to continually seek God with our whole heart, realizing we're desperate for Him all the time. Spend time with Him in prayer and studying His Word every day. Then, when the storms of life happen, you will be confident that in Christ, you already have everything you need to overcome them...and you'll experience the power of His resurrection as you rise above them!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource **Unleashing the Power of Faith**. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org).

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Emmanuel Chapel - Independent Bible Church  
0432 Hwy 149, South Fork  
719-573-5411  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**Church of the Living God**  
11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper  
719-378-2080  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study  
Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth  
Thursday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study

**San Luis Valley Christian Center**  
305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista  
719-852-6168  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship  
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study

**Prayer House Church**  
410 Main Street, La Jara  
Pastor Jaime Flores • 719-298-0007  
Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am  
Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm  
Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm

**Sargent Community Church**  
6967 N. County Rd. 2 E., Monte Vista (across from Sargent School)  
Pastor Stephen Burns • 719-852-2980  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

**Back Row Church - Church Community**  
In the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Building  
Alamosa  
[www.backrowchurch.com](http://www.backrowchurch.com)  
Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342  
Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm

**Apostolic**  
Alamosa Apostolic Church  
510 7th St., Alamosa  
Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m.  
2-3 p.m. - Lunch  
3-5 p.m. - Worship Service

**Antonito Apostolic Church**  
710 Main St., Antonito  
Meets sundays  
11-12 p.m. - Sunday School  
12-1 p.m. - Worship service

**Apostolic Pentecostal**  
Church of Champions, Acts 2:38  
9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351  
Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-588-7307  
Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Service

**Assembly of God**  
River of Life Church  
2602 Clark Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service

**Center Assembly of God**  
7th & Miles • P.O. Box 507, Center, CO 81125  
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**Assembly of God**  
Sons and Daughters of God Ministry  
677 Madison Street, Monte Vista  
Pastor Leonard Sandoval, 719-849-0212  
Sunday 10:00 a.m Service  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m Prayer

**New Life Fellowship**  
520 7th St., Del Norte, 81132  
719-657-3360  
Adult Sunday School - 9:00  
Services - 10:00

**Bahai Faith**  
meets every Wednesday at 7 pm on Zoom.  
Email [hairline@gojaoe.org](mailto:hairline@gojaoe.org) for a Zoom invite

**Baptist**  
**Grace Community Baptist Church**  
431 Lincoln Ave., Monte Vista  
Rev. Bill Walstrom, 719-937-1451  
Worship: 9:30; Sunday School: 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

**Living Water Bible Fellowship**  
2910 Clark Street, Alamosa  
719-589-6351  
Sunday, 9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services\*\*  
Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade)  
Sunday, 10:45 am Teen Bible Study (6th-12th grade)  
Tuesday 7:00 pm Young Adults College Group  
Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible Quizzing (1st-6th grade)  
Wednesday 6:30 pm Reign Youth Group (6th-12th grade)  
Wednesday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study\*\*  
Saturday 5:00 pm Worship Service\*\*  
Small Groups meets throughout week, please call for info  
\*\*Nursery is available (M/W/Th/PreK)

**College Heights Baptist Church**  
Pastor Jesse Crecone  
2045 Church Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Morning Worship

**San Luis Valley Baptist Church**  
930 State Avenue, Alamosa  
719-589-5938  
Pastor R.L. McDonald  
Wednesday 7 p.m. - Worship  
Saturday, 2 p.m.  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 6 p.m. - Evening Worship  
Spanish Ministry- Iglesia Bautista Rehobot  
Pastor Sal Garcia, 589-3020

**Calvary Bible Chapel**  
7160 Brush Lane, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Ministry of the Word  
Small group studies meet during the week.

**Calvary Blanca**  
Pastor Allan Leonard - 719-379-3317  
Sunday, 9:30 am - Bible Study  
Sunday, 11:00 am - Service  
Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know You

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
2160 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista  
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship  
Tuesday, 6 p.m. - C.L.A.Y. Youth  
Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study

**South Fork Baptist Church**  
0130 Four Seasons Dr.(Old Chizum Bldg), South Fork  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 10:30am - Worship  
Sunday, 10:30am - Worship  
For more information - Pastor Paul Moon - 719-496-7702

**United Presbyterian Church of Antonito**  
P.O. Box 665, Antonito  
Office Hrs. Tues, 9:00am-12:00

Sunday 9:45am - Sunday School  
10:45am - Service

**Catholic**  
Sacred Heart Church  
715 4th Street, Alamosa  
Saturday, 4:00 p.m. - Mass  
Saturday, 6:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass  
Sunday, 8 a.m. - Mass  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass

**Hooper Church**  
3rd and Adams, Hooper  
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship

**Meditation, Kriya**  
Mountain Institute  
Alamosa - (575)758-5876

**United Church of La Jara**  
522 Walnut, La Jara  
719-274-5260  
Terry Buckman, Pastor  
Cell Phone: 339-8444  
Office Hours: Mon, 9:00 am - 12:00  
Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary  
Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am

**Christian Science Services**  
400 Ross Avenue, Society Hall, Alamosa  
Services - Sundays at 10:00 p.m.  
The second Wednesday of each 4 p.m.  
Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.

**Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado**  
A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order  
Presbyterians  
630 Spruce St. (1.5 blocks south of Hwy. 160)  
Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday  
Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday  
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Sunday

**Church of the South Fork**  
0116 Landon Dr., South Fork, Co, 81154  
Sunday are at 9 am - Services  
School Room. Choir is held on Wednesday  
at 6pm during the summer months  
with a final practice at 8:15am on  
Sunday

**Christian**  
**Bethel Christian Church**  
Pastor Erik Lira  
Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Bilingual Services  
Monday Free Music Classes  
Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Word of Faith Christian Center**  
401 Sante Fe, Alamosa  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night

**The Peak Community Church**  
510 San Juan, Alamosa  
Sundays, 6 p.m. - Fellowship  
Sundays, 7 p.m. - Worship & More

**Pentecostal**  
Alamosa Pentecostal Church  
184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-589-0475  
Pastor Carl Sutter  
Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45  
Worship 2:00-3:00

**Christian Fellowship Church**  
The Door  
1300 West 12th St., Alamosa  
Pastor Martin Montoya • 719-587-6197  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Victory Service  
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival

**Christian Independent**  
Alamosa Christian Church  
410 McQuerry, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship  
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Youth Group

**Christian Reformed**  
Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-589-3493  
1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa  
Pastor Philip VanderWindt  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship

**Churches of Christ**  
**Alamosa Church of Christ**  
408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study  
Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step  
group meets, every Friday at 7 p.m.

**South Fork Church of Christ**  
205 Birch St., South Fork, 719-873-1259  
Nathan Wheeler Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

**Central Church of Christ**  
200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811  
David L. Baker Preacher  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study

**San Luis Valley Church of Christ**  
704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-589-2114  
Sunday Bible Study 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm

**Cornstone Community Church**  
Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical  
Clinic  
Pastor Mark 719-657-9107  
Sunday 9:50 a.m. free breakfast  
Sunday 10:20 a.m. Contemporary  
Worship & Children Sunday

**Episcopal**  
Saint Thomas Episcopal Church  
607 4th Street, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service

**Saint Stephen the Martyr**  
729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista  
Sunday, 10 a.m. Service  
**First Christian Church**  
518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa  
589-6805

Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

**Valley Fellowship**  
240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3904  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary  
Worship, Prayer and Bible Study  
\*Bible Studies during the week, call for information.

**First United Methodist**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
2005 Mullins Ave., Alamosa - 719-589-2243  
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"  
Morning Worship - Sunday, 11:00 am  
Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am

**Community Churches**  
United for Christ Community Church (SBC)  
"Community Centered Around Love"  
7th & Broadway in Blanca - 719-379-3317  
Sunday School 9:30-10:30  
Worship Service 11am

**Bible Believer's Community Church**  
11762 E US HWY 160, Alamosa, Co 81101  
719) 206-3239  
Sunday worship 10:30  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm  
[www.bbcchurch.co](http://www.bbcchurch.co)

**Presbyterian**  
Alamosa Presbyterian Church  
330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship

**Hispanic Pentecostal**  
Iglesia Pentecostal Unida LA  
907 Tenth St. Alamosa - 719-587-3546  
Guadalupe Salazar Pastor  
Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service  
Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service  
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship

**New Hope Church**  
"The Church on the Hill"  
25258 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co, 81154  
Pastor John Jayne • 719-873-1202  
[www.newhopest.com](http://www.newhopest.com)  
Morning Worship - 10:00 am  
Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45

**Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa**  
330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101  
[alamosafellowship@gmail.com](mailto:alamosafellowship@gmail.com)  
Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north  
wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church

**Independent, Fundamental Baptist**  
First Baptist Church of Costilla County  
9717 County Rd H, Mesita - 719-206-0011  
Pastor Paul Jones  
Sunday, 9:45 am - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship  
Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner  
Sunday after dinner - Afternoon Worship  
Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesita Bible Study and  
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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
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Second Ward  
927 Weber Drive, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Alamosa Third Ward  
300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Alamosa Fourth Ward  
927 Weber Drive, Alamosa  
Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language)  
300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**Lutheran**  
St. Peters Lutheran Church & School  
Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista  
School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista  
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services  
School: K-8, Monday-Thursdays

**Trinity Lutheran Church & School**  
52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa  
Sunday, 8:45 a.m. -

# Sports

# Monte Vista Pirates fall to Denver Christian

By **KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*

**PUEBLO** – The Monte Vista High School baseball team had a tough start to the Class 2A State Tournament on Friday as it lost to second-ranked and defending state champion Denver Christian 4-1 at the Runyon Sports Complex's Hobbs Field.

"It wasn't the way we wanted to start the tournament," said Monte Vista coach Luke Bradshaw. "Denver Christian's a good team. They have good pitching. Their guy on the bump did a good job hitting the spots and changing speed. We put one on them early, but we couldn't get hits after that."

The Pirates took the early lead by scoring their only run in the top of the first inning. Kobe Jiron struck out, but the ball got past Thunder catcher Asher Hawes and Jiron was able to reach first base.

Two batters later, Azariah Hurtado tripled to left-center field and Jiron scored on the play.

Denver Christian tied the score in its half of the inning. Nathan Buehrer singled and Mason Reilly reached on an error. Brayden Epperhart singled home Buehrer with the tying run.

The Thunder took the lead with a run in the third. Buehrer led off with an infield single and Hawes also singled. Epperhart was safe on a fielder's choice and Buehrer scored on James Lord's infield single.

Denver Christian put another run on the board in the fifth. Epperhart singled and took second on an error. Lord and James Bovasso both walked, and Epperhart came home as Frankie Spallone was safe on an error.

The Thunder added another run in the sixth. Reilly had a bunt single and advanced to third on an error. He scored on Epperhart's sacrifice bunt.

Jiron went the distance as the Pirates' pitcher, but he was dealt the loss. He allowed four runs and nine hits, and he had no strikeouts and three walks.

Thunder pitcher Reilly allowed only one hit as Hurtado went 1-3 with a



Monte Vista High School third baseman Azariah Hurtado catches a pop fly in Friday's Class 2A State Tournament game against Denver Christian.

Courier photos by Ken Hamrick



Monte Vista High School first baseman Frankie Hernandez catches a pop fly against Denver Christian.

triple and one RBI. After Hurtado's triple, he retired the last 19 batters he faced including 12 of his 13 strikeouts. Monte Vista (19-4)

saw its 14-game winning streak end. It will face either third-ranked Las Animas or Day-spring Christian Academy at 9:30 a.m. on

Saturday at Andenucio Field. Should the Pirates win, they will play at noon on Saturday. A loss will end the season. "We have to find a way

to win two games this weekend," Bradshaw said. Denver Christian 4, Monte Vista Monte Vista

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Jiron (L) and J. Baumgardner. Reilly (W) and Hawes.



Monte Vista High School's Kobe Jiron scores the Pirates' only run against Denver Christian on Friday. The Pirates lost 4-1.

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# Lifestyle

## Care and Share hosts Rescue for Hope luncheon

**By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA** – Care and Share Food Bank hosted its first Rescue for Hope luncheon on May 16 at the Outcalt Event and Conference Center at SLV Ski-Hi Complex. Approximately 80 people attended the event.

Southwest Colorado, including Alamosa, has 54 pantries and this past year, Care and Share gave out 3.6 million pounds of food to Southwest Colorado. In the San Luis Valley, Care and Share has 24 partners, and put 1.3 million pounds of food out the door. It was explained that the facility in Alamosa, 5858 Produce Place, has grown from having some food, to being completely full.

President and CEO of Care and Share Nate Springer said, "This is really neat for this to be our first ever Rescue for Hope luncheon held here in the San Luis Valley. This is our 50th year being a food bank in Southern Colorado. Rescue for Hope is a tradition started in Colorado Springs about 20 years ago. It's the first-year anniversary of our distribution center being opened here in Alamosa, and our 50th year here. This is pretty special to do this, and what an amazing turn out for the first time."

Springer explained that before the distribution center was open in Alamosa, Care and Share partnered with food pantries, but drove much longer distances from Colorado Springs and Pueblo, to distribute the food.

"So, when you think of the San Luis Valley and then more broadly Southwest Colorado it would take 8 hours one direction to get food to the southwest part of the state. So now that we're here, ... in Alamosa, we can cut that transportation time down in half. What that

means is we serve our food pantries, and our partner agencies better today than we had before, and that's exciting," he said.

Care and Share was founded in 1972 by Sister Dominique Pisciotta. Pisciotta began the Food Bank in Colorado Springs. Pisciotta partnered with a few local churches and the Pikes Peak Food Bank and began the food bank in basements and garages of volunteers with the local churches, and in the community, before putting the food bank into its first warehouse.

A short movie shown at the luncheon featured Pisciotta, who stated that Care and Share was her greatest life accomplishment.

"Care and Share without a doubt," she stated with tears in her voice. "What I see happening with Care and Share is my greatest accomplishment. Because of how important it is to feed hungry people and children. I would do anything for the children."

Mary Lowers, the coordinator for Care and Share in Crestone, also spoke at the meeting regarding Care and Share.

"I am often referred to as the Care and Share lady," she said. "As an avid supporter of food security and Care and Share, that is the title I wear with pride. I am here to today to tell you about what food insecurity looks like in the San Luis Valley, and how our partnership with Care and Share has helped my community have access to food that they need to thrive. We are a small tight nit community home to less than 3000 people. We are home to people from all walks of life including seniors with fixed income and families struggling to keep food on the table."

Lowers explained that Crestone discovered Care and Share about

20 years ago. Lowers stated that much of what was given out at the Crestone Food Bank was only non-perishable items of canned goods, but upon discovering Care and Share, fresh produce was added to the Crestone Food Bank.

"We are so grateful to join the Care and Share family," she said.

Lowers explained that once a month the Care and Share mobile food market visits Crestone and gives out delicious nutritional food to folks in the community.

"The Care and Share mobile food market has made it possible for us to provide food, for our neighbors who are in need of food. It truly does feel like we are in a good spot for fighting food insecurity in Crestone and surrounding communities. We would not have been in this position without Care and Share," she said.

Lowers stated that when people support Care and Share, they support food that provides stability and hope to families and individuals in the San Luis Valley.

Springer said they are proud to have the distribution center open in Alamosa, and the first luncheon went well.

"It's neat when you come to a thing like this and see the kindness and generosity of our community because people are all so busy, so to come out and spend an hour with us in the middle of the day on a Thursday. Everyone here is awesome," he said.

Springer thanked everyone who attended and donated at the luncheon and all the sponsors who contributed to the luncheon.

The Sunflour Café catered the lunch, serving rotisserie chicken salad,

and delicious handmade pies for dessert.

For more information

on Care and Share, visit online <https://careandshare.org>.



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Care and Share President and CEO of Care and Share Nate Springer speaks at the Rescue for Hope luncheon on May 16 in Monte Vista.



Nearly 100 people attended the first Rescue for Hope luncheon the San Luis Valley. It was held on May 16 in Monte Vista.

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# Public Notices

### NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc. Area Agency on Aging for Region 8 is accepting Request for Proposals (RFP) from both the public and private sectors representing both nonprofit and for profit entities interested in providing services to people age 60 and older for Fiscal Year 2025-2025. Services include: Transportation, Congregate Nutrition Services, In-Home Services (Homemaker, Home-Delivered Meals, Home Modifications), National Family Caregiver Services (support for caregivers). Other avenues of services to older adults will also be considered. South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging, serves all six counties of the San Luis Valley; Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache. RFP packets and instructions are available at South-Central Colorado Seniors, 1116 3rd Street, Alamosa, CO 81101. Completed proposals are due to South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc. no later than 5:00 COB, May 31, 2024. Please mail or deliver proposals to South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc. at P.O. Box 639 or 1116 3rd Street, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. For more information, please call Monica Wolfe, Director, 719-589-4511, No. 3935.

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### 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.  
P.O. 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.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-22J  
PROPOSED BUDGET

On May 14, 2024 Notice was hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Sangre de Cristo Schools RE-22J for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and has been filed in the office of the Superintendent at 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca, CO, where it is available for public inspection Monday through Thursday (May 20-23, 2024) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a Regular meeting of the Board of Education Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sangre de Cristo School in the library at 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca, CO.  
Any person paying school taxes in the said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his/her objections thereto.  
No. 3953.  
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### MUNICIPAL COURT, Alamosa, Colorado

300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101  
THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, COLORADO, by and on behalf of the PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO  
Plaintiff,

v.  
ANDREW CHACON and JASMINE J. MARTINEZ  
Defendant  
Court Use Only  
Attorney for the Plaintiff:  
Erich Schwiesow, #23385  
300 Hunt Ave.  
PO Box 419  
Alamosa, CO 81101  
719-587-2496  
eschwiesow@ci.alamosa.co.us  
Case No.: 24 CV 001

**SUMMONS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**  
The City of Alamosa, by and on behalf of the People of the State of Colorado  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. There is no filing fee.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, the Court may enter judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action for closure of the property at 2912 Chester Place, Alamosa, Colorado, as a nuisance property under the provisions of Chapter 14, Article VI, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa.

Dated: May 23, 2024  
/s/  
Erich Schwiesow, #23385  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Published in the Valley Courier  
First Publication: May 25, 2024  
Last Publication: June 1, 2024  
No. 3962.  
Published in the Valley Courier on May 25 & June 1, 2024.

### District Court, Rio Grande County, Colorado

Court Address: 925 6th St, Room 204, Del Norte, CO 81132

In the Matter of the Estate of:  
ROBERT JACK a/k/a ROBERT J. JACK a/k/a ROBERT JAMES JACK  
Deceased  
COURT USE ONLY

Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):  
Pacyga Law Firm, LLC; Benjamin Pacyga, #48355  
Address: 402 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101  
Phone 719-580-4984 Email: ben.pacyga.law@gmail.com  
Case Number:  
2024 PR 30000

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of Robert Jack a/k/a Robert J. Jack a/k/a Robert James Jack, Deceased  
Case Number 2024 PR 30000

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Rio Grande, County, Colorado or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before August 28, 2024 (date)\*, or the claims may be forever barred.

Russell Johnson, Personal Representative  
Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice  
2405 Park Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101  
Address  
Alamosa, CO 81101  
City, State, Zip Code  
No. 3963.  
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**SAN LUIS VALLEY HEALTH** is seeking a highly organized and detail oriented EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT to work closely with the Chief Medical Officer. The Executive Assistant will provide high level administrative support to the CMO which will include managing schedules and arranging meetings. This position will play a crucial role in maintaining effective communication between medical staff leaders, hospital administration, and legal counsel. As Executive Assistant, you will serve as an essential link between senior management and medical staff to coordinate the operational processes of physician and allied health credentialing, meeting management, and flow of information while also maintaining strict confidentiality and ensuring compliance with organizational policies and accrediting and regulatory agencies. The pay range for this position is \$19.95 - \$27.84. For more information and to apply please visit our careers page at [www.slvh.org](http://www.slvh.org) (6/12/24)

**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](http://www.sanfordschools.org). Sanford School is an EOE&E. (6/8/24)

**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](http://www.sanfordschools.org). Sanford School is an EOE&E. (6/8/24)

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1** is accepting applications for HS ASS'T. BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL COACHES, and MS CROSS COUNTRY, and TRACK COACH. Applications can be submitted through online app <https://www.applitrack.com/centennialsschool/onlineapp/> or [www.centennial.k12.co.us](http://www.centennial.k12.co.us). Open until filled. For questions, please contact District Administrative Office at 719-672-3322. (5/29/24)

**ALAMOSA HOUSING AUTHORITY** is now accepting applications for a PART-TIME GROUNDS' PERSON for the summer. Must have basic knowledge in operating mowers, and trimmers. Applications may be picked up at The Alamosa Housing Authority at 213 Murphy Drive in ALAMOSA. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2024. (5/29/24)

**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)

**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** seeks applicants for a STRUCTURAL TRADES I position in the ASU FACILITIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT. Starting salary for this position is \$3,484 per month. For application or more information, please see <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/>. AA/EOE. (5/28/24)



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**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](http://www.northconejos.com). Submit application to the central office or email to [rmccarroll@northconejos.com](mailto:rmccarroll@northconejos.com). Position is open until filled. EOE. (5/25/24)

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**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](http://www.northconejos.com). Applications can be submitted to the central office or emailed to [rmccarroll@northconejos.com](mailto:rmccarroll@northconejos.com). Position is open until filled. EOE. (5/25/24)

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**221 - HELP WANTED**

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is currently accepting applications for an **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** in the **MIDDLE SCHOOL** and **HIGH SCHOOL**. Skills should include a knowledge of Excel, an ability to learn technical applications/systems for reporting, and highly organized. 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](http://www.northconejos.com). Applications may be submitted to the central office or emailed to [rmccarroll@northconejos.com](mailto:rmccarroll@northconejos.com). Position is open until filled. EOE. (5/25/24)

**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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**COSTILLA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES** is hiring for a FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST; this position attends to visitors and deals with inquiries on the phone as well. Main job tasks and Responsibilities include but are not limited to answering phones, directing calls as well as taking and relaying messages. Candidate will track staff movements in and out of the agency. General administrative and clerical work as well as the preparation of letters and documents. Candidate is also responsible for receiving and sorting the mail, schedule appointments, maintain an appropriate appointment diary either manually or electronically and order all agency supplies. Issuing EBT cards and working directly with our SNAP team is also an expectation. A high school diploma or G.E.D. is required as well as knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures, software applications and keyboard skills. Key competencies include excellent verbal, written communication skills; as well as proper customer service orientation. Information management, organizing and planning are a must as well as being able to work in a stressful environment. Bilingual skills are preferred but not required. Applications can be picked up at the Costilla County Department of Social Services at 233 Main Street, SAN LUIS, Colorado. Position open until hired. (5/29/24)

**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: [LaPuenteHome, P.O. Box 1235, ALAMOSA, CO 81101, 719 233-2673 www.lapuente.net](mailto:LaPuenteHome, P.O. Box 1235, ALAMOSA, CO 81101, 719 233-2673 www.lapuente.net) Email: [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net) (6/19/24)

### 221 - HELP WANTED

**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)

**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](mailto:ahardy@urtigers.co) or call Mrs. Hardy at (719) 657 - 4020. Applications can be accessed online at [www.urtigers.co](http://www.urtigers.co). (6/15/24)

**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](http://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](mailto:dedar@northconejos.com) or delivered to the NCSD Central Office. Application deadline is Monday, June 3rd at 4:00 p.m. (5/29/24)

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**CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26It** is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of ELEMENTARY 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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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Drone
  - 4 Dandy
  - 7 Jagged cut
  - 11 Zoo denizen
  - 12 Channel for smoke
  - 13 Succulent plant
  - 14 Part of TGIF
  - 15 Learning method
  - 16 "King and I" setting
  - 17 List of names
  - 19 Official documents
  - 21 "Toot sweet!"
  - 23 Serv. branch
  - 24 Soup
  - 27 Arista
  - 29 Tiny colonist
  - 32 Boring routine
  - 33 Grow together
  - 34 "This — shall pass"
  - 35 Bat wood
  - 36 Miami team
- DOWN**
- 1 Tresses
  - 2 — no good
  - 3 Chaotic situation
  - 4 Plant life
  - 5 Unfashionable
- 37 Clairvoyant's gift, for short**
- 38 "— whiz!"**
- 39 Tasty tuber**
- 40 Underworld god**
- 42 Miami team**
- 44 Reunion attendee, for short**
- 46 Talcum**
- 49 Effect**
- 53 Sponsorship**
- 54 Camp or Kendrick**
- 56 Scary yell**
- 57 If not**
- 58 Wail**
- 59 Euro predecessor**
- 60 Bobbin**
- 61 Many years**
- 62 Road surface**

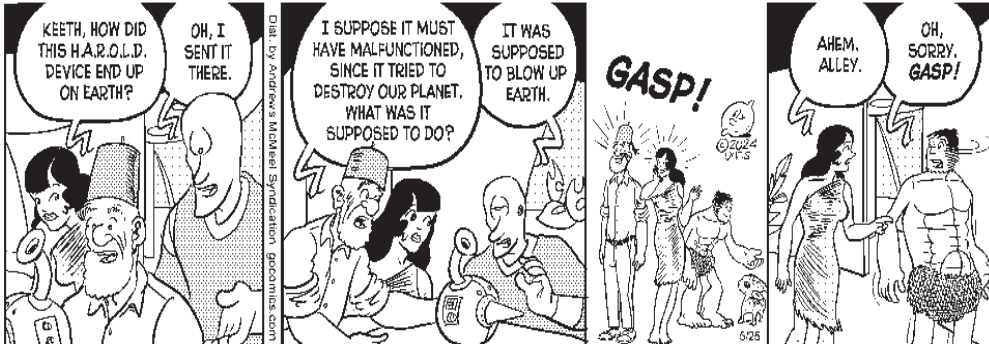
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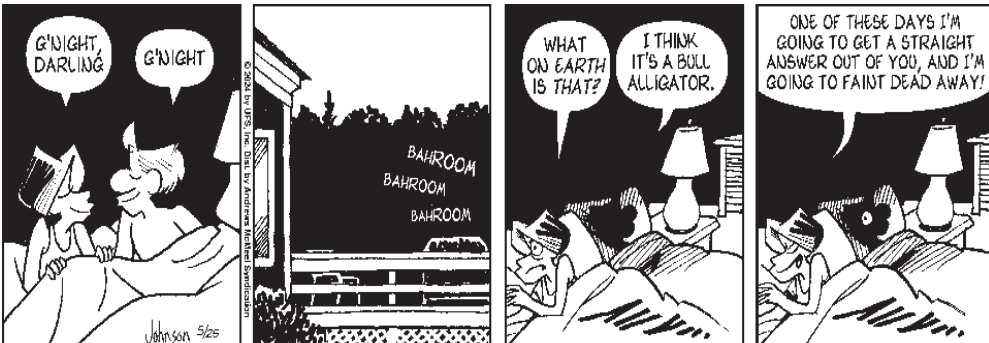
- 6 Chick's cry**
- 7 Struggles for air**
- 8 Estranged**
- 9 Fly high**
- 10 — and haws**
- 12 Newly made**
- 18 Make lace**
- 20 Parent's sister**
- 22 Canal country**
- 24 Vaunt**
- 25 Trick**
- 26 Differently**
- 28 Clever fellow**
- 30 Proboscis**
- 31 A-one**
- 33 Mauna —**
- 36 Exaggerated claims**
- 40 Earthling**
- 41 Rock concert essential**
- 43 '50s Ford**
- 45 Flaxen fabric**
- 46 Social equal**
- 47 Look at**
- 48 Libertine**
- 50 Help in crime**
- 51 Drug plant**
- 52 — de force**
- 55 Keanu Reeves role**

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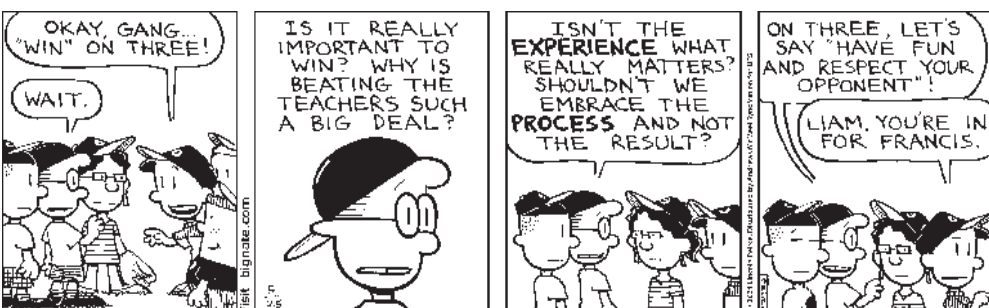
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## ARLO & JANIS



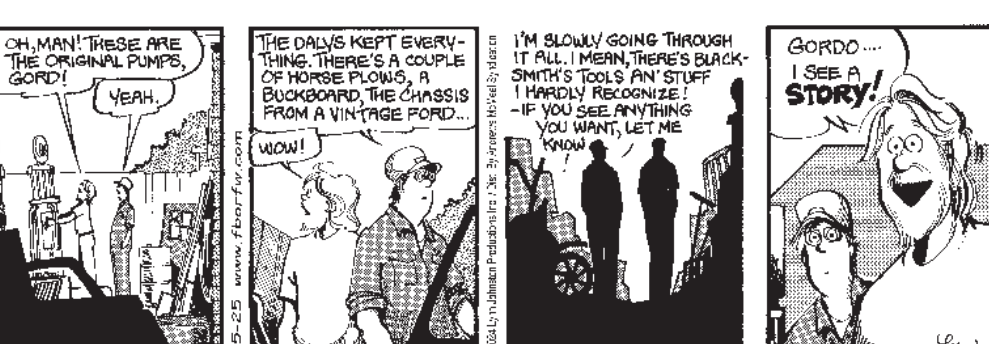
## BIG NATE



## THE BORN LOSER



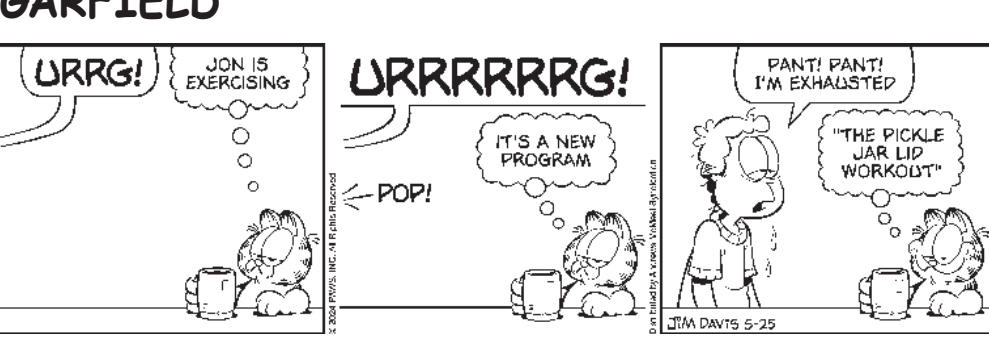
## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



## FRANK & ERNEST



## GARFIELD



## THE GRIZZWELLS



## PEANUTS



## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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	6			1	2	4			

### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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7	9	6	4	3	1	5	8	2
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2	3	1	5	8	6	7	4	9
4	8	5	3	1	9	6	2	7
9	1	7	6	2	8	4	3	5
6	2	3	7	5	4	8	9	1

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

## HERMAN



# Grandmother has a habit of mentioning one child

DEAR ABBY: I'm 42 and recently had my first baby. My brother is six years younger and has a baby who just turned 1. Our mom has a total of four biological grandkids and one step-grandchild.

I know Mom loves all of them. She is a very caring and giving grandmother. But lately, anytime I bring up my daughter in conversation, she automatically starts talking about my brother's baby. I have noticed this is happening a lot, and my boyfriend has noticed it also.

write to me, you absolutely should discuss this with your mother. And when you do, tell her your boyfriend has noticed it, too, and ask her why she feels it necessary to do this. She may be unaware she is doing it, and the effect it has been having on you.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together for two years. We've had arguments about bedtime etiquette since the honeymoon phase wore off. There's one bed in his three-bedroom house. I like to sleep in silence in darkness -- I've always thought this was the ideal setting for quality sleep. My boyfriend, on the other hand, likes to sit up in bed with a dim light on while scrolling and playing videos on his phone while I'm next to him!

The first time I asked if maybe he could do that before coming to bed, he lost it and kicked me out of the bedroom. Since then, I have at least gotten him to turn off the lights, but he still watches videos and refuses to wear a headset or earbuds. He stays up much later than I do, so I can't fall asleep until he's ready.

He says I am "overly sensitive" and gets upset when I go to sleep on the couch. We've had nasty fights about this, and I don't understand how I'm unreasonable when I just want to sleep. I think he's selfish. Who's being



## ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

unreasonable, and how can I manage to get quality sleep with a partner like this? -- SLEEP-DEPRIVED IN THE EAST

DEAR SLEEP-DEPRIVED: You are not unreasonable. Your boyfriend is controlling and inconsiderate. You MUST take care of yourself. Sleep deprivation can not only make a person a dangerous driver and less efficient at work, but it can also make a person sick.

If you are not living with this person full time, for the sake of your health, consider sleeping at your place on weeknights. If you are living in his home, consider moving. If your boyfriend is this unreasonable in other areas, "consider reconsidering" the relationship.

# Lifestyle

## Summer traffic season set to start

By COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation is reminding drivers to anticipate additional traffic in many areas of the state as summer travel season gets underway with Memorial Day weekend.

Heavy traffic is anticipated along the Front Range and mountain highways, especially on westbound Interstate 70 this weekend, and eastbound I-70 from Eagle County to the Denver area on Memorial Day. Other mountain roadways, including US 24, 34, 36, 50

and 160, should also expect increased traffic.

US 50 remains closed to through traffic between Gunnison and Montrose. More information is available at [www.codot.gov/news/](http://www.codot.gov/news/).

To help improve traffic flow, CDOT is suspending all construction and maintenance projects from noon Friday until Tuesday, May 28. The only exception is for emergency operations.

Another option for travelers this weekend is to travel one of Colorado's 26 Scenic and Historic Byways. More information is available at [www.codot.gov/travel/colorado-byways](http://www.codot.gov/travel/colorado-byways).

CDOT's Bustang transit system provides an alternative for those who would rather not drive. Bustang serves I-70 between Denver and Grand Junction and I-25 between Fort Collins and Colorado Springs. Outrider is an option for travel through many rural areas of the state. And Pegasus shuttle vans serve the I-70 west corridor between Denver and Avon.

Although it is not the busiest of the summer travel weekends, Memorial Day experiences significant amounts of traffic. In 2023, a total of 157,224 vehicles traveled through Eisenhower/Johnson Memorial Tunnels. The most heavily traveled days were going westbound on Friday and eastbound on Memorial Day.

The breakdown of travel numbers is below:  
• Friday, May 26 - 25,884 vehicles traveled westbound and 17,092 vehicles traveled eastbound for a total of 42,976  
• Saturday, May 27 -

21,301 vehicles traveled westbound and 15,006 traveled eastbound for a total of 36,307

• Sunday, May 28 - 16,412 vehicles traveled westbound and 20,951 traveled eastbound for a total of 37,363

• Monday, May 29 - 14,336 vehicles traveled westbound and 26,242 traveled eastbound for a total of 40,478.

Seasonal roads and scheduled openings:

• Colorado 5 - Mount

Blue Sky: To be determined - Estimate - early June

• Colorado 82 - Independence Pass between Twin Lakes and Aspen: Saturday, June 1 ( Tentative - weather permitting)

• Trail Ridge Road (US 34) between Estes Park and Grand Lake (Rocky Mountain National Park): Current road status: 970-586-1222.

• Guanella Pass between Georgetown and Grand: 303-679-2422, ext. 2

• Kebler and Cottonwood passes - check [www.gunnisoncounty.org/158/Roads-Bridges](http://www.gunnisoncounty.org/158/Roads-Bridges)

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