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SLY Today

Moffat community mural painting rescheduled

MOFFAT — The mural painting at the Moffat Consolidated School that was scheduled today has been postponed to Thursday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Conejos Library District receives LTC grant

CONEJOS COUNTY — The Conejos Library District has been awarded funds by the American Library Association through LTC Access (Libraries Transforming Communities) for community outreach initiatives. The library district has decided to use some of these funds to offer basic computer classes at senior centers in the county.

Additionally, a selection of magazines tailored for seniors will be available for borrowing. Moreover, they are providing tote bags containing books, puzzles, activity sheets, and educationalgamesforseniorsto enjoy with their grandchildren.

If you believe these services could benefit you or someone you know please contact the Coneios County Library at 719-274-5858, for further information and assistance.

Boards of SLV COG, DRG to meet May 20

ALAMOSA – The Executive Boards of the San Luis Valley Council of Governments and the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group will meet Monday, May 20, in the conference room of the offices of the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group, 610 State Ave., Alamosa.

The board meeting of the SLV Council of Governments will begin at 3 p.m.

The SLV COG board meeting will be followed at 4:15 p.m. by a question-and-answer session with Michael Yurman, the contractor who will conduct a housing feasibility study of the San Luis Valley. This session will be held jointly with both boards of the SLVCOG and the SLVDRG.

The meeting of the board of the SLV Development Resources Group will begin at 5 p.m., following the session on the housing study.

Both meetings will be inpersonand offer a virtual option via Zoom.

More information is available by calling 719-589-6099, or by visiting www.slvdrg.org.

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APD detective testifies in Brandt trial By PRISCILLA Brandt, 17, has been discharge of a firearm shooting occurred and in-tions were intentional and one count of criminal tervened in the situation. and with deliberation,

WAGGONER Courier Reporter

— The ALAMOSA trial of Daniel Brandt continued this past week,

beginning with opening statements presented by the prosecution and defense on Wednesday and followed by witness testimony on Thursday and Friday.

charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit murder in the first degree for his alleged shooting of Alamosa Police Department Officer Mollee Heeney and a private citizen, Ricardo Rangel, on Oct. 27, 2022. He has also been charged with three counts of first-degree as-

mischief related to that Where counsel disagrees and the intention was to same event. He is being is what Brandt intended kill." tried as an adult.

What does not seem to

be contested by anyone - nutzer-Decker, assisting "Daniel Brandt was a neither the prosecution 12th Judicial District at- drunk kid who never innor the defense – is that torney Anne Kelly in the tended to kill anyone." Brandt shot APD Officer prosecution, contended in Heenev and Ricardo Ran- the opening statement, much of the testimony gel, a man who was visit- "Daniel Brandt tried to was made by witnesses sault, one count of illegal ing a relative when the kill two people. [His] ac-

Cobea Becker, defend-Deputy DA Carle Tar- ing Brandt, contends, As of Friday morning,

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Valley-wide power outage

Storm causes transmission line failure on Poncha Pass

> By John Waters News Editor

SAN LUIS VALLEY —A winter storm caused a large power outage and impacted the entire San Luis Valley when a power line tripped and failed on Poncha Pass at about 7:40 a.m., on Friday morning.

Lee Boughey with the electricity distribution cooperative, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association told the Valley Courier that, "Due to the wet snow, both the 115kV transmission line operated by Xcel Energy and the 230kV transmission line operated by Tri-State and Western Area Power Administration tripped, resulting in the outage in the valley from 7:40 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. [power to most of Alamosa was restored at 11

"Tri-State's 230kV line is back in service, but at this time, [1 p.m. Friday] the 115kv line from the north remains out of service. The utilities are all coordinating on this issue.

"Notably, Tri-State is providing crews, poles, and equipment to help replace structures damaged on the



Photo courtesy San Luis Valley REC

A snowstorm caused an electric transmission line to fail on Friday morning that resulted in the entire San Luis Valley without power for several hours.

SLVREC system."

Shortly after the Valley lost power, the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (SLVREC) posted this to Facebook, "We have 21 transmission structures from Waverly to San Acacio. Crews are working on

distribution backfeed to restore power to our members. The hope is to have members back up by late morning if there are no issues with the main distribution line. Tri-State crews down affecting members will arrive later today to assist."

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George Blake

Pearl Harbor survivor Blake dies at 103

Lived at Homelake Veterans Center in MV

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — George Blake, a Pearl Harbor survivor, passed away on May 8, 2024, at Homelake Veterans Center in Monte Vista at the remark-

able age of 103. His life was intertwined with the historic events of Dec. 7, 1941, when Japan attacked the naval base at Pearl Har-

Blake served almost 5½ years in the Army during World War II with over 3 years of his service overseas. He was assigned to an Artillery Unit for the Harbor Defense of Pearl Harbor, T.H.

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Romero Valley Funeral Home looking to next 50 years

Family-owned business continues to adapt

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA — It all

began with two brothers, Larry and Leonard, who had a dream to create a business that would help the people in the communities they loved during some of their most difficult times. Since 1977, when

■ See ROMERO page 3 Larry.



Courtesy photos Leonard and Kathy Romero were co-

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Home, along with Leonard's brother to be co-owners of Romero Valley Funeral Home with the Romeros. Vanessa's parents are Leonard and Kathy Romero.



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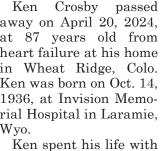


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OBITUARIES

Ken Crosby



his family all around Colorado while getting degrees of Social Work from Colorado Mesa University and Adams State University, after which he proudly received his master's degree from the University of Denver where he graduated at the top of his class.

Ken spent over 40 years working for Adams County doing what he loved. Ken and his family volunteered every summer as counselors for Mary Hennessey's Camp for Children in the San Luis Valley.

Bob Suter, 74, of Angel Fire and Christmas Tree Canyon, N.M., passed away on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Born in Dallas, Texas, to Jim and Wanda Suter, he was a graduate of Texas Tech University and a Red Raider through and through.

A man of many talents and interests, professionally he found his calling in banking while perusing many of the hobbies that defined him. The cowboy spirit in him fed a love of horses and an appreciation for the outdoors called him to the mountains of Northern New Mexico and the lakes of Northern Minnesota, but he is perhaps known best for his winter pursuit: skiing.

"Banker Bob" started



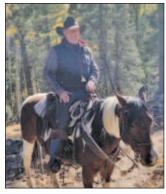
spent his life working on various hobbies that he enjoyed such as working in his yard/garden and volunteering at the Church of the Beloved.

Ken is survived by his loving wife of 66 years Georgia, his sister Delores Stephens and her After Ken retired, he family, his daughters Renee Raisch and Lori Reneau, his son-in-law Dan Raisch, his grandchildren Ryan Sever (Tell), Raisch (Christina), Austen Reneau (Kathleen White), Logan Reneau, and his greatgranddaughter Paisley Sever.

He was welcomed into heaven by his son Michael, his daughter-inlaw Jay, and his son-inlaw Mitch Reneau.

Ken's funeral will be held at the Church of the Beloved (10500 Grant Dr. Northglenn, CO 80233) on May 17, 2024, at 11 a.m. It will be followed by a celebration of life at the Cottonwood Lodge at Hyland Hills (9650 Sheridan Blvd. Westminster, CO 80031) at 1 p.m. Attire is western dress/casual. Cards can be sent to his wife Georgia at 15202 Uinta St. Thornton, CO

Bob Suter



skiing as a kid and never quit chasing beautiful turns. His love of the sport compelled him to pass it along to others, first his children and then to countless others through a decades-long career as a Professional Ski Instructor. From his early days at Wolf Creek to Red River and finally his beloved community of Angel Fire, Banker Bob made countless friends from around the world passing along his passion for skiing and life.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Wanda Suter.

He was survived in death by his son Rob and his wife Krystal, his daughter Kelly Woodland, her husband Rich and daughters Jaklyn, Edison, Kathryn, and Riley, and his siblings, Brenda Suter, Becky King, Bill Suter, and his horse Belle.

In accordance with Bob's wishes, no memorial services are scheduled at this time, but a celebration for life will be planned at a later date. For more information on the celebration of Bob's life, email bankerbobcelebration@gmail.com.

SLV Health, Adams State, Hope and Home partner in **Teddy Bear Clinic CONTRIBUTED**

ALAMOSA — On Saturday, April 20, several local families and children came together for the annual Hope and Home Teddy Bear Clinic. The clinic is an event designed for local children in the foster care system, and all children in the community were welcome to attend.

Kids brought their fa-

vorite stuffed animal to the Teddy Bear Clinic for a "wellness check." These stuffed animals, with the support of their child owner, visit a variety of stations from height and weight to optometry, to MRI's, xrays, and even surgery if a stuffed bear needs a new button eye or some additional stuffing. This play and imagination are designed to help children create positive associations with the medical community, especially for those who may have had traumatic experiences in the past, such as children in the

Thanks to numerous volunteers from SLV Health and Adams State University nursing program, the event was a huge success. The event broke a record this year by having the longest patient ever attending the clinic – a six-footlong stuffed snake. Fun was certainly had by

foster care system.



On Saturday, April 20, several local families and children came together for the annual Hope and Home Teddy

adorable event offers.

and support numerous er. local foster families, I can't overstate the im- sidered becoming a fosportance of events like ter parent, or if you this. It's amazing to see how many children are this event in 2025, call impacted each year and Hope and Home at 719we simply couldn't make 670-8090 or email Reed it happen without the at areed@hopeandhome. volunteerism and sup- org.

all, as well as the thera- port of the community. peutic benefits that this We are truly grateful for those who joined us from "As a mom who has SLV Health and Adams adopted from foster care, State University," said and as someone who Annie Reed, Hope and has gone on to license Home Program Manag-If you have ever con-

would like to be part of



Photos by Andy Rice

The group of tree devotees include, left to right, Adam Moore, Suzanne Devore, David Wehe, Will Krebs, Jaylyn Espinoza, and Dawn Krebs.



City staff are working to get the trees in the ground before the rainstorm.

Trees planted at Sunset Ball Fields in honor of Arbor Day

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Despite the rain, a group of people gathered Thursday afternoon planting trees in the Sunset Ball Fields off Highway 285 in Alamosa. The planting was done in recognition of Arbor Day, proclaimed as May 9 by the City of Alamosa, and the group of folks included staff with the City of Alamosa, members of the Rotary Club, Andy Rice, director of Alamosa Parks and Recreation, and Adam Moore, Communications and Communities Supervisor with the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS).

With funds made possible by a Colorado Tree Coalition grant in partnership with the CSFS, 30 trees will be planted. The plan on Thursday had been to plant 11 of the 30 but nature had other plans, such that only three have made it into the ground, so far, including a Blue Spruce, a Chokecherry and a Hackberry. Once the project is completed, there will also be Elm, Honey Locust and Crabapple trees. According to Andy Rice, trees will be



Donna and David Wehe, members of the Rotary Club.

planted along Highway 285, providing improved city "gateway aesthetics" for those coming into Alamosa. The trees will also create shade for t-ball families and spectators attending the games and will block blowing wind and dust. Trees will also be planted on the playground in a park near the SLV Boys and Girls Club.

"These are all benefits of trees," Rice

Celebrating Arbor Day – especially when it involves planting of more trees is one of the requirements for Alamosa continuing to be designated as a Tree City USA.

Sgt. Martinez Memorial Scholarship 5K Run/Walk, Veterans Golf **Tournament is May 25**

CONTRIBUTED

13th annual 5K Run/Walk and Veterans Golf Tournament will be held at the Monte Vista Golf Course on Saturday, May 25. All proceeds benefit the Sgt. Glen E. Martinez Memorial Scholarship Fund. in which \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to a senior boy and a senior girl of Monte Vista High School.

The 5K run/walk will begin on Saturday, May 25, at 7 a.m. at the Monte Vista Golf Course which will include: breakfast, tshirt and ribbons (eight different age groups). The cost is \$20 pre-registration or \$25 on event day. Deadline for mail-in registration and online registration is May 23. Please send mail-in registration to P.O. Box 181, Monte Vista, CO 81144 and register online at www.glenmartinez.org or https://glenmartinez5k. redpodium.com/gm. For more information, call Ron or Carol at 719-850-3758 or 719-849-1830. Veterans golf tourna-

ment will begin on Saturday, May 25, at 10 a.m., shotgun start at the Monte Vista Golf Course. It will be a 4-man team scramble, 18 holes and

will cost \$180 per team. The tournament is limited to 18 teams. Cost is \$45 for singles; they will be grouped up. Cost includes: golf cart ing in Boulder, he ex-

MONTE VISTA - The and second place teams positive. Glen could have and lunch after the golf gone directly into offi-

719-628-0130. Corps when he and three other Marines were killed in action on May 2, 2008, while on a combat mission. The Humvee they were riding in hit a roadside bomb in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq.

Glen knew the value of education and the value of physical fitness. Growing up in Monte Vista, he participated in nearly every sport available including football, wrestling and baseball. He played in the band and was an excellent student. He was quarterback for the Pirate football team for three years and competed four years on the state wrestling team and played baseball all four years. Glen chose to play baseball for Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kan. on an academic and baseball scholarship where he earned his bachelor's in mathematics.

subsequently earned a surveying degree from Westwood College and was going to work on his master's in Hydro-Engineering Boulder, CU when he made his decision to join the Marine Corps. Liv-(limited to 18 carts), plained, "he got tired of team entry fee, comple- hearing people cutting

a gift certificate for first decided to do something tournament. To sign up cer candidate school but or for more information, chose to start at the botcall Michelle or Grace at tom like all the other rethe Monte Vista Pro-shop, cruits. Should be go on to command, Glen said, he Glen was a sergeant in wanted to have hands-on the United States Marine experience rather than classroom philosophy. "I want those I command to know that I have been where they are," he said in an interview just after basic training. Glen was ready for whatever came. After a childhood filled with the challenge of athletic competition, staying in peak physical shape was second nature to him and he strongly supported the discipline and leadership skills learned on the mat, football field, baseball diamond and the school room.



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SLV Early Childhood Council gives to those who give care

By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor ALAMOSA — The Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley gave thanks to the hundreds of caregivers who provide services to the children of the Val-

Juanita Maestas, who works at the council as the FNN Coordinator Resilience (Fostering in Early friends. I also do self- ciation event."

care at all of the centers goal is to provide quality care to those who provide care to our kiddos if sage therapist, Alamosa you are not ok yourself, Mayor Ty Coleman, they so we try to take care of never say no, and they the caregivers as well.

"Tonight, we are highlighting over 250 early event with hundreds of childhood from across the entire San Luis Valley, this is our third annual event, Education), and it is our way of givsaid, "I work with fam- ing back and saying at the turnout, these are ily and friend caregiv-thank you. Our caregivers. I provide self-care ers are low paid, have these caregivers are layand well-being to unli- no benefits and they go ing that foundation for censed caregivers which to work every day, and our kids. We appreciate are your grandparents, this is our Early Child- them and this is why we aunties, neighbors, and hood Education Appre- are doing this.'

Maestas added, "We and teambuilding. Our have great people to thank, Christopher Riddick, a licensed masare always there for us.'

> Looking at the packed caregivers people enjoying a Mexican-themed dinner, conversing, laughing, hugging, and taking pictures Maestas offered, "Look our foundation, our kids,

The council website



Mariachi San Luis serenated over 250 caregivers at a gala dinner held in their honor on May 10 at the Colorado Army National Guard Armory in Alamosa.

in the San Luis Valley, coaching; create leaderagement; information

early childhood efforts sional development and for needed change." build community ship opportunities; se- Council of the San Luis awareness and encour- cure funding, facilitate Valley can be contacted disseminate collaborative ships; build community

says this, "As the hub of sources; provide profes- capacity, and advocate

The Early Childhood partner- at eccslv.org or at 719-937-4010.

Blake

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1941. He was trained as a Morse Code radio Operator and later was in charge of a Radar instalwas discharged with the Research Following his discharge ratories in NY. Due to he joined the Air Force Reserves.

On that fateful Sunday morning, Dec. 7, the sky. Rising suns Salida. adorned the wings of the attacking aircraft.

bor Defense at Pearl his 103rd birthday. Harbor.

he met Helen, the love of London, England ment will follow at Fairof his life, and except and George W. Blake view Cemetery.

overseas during WWII they were together for Jan. 29, 1921, in the the rest of their lives. Bronx, NY. Shortly af-After almost 70 years of marriage, Helen passed ily moved to Flatbush in away in 2013.

lation for Artillery Fire. from the Army, Blake ing P.S. 119 and then At the end of the war, he became employed by the graduated from Textile rank of Staff Sergeant. of Bell Telephone Labothe nature of his assign- his three daughters, ments and the expansion of Bell Labs, George and Helen moved sever-1941, Blake was headed al times and have lived to the gym to play bas- in five states: Virginia, ketball when the at- New York, New Jersey, lyn, Ill.; five grandchiltack began. Initially, he Illinois, and Colorado. dren Drew Glaser, Jeff thought it was a drill, In 1983 after 37 years Glaser (Jen), Amy Glabut the reality soon with the company, he reset in as explosions tired from the Bell Labs Megan Loebbaka (Cale) echoed and planes filled in Denver and moved to and 10 great-grandchil-

Blake lived in Salida for 40 years before mov-Despite the chaos, ing to the Colorado Vet-Blake survived the Pearl erans Community Living Harbor attack and con- Center at Homelake. In

for his military service of Plymouth, England. George Jr. was born on ter his birth, the fam-Brooklyn, NY. He grew Upon his discharge up in Brooklyn attend-Department High School in Manhattan.

> Blake is survived by Margaret Glaser (Andrew) of Annandale, NJ, Barbara Swift of Maple Park, Ill., and Colleen Trinko (Paul) of Glen Elser, Kari Soprych and dren Jack and Lucy, Eve (Arthur), and Indra (Andrew), Ella and Andrew, Ethan and Emma, Sawver and Charlotte.

Funeral Service is set tinued to serve in Har- January, he celebrated for 10 a.m. on Friday May 17, 2024, at Lew-He was the only child is and Glenn Funeral At 15 years of age, of Florence Rosa (Sears) Home in Salida. Inter-

In this photo taken on the morning of May 10 at the Great Sand Dunes Visitor Center, power was out, and the facility was closed after about six inches of snow had fallen. Electric power was down throughout the San Luis Valley after a power transmission line near Poncha Pass failed. Power was restored to most of the Valley by 11 a.m.

Power

Romero

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Romero Valley Funeral

Home, they have been in

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received from the people

and Vanessa and Shawn

forces to keep the busi-

ness in the family. Vanes-

sa's parents are Leonard

and Kathy Romero. They

will be co-owners of the

"In the last few months,

it has been brought to our

attention that due to leas-

ing our Monte Vista office

and selling the Antonito

and San Luis buildings,

people have come to think

we are closing our doors.

We want everyone to rest

assured that we are still

open and offering tradi-

tional funeral services as

well as cremation servic-

es to the entire San Luis

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ty Emergency Manager thing new that we're ex-Lucas Casias stating, periencing right now...at 'We've had power outag- least that I'm aware of." es in the past in our area, but Valley-wide power outage, no. This is some-

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Valley was restored at 11

day and let you know a funeral home. And they are not going few of the changes anywhere as the Romeros have been making."

> funeral plans at Romero Valley Funeral Home "are absolutely still enforced and will be honored as well as anyone who would like to come community barbecue for in and meet with us, with any questions or concerns they have; or to formal invitation closer start a pre-arrangement for themselves or loved ones," the families added.

> clude moving their main hearts. Without the San office to Alamosa.

> to keep costs low and use that started all this and funds to go back into the continuing to trust in communities we serve us to care for your loved and be able to help spon- ones we would not be sor our local schools, their here today. We are truly programs and any other humbled and so grateful opportunities we are pre- to you all! Thank you for sented to get involved allowing our family to

The families humbled and grateful been working on excit- and thank you," the fambeyond measure for all ing new things the past ilies stated.

of you still believing in few months - renovating that dream and continu- the facility, upgrading ing to support it. We first the fleet, partnering with wanted to take a moment other local small busito thank you all from the nesses to offer completely bottom of our hearts for customized caskets and making it possible for urns. They are also pre-Romero Valley Funeral paring to re-open their Home to still be here to- flower shop next to the

Romero Valley Funeral Home will have a grand All the pre-arranged re-opening once the renovations to their facilities are done. Everyone is invited to come to see the recent changes.

"We plan to have a big the ribbon cutting. We will post dates and a to that time. We hope to see you all there and once again thank you all Some of the changes in- from the bottom of our Valley residents Luis "We wanted to be able believing in the dream with," the families stated. care for your family since have 1977. God Bless you all

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who were with law enforcement. APD Detective Brandon Bertsch testified as to how Brandt was behaving after having shot Heeney, characterizing him as someone who was showing no remorse.

When asked, Bertsch recalled Brandt making statements such as, "I wish I had shot her in the head" and, when he was in the vicinity of other police officers, saying, "F**k the others." When asked about Brandt's demeanor in the hospital when defense was contending Brandt spoke to police officers one way but, when speaking to health care providers, was respectful and answering questions

sity Chief of Police Erika Derouin, who lives in the neighborhood, also testified as she was an eyewitness to the event. In her testimony, she described a situation that fit the prosecution's narrative.

In presenting her case, Kelly has frequently used evidence such as photos, bodycam footage and copies of statements made by witnesses immediately after the shooting.

The goal of the defense has been, up until Friday, to portray Brandt as a young man who was drunk - supported, they stated, by video from a bus that Brandt was drunk, he was riding that showed established. there was testimony that he "could not walk down the expert witness, Ranthe aisle without holding on to the seats."

The defense has frequently described Rangel as the instigator of the with "yes, ma'am" or "no, argument that led to him

being shot by Brandt, in-Adams State Univer- cluding walking up the street "waving his gun." That was not corroborated by Chief Derouin when she said she did not see him approaching Brandt in that manner.

> Defense also described Rangel as much larger than Brandt, which was evident in court and hitting Brandt repeatedly in their physical altercation. But Chief Derouin stated that she saw Brandt and his friend actually beating up Rangel.

On Friday, the defense was expected to call an expert witness whose testimony may address some facts the prosecution has Following gel was expected to testify.

coverage of the trial in Tuesday's edition of the Valley Courier.

There will be continued

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Moms remind us to be better humans

USA Today shared recently some quotes about Moms this Mother's Day:

Lady "Accepsaid: tance, tolerance, bravery, compassion. These are the things my mom taught me." As I write

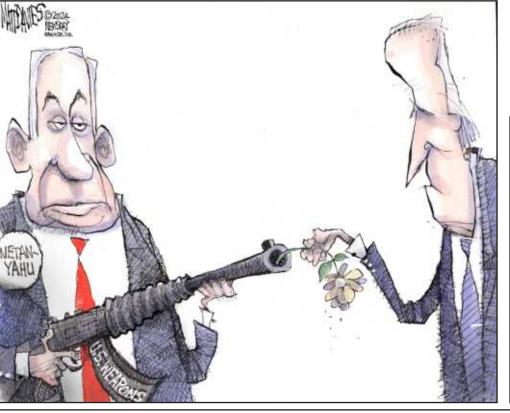


Nelda Curtiss

this week's column, I'm remembering my mama who once told me that she accepted every little kitten that followed her home from school; as the youngest in the family, no one dared remove the little one once it was in her arms. And my mom was brave, too. Women's stories and literature authors Alice Walker and Toni Morrison suggest birthing is women's heroism. Think of women from yesteryear who labored and brought a new person into the world. My mom was a hero too when she bore me and my sisters. That's brave.

Maya Angelou wrote: "To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power."

Like a hurricane beats the wind and water, my mother could whip up a meal faster than anyone whether it was fried chicken, meatloaf, or pork chops. The sides were green beans, coleslaw, and sometimes asparagus. I remember how she would also serve the Brussel sprouts that always looked like tiny cabbages. She boiled



instant from a box. After supper one day, she surprised me with her drawing. I was a total comic book nerd, especially the Archie kind. I asked her if she liked to sketch. She pulled out her writing pad and drew a version of Veronica from Archie. I was so impressed by her one-two-three done and voila there's a character.

In a 2022 USA Today article, Sarah Lemire gathered quotes about mothers. Princess Di said: "A mother's arms are more comforting than anyone else's." This quote brought up a memory. Mama would come into my room at night when I had a nightmare, or my stomach ached. She would tell me to say my prayers and that everything would be ok. Some- made me think of women in my life times she would rub my stomach like who encouraged my journey: "Biology gmail.com.

and mashed potatoes from scratch or only moms can do and then give me a is the least of what makes someone hug to get me through the night. Still, whenever I put a pillow next to my stomach, I am reminded of her gestures, and so thankful for my mama who loved all three of us so much.

Amy Schumer's quote about moth-

erhood was a reminder to cherish

small but big moments. "Your heart

feels like it's outside your body and you're too old to drink the feelings away like you used to." The first time I saw my son he was bundled beside me as we were brought outside of the operating room toward my room. I did feel euphoric

one little human.

and like my heart was wrapped up in

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a mother." My friend Minnie comes to mind when I hear this quote. We were related by friendship, faith, and oil painting. I remember painting together and talking about other teachers and techniques. She generously shared her kindness and sometimes fed you from her crock pot and for sure coffee and a slice of triple chocolate cake or a scoop of cobbler.

Tomorrow I'll remember my mother and her gently carrying one or two fluffy kittens as I encourage others to be soft and love more than ever.

Nelda Curtiss is a retired college educator and long-time local colum-One quote shared from Oprah nist. Reach her at columnsbynellie. com or email her at columnsbynellie@

Police officer stuck in BLM nightmare

By ANN COULTER

It must be a shock to police officers busting up campus protests to be cheered, rather than jeered, as they have been since the police shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, a decade ago -- a completely justified shooting, according to President Obama's Justice Department. The anti-Israel demonstrators seem kind of surprised, too. They thought they were going to get the BLM treat-

I don't know how many times we have to go over this, but you're not black, Palestinians. No offense! Nor are gays or illegals or Jews or womyn.

There are different rules for black people, some for good and sound reasons (the legacy of slavery) and some for moronic reasons (we can't possibly expect black people to obey police commands).

So while you applaud the cops arresting pro-Hamas agitators, remember that a lot of brave law enforcement officers are still living the nightmare of BLM's cop hatred. This column is about one of them.

Last week, the lunatic progressive attorney for Hennepin County, Minnesota, Mary Moriarty, announced that she will spend at least a million dollars in taxpayer money to have Steptoe, a white-shoe law firm in Washington, D.C., prosecute Minnesota State Trooper Ryan Londregan for murder.

own life and that of another officer last summer while trying to arrest ent mothers. (Insert first communion photo here.)

2 a.m. last July for driving with-

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his record and found that Cobb was revealed in a subsequent affidavit wanted for violating a felony order of that was quickly put under seal. The protection in a neighboring county. shooting in the hypothetical: not rea-The officers called it in and asked if sonable. The actual shooting: reasonthe county wanted him arrested. Yes, able. they did.

giving him CPR. But he died.

When the monster Moriarty first got the case, she: 1) met privately with Cobb's family, showing her absolute impartiality, and 2) hired a use-of-force expert to conduct an independent review, saying she wanted to "get this right."

But when her own hand-picked expert found that the shooting was lawful, she blew off his report, refused to show it to the defense, and proceeded to indict Londregan for murder anyway. That's how you "get this right" as a progressive.

Even the Democratic governor, Tim Walz, criticized Moriarty, asking: "Why would you not listen to use-offorce? Why would that not be central to something you do?"

For her next trick, Moriarty's office Londregan's crime was to save his lied about what the Minnesota State Patrol's use-of-force expert had said. Sgt. Jason Halvorson, who created Ricky Cobb II, repeat felon and fa- the use-of-force training program, ther of five by at least three differ- concluded that the shooting was law-

But Deputy County Attorney Mark Cobb was pulled over at around Osler quoted Halvorson's response to a hypothetical that had nothing to do

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out taillights. The troopers checked with Cobb's shooting -- as Halvorson offenders to justice."

Moriarty is such a wacko that even Hang onto your hats, readers, but the progressive, Soros-backed Minne-Cobb resisted arrest. He refused to sota Attorney General Keith Ellison get out of his car, refused to hand had to take another case away from a powerhouse law firm? Here's Stepover his keys, and then, with two of- her -- the first time in 30 years a state ficers half-inside his vehicle, moved AG had done so. Two brothers, 15 the gearshift to "drive." As the car and 17 years old, had shot and killed lurched forward, throwing the officers a 23-year-old black woman, Zaria to the ground, Londregan shot Cobb. McKeever, execution-style, during a conservative media pundit, author, The troopers ran after the car, home invasion. Moriarty offered the syndicated columnist, and lawyer. pulled Cobb out, and engaged in fran-killers a plea deal, sentencing them tic efforts to keep him alive, including to a couple years in a juvenile facility. This, she said, was based on the "science."

> She denounced Ellison for even making the request, calling it "deeply troubling." The next day, Gov. Walz reassigned the case to Ellison.

> At least Moriarty learned her lesson! A few months later, she gave a slap on the wrist to two other teenaged murderers. This time, the victim was white, so the governor and AG declined to intervene. It's almost like there are two systems of justice.

How did this nut become the prosecutor for Hennepin County? Moriarty was elected in 2022 with cash infusions from a bunch of left-wing organizations flush with money from the BLM gold rush. (In the Year of Our Floyd, corporate America gave \$50 billion to BLM and related organizations, according to The Washington Post.) She defeated a far more experienced black judge, Martha Holton Dimick, who was endorsed by the Minneapolis Star Tribune in an editorial noting that Dimick "understands from personal experience that communities of color with higher crime rates want prosecutors to bring

Brian Williams

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But the white lesbian knows better! (At least Moriarty doesn't have a "white savior" complex.)

As long as protesting is the thing to do these days, how about a nice, peaceful protest in support of law enforcement officers who are being maliciously prosecuted for murder by toe's address: 1330 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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Study shows most Southern Baptists back the first amendment At a pivotal moment in Barack Obama, Darling threatened by immigra- of Americans to choose said Christians are "obli- American culture," Dar-

dent of

United States asked citizens to join him in an urgent prayer.

"Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our Naor, a struggle to

tion, this day have set upon a mighty endeavtion," he said. "Lead them

strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom." That was Franklin D.

straight and true; give

Roosevelt on D-Day, as Allied troops entered northern France.

"FDR said things about God and America that, if anyone spoke those words today, people would have heart attacks," said Daniel Darling, director of the Land Center for Cultural Engagement at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"Presidents have always talked about God and faith, because they're speaking to ordinary Americans," he added. Biblical language has also been common, and Protestants.

world history, the presinoted, "quoted scripture tion, Critical Race Theory, their own religious beliefs. more On Religion

Terry Mattingly

than George W. Bush, who since his crit-'THEOCRA-CY!' whenever he did."

years, academics and journal-

preserve our Republic, our ists have been especially ern Baptist churchgoers religion and our civiliza- critical of "Christian nationalism," a concept that leaders. Darling stressed has become hard to clear- that -- while conflicts exist ly define and monitor in -- most Southern Baptists political life. Researchers

faith. ... Some will never Neighborly Faith -- a the First Amendment group that helps evan-rights of all. Survey takegelicals build stronger relationships with other religious groups -- studied academic publications addressing this issue and created a detailed, 14-point compromise definition stating, in part: 'Christian Nationalism is a movement advancing a non-Western Christian Nationalists romanticize Christianity's influence on America's leaders think the governdevelopment, ing the nation's historical a specific religion or reliprovenance to God's spe-gious belief, 36% of memcial favor."

Some researchers add leaders disagreed. "white" before "Christian

often feminism, LGBTQ+ rights and other factors.

Neighborly Faith conhave cluded that 5% of Ameriavoided that cans self-identify as Christian nationalists, and 11% screamed can be considered "adher-Debates about these

> topics led to a new Lifeway recent Research survey, working with the Land Center, of self-identified Southand many congregational are politically conservawith tive, but strongly support aways included:

-- It's crucial that 92% of laity and 95% of key leaders affirmed that "religious liberty should apply to all persons and religions." Also, 80% of members and 86% of leaders said government officials must allow citivision of America's past, zens to freely practice present, and future that their religious faiths, inexcludes people of non-cluding what Southern Christian religions and Baptists consider "false cultures. religions.'

-- While 58% of members and 62% of church attribut- ment should not support bers and 33% of church

-- In defense of religious not just among presidents nationalism" and stress liberty, 94% of the laybacked by evangelical that adherents believe people and 97% of church President America is increasingly leaders affirmed the right

Also, 88% of the laity and 97% of church leaders said citizens must retain the right to "practice principles" of their faith "in everyday life."

-- Also, 67% of members and 77% of church leaders said politically active Christians can "fight secularism" by supporting legislation that encourages Christian principles and practices in the public

-- While 56% of church members believe politics "a way for Christians to love their neighbor," 31% disagreed and 13% were not sure. Also, 70%

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Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

while 26% disagreed.

that a few evangelicals and Southern Baptists may be ready to "scrap the U.S. Constitution," while rejecting what has long been called a "classically liberal" approach to First Amendment rights. But the "vast majority of Southern Baptists are not pining for the beliefs" that most researchers link to Christian nationalism, he

changing some parts of *media*.

gated" to vote in elections ling added. "They're worto select political leaders, ried about trends they see around them, but that Darling acknowledged doesn't make them Christian nationalists -- even if they quote a Bible verse or politics. ... The last thing Southern Baptists want

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Saturday, May 11 "In the beginning God

created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1 This is God's world. He

created it out of nothing. Worship Him and Him

Sunday, May 12

does the will of my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 7:21 AKJV)

Being a Christian is more than just knowing and saying. We must obey Jesus because we

love Him. Monday, May 13 "The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed,

a refuge in times of trou-

Have you noticed that some

Christians are never happy or satisfied?

They always have a long face and they're constantly talking about their problems and circumstances. They have a lifeless, lukewarm, apathetic

The world may have this type of

attitude, but we as Christians shouldn't

because the only way that we're going to affect other people who need Christ is to let them see His life in us!

That's our job every single day— everywhere we go. People want to enjoy their lives—to live with passion

and enthusiasm. If they can see us

being that way, then they can ask us, "So what's going on with you that you seem to be happy all the time?" Or,

You always have a good attitude no

living your life? Do you have passion

and purpose?

When people notice our good attitude in life, it gives us a wide door of opportunity to tell them, "Really,

I deal with the same things you deal

with in life. It's not that I never have a

struggle, but Jesus Christ is in my life

and He makes all the difference in the

It's helpful to think of it this way:

You and I may be the only Jesus that

our neighbors will ever see. And if God didn't have something for us to do here on earth, He wouldn't have left us

here. We are here for a purpose.

1 Peter 2:9 (AMPC) highlights our purpose beautifully, saying, But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,

a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and

display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness

Now, the Lord has a special, unique

plan for each one of our lives. We've each been given gifts and talents, and

there are specific things we are meant to accomplish while we are here.

into His marvelous light.

So, I ask you today: How are you

matter what's going on."

world!

and pathetic attitude.

Reach out to the Lord and your priority.

Tuesday, May 14

19:14 AKJV)

a price to pay if we don't.

Wednesday, May 15

AKJV)

He will take care of you. Are you in distress? Make Him and His will

Thursday, May 16

"Therefore all things "And Lot went out, and whatever you would that spoke to his sons in law, men should do to you, do vou even so to them: for ters, and said, Up, get this is the law and the you out of this place; for prophets." (Matthew 7:12

This is how the Lord in-

Friday, May 17

"When I consider your When God speaks to us heavens, the work of your stars, which you have ordained; What is man, that "But seek you first the you are mindful of him? vou visit him?" (Psalms 8:3-4 AKJV)

Our great God is mighty and compassionate. He

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two when they talk about is the government telling folks what to believe." Terry Mattingly is Se-

ble." (Psalms 9:9 AKJV)

let Him be your refuge.

which married his daugh-"Not every one that said the LORD will destroy AKJV) to me, Lord, Lord, shall this city. But he seemed enter into the kingdom as one that mocked to tends us to live. of heaven; but he that his sons in law." (Genesis

we need to listen. There is fingers, the moon and the

kingdom of God, and his and the son of man, that righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33

Obey the Lord and loves you too.

However, first and foremost, we as

Christians share one main purpose. We are here to live for Gods glory,

tell others about Him, and reflect His

asked how I stay passionate and keep doing what I'm doing. Now, I can give some really cool, spiritual answer. But

truthfully, I've come to believe that it's really a decision about what kind of an

Our attitude is ours to own. We

don't have to let some outside force rule our attitude. God doesn't want

us to be passiye. He wants us to be

active and make decisions based on the Word of God. He doesn't want us

to stand around saying, "Well, I'm just

so confused about the will of God for my life. I just don't understand. I just

don't know what my purpose is, and I

Many Christians have literally done

nothing because they can't figure out what it is they're supposed to do. God does not call us to do something and

then refuse to tell us what it is that we're

supposed to do. So, if we're thinking, "Well, then why am I so confused?", if

may be because we're living life with our "head" instead of our "heart."

to teach the Bible in college. "But I'm

a pastor", he thought, and he couldn't

reconcile what he had been doing for

so long with the new desire that God

He wrestled with it until he came to

a point where he had to decide between the two. He had an epiphany moment

whatever you choose, I'll be with you.'

Freedom scares us because many of

us have the idea that God is in heaven

with His hammer saying, "You better do this exactly because if you don't,

We start to worry, thinking, "What if I miss God?" because we're afraid

you're going to be in big trouble.

was putting into his heart.

where God said to him,

For example, I know a story about a man who had been preaching all his life, and started feeling like he wanted

just feel so useless.

attitude we're going to have.

In my own ministry, I've been

goodness in our lives.

Living with Purpose and Passion

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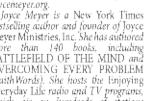
supposed to do is in the Word. The other five percent is ours to freely pursue what God has planned for us. So, let's make a commitment to make progress by faith. Maybe we've been doing something for a long time, but then we start to sense that God

changing things in our life, even though what we've been doing is good. The possibility of change can scare us and also be the reason why we sometimes feel like we're being pulled apart, not knowing what we're supposed to be doing. But faith propels us to take a chance—to step out and find out. We need to be willing to try and risk being wrong if that's what it

takes to find out what God has for us. Scripture tells us that even if the righteous fall seven times, they rise again (Proverbs 24:16)! You and I need to dare to be passionate and purposeful...and move forward in the life God has planned for us.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource Living on Purpose for a Purpose. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www. joycemeyer.org.

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Joyce Meyer to make a mistake. Now I'm not suggesting that we start doing stupid stuff, but 95 percent of what we're

Latest MaxPreps track and field rankings

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA - The latest MaxPreps track and field rankings as of Thursday are available on the organization's web site with several athletes from the San Luis Valley in a position to qualify for their respective state tournaments.

The Top 18 athletes in each event in Classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A will qualify for the state meet. In Class 1A, the Top 9 in sprints and hurdles, the Top 12 in distances and the Top 10 in field events will punch their ticket to state.

An athlete is restricted to competing in only four events at state.

Class 3A Alamosa

Four Mean Moose athletes are in a position to qualify for state. The list includes Brant Jackson who is third in the high jump at 6-5, Jesse Maestas who is seventh in the pole vault at 13-9, Brayden Moeller who is 10th in the 200-meter dash in 22.64 seconds and 17th in the 100 in 11.24, and Ethan Arnoldi who is tied for 16th in the pole vault at 12-1.

Alamosa is also 11st in the boys 4x100 in 44.19.

For the Alamosa girls, Sarah DeLaCerda is ranked in four events. She is fourthin the 1,600-meter run in 5:07.25, fourth in the 3,200 in 11:28.65, seventh in the 800 in 2:19.56, and 13th in the

Also ranked in multiple events in Elizabeth McQuitty who is seventh

400 in 1:00.29.



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick Alamosa High School's Elizabeth McQuitty (left) and Madeline Castillo run in the 3,200-meter run at the High Altitude Challenge in April at the AHS stadium. Both athletes are ranked in several events in the latest MaxPreps standings.

in the 1,600 in 5:16.17, seventh in the 3,200 in 11:33.99 and 11th in the 800 in 2:24.16.

Also ranked for the Lady Mean Moose are Kaidence Boehm who is 14th in the shot put at 32-7 ¾, Madeline Castillo who is 16th in the 3,200 in 11:58.68, and Kaylee Gonzales-Moore who is 18th in the 100 in 13.10.

Alamosa is also ranked in three girls relays. It is eighth in the 800-meter sprint medley in 1:54.02, 10th in the 4x800 in 10:20.64, and 11th in the 4x400 in 4:21.12.

Centauri

Centauri has four ranked individuals, all in high jump competitions.

For the Falcon boys, Troy Sowards is tied for first in the high jump at 6-8, and Carson Bagwell is tied for 14th at 6-0.

The Falcons are also

14th in the 4x400 in 3:34.42.

For the Lady Falcons, Alyvia Norton is tied for ninth in the high jump 5-0, and Analyn Dwyer is tied for 18th at 4-10.

Class 2A Center

Center has two ranked athletes.

For the Viking boys, Andree Meraz in ninth in the discus at 130-10.

For the Lady Vikings,

Ciara Paiz is ninth in the long jump at 15-11 and 10th in the triple jump at 32-6 ½.

Del Norte

Del Norte's sole ranked athlete is Damon Ledford-Vigil who is eighth in the pole vault at 12-4.

The Tiger boys are 18th in the 4x800 in 8:59.82.

Monte Vista

Monte Vista currently has no ranked athletes.

Sargent

Sargent has one ranked athlete in Bailey Asbell who is 12th in the girls 100-meter high hurdles in 17.42 seconds.

Class 1A **Antonito**

Antonito has no athletes in the rankings.

Creede

The Lady Miners have two ranked athletes, both in the high jump. Jasmine Laing is tied for third at 5-1, and Lila Fairchild is tied for 10th at 4-9.

Moffat

Moffat has no ranked athletes.

Sanford

Sanford has two ranked athletes in boys competition. Lincoln Reynolds is first in the 200 in 23.00, second in the 100 in 11.41 and second in the 400 in 52.03.

Tucker Canty is 11th in the 800 in 2:11.90.

The Mustangs are fourth in the boys 4x200 in 1:37.13.

Four Lady Mustangs are ranked and are led by Holly McDaniel who is first in the 100 hurdles in 16.72, second in the triple jump at $33-10 \frac{1}{2}$, third in the 300 hurdles in 49.29 and fifth in the long jump

Also ranked for the Sanford girls are Brecken Crowther who is fourth in the long jump at 15-10, Erica Miller who is fifth in the 400 in 1:00.92 and fifth in the 800 in 2:34.71, and Kate McDaniel who is eighth in the 300 hurdles in 52.03 and ninth in the 100 hurdles in 18.68.

Sanford also has the best time in the 800 sprint medley in 1:57.11.

Sangre de Cristo Sangre de Cristo has no

ranked athletes.

Sierra Grande

Sierra Grande has one ranked athlete in Ayden Lopez who is tied for 10th in the high jump at 5-7.

Monte Vista Last Chance Meet canceled

The Monte Vista Last Chance Meet, scheduled for Friday, was canceled because of poor weather. It will not be rescheduled.

There was no word on whether the other scheduled meets will go on as planned. Alamosa and Centauri were scheduled to compete in the Pueblo West Invitational. Sanford and Sargent were scheduled to participate in the Friday Night Lights Meet at CSU Pueblo.

State meets are next weekend

The Colorado High School Activities Association state track meets are scheduled for next weekend at Jefferson County Stadium in Lakewood. The meets will begin on Thursday and conclude on Saturday.

Delta ends Lady Moose's season

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The season came to an end for the Alamosa High School girls soccer team as it was defeated by fourthranked Delta 6-0 in the first round of the Class 3A State Tournament Thursday at Delta.

The Lady Panthers led 2-0 at halftime and they scored four goals in the second half. Jessica Black and Alex Hirsch both had two goals and Aylin Bayles and Ashley Pantoja both had one.

The Lady Mean Moose managed only two shots on goal, both of which were stopped by Delta goalkeeper Julia

The Lady Panthers put 37 shots on



target. Alamosa goalie Emmy Tibbitts

Correction

There was an error in Friday's article about Dwight Catalano. It was implied that he was a part of all of Colorado's Motocross promotions. He

is only a part of the promotions in the San Luis Valley.

Sports Bulletin

Follow sports editor Ken Hamrick on X. His handle is @KenHamrick1.

SCOREBOARD THURSDAY

Prep baseball Sanford 1, Walsen-

burg 0, forfeit **Prep girls soccer** Delta 6, Alamosa 0

College baseball Colorado Mesa 17, Adams State 10

SCHEDULE SATURDAY Prep baseball

Alamosa at Pagosa Springs (2), 11 a.m. Monte Vista at South Park (2), 11 a.m. Trinidad at Center

(2), 11 a.m. Sierra Grande vs. Flatirons Academy (Class 1A Region 4 Tournament at Byers), 12:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY Prep baseball

Sargent at Del Norte (2), 11 a.m.

Salida at Centauri (2), 3 p.m. South Park at Center

(2), 3 p.m. Prep girls golf

Alamosa, Monte Vista at Class 3A Region 4 Tournament (at Cattails), 9 a.m.

THURSDAY Prep track and field

had 31 saves.

Alamosa finished the season with eight wins, six losses and two ties. The Lady Mean Moose were the Intermountain League champion with a record of 4-1-1.

Alamosa, Centauri at Class 3A State Meet (at Lakewood), TBA

Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Sargent at Class 2A State Meet (at Lakewood), TBA

Antonito, Creede, Moffat, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sierra Grande at Class 1A State Meet (at Lakewood), TBA

FRIDAY Prep track and field

Alamosa, Centauri at Class 3A State Meet (at Lakewood), TBA

Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Sargent at Class 2A State Meet (at Lakewood), TBA

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National park celebrates Jicarilla Apache culture

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Students threw spears by Jicarilla Apache tribal students.

with atlatls, extracted members, including elders, artists, and Great Sand Dunes Park Ranger

Rocky Mountain PBS ical practices, and history Sessions were all led for Colorado fourth grade

May is Older **Americans Month**

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Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthday. About a third of older Americans lived in poverty and there were few programs to meet their needs. Interest in older Americans and Council of Senior Citizens led to designating May as "Senior Citizens Month," the prelude to "Older Americans Month."

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been a time to acknowl- adults in leading indeedge the contributions pendent, meaningful and USA — When Older of past and current older dignified lives in their 1963 between President ebrated across the coun-John F. Kennedy and try through ceremonies, members of the National events, fairs, and other such activities.

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persons to our country, own homes and commuin particular those who nities for as long as posdefended our country. Ev- sible. We are located at ery President since Ken- 1116 3rd St., Alamosa. nedy has issued a formal Tel. 719-589-4511. Donaproclamation during or tions are welcome. before the month of May asking that the entire nation pay tribute in some way to older persons in their concerns was grow-their communities. Older ing. A meeting in April Americans Month is cel-

Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging for the San Luis Valley, continues to Older provide services, advo-Americans Month has cates and assists, older

This recipe makes for a great breakfast in bed this Mother's Day

(METRO) - There may be no better way to start Mother's Day than serving Mom some breakfast in bed. A homemade meal before Mom even gets out of bed can set the right tone for a day that celebrates



all mothers have done and continue to do for their chil-

There's no shortage of breakfast in bed options to serve Mom this Mother's Day. If Mom loves a traditional hearty morning meal, this recipe for "Mixed Berry French Toast" courtesy of Taste of Home (tasteofhome.

com) is sure to please. **Mixed Berry French Toast**

Makes 8 servings

large eggs 13/4 cups fat-free milk

teaspoon sugar

teaspoon ground cinnamon

teaspoon vanilla extract

1/4teaspoon salt

loaf (1 pound) French bread, cubed

package (12 ounces) frozen unsweetened mixed berries tablespoons cold butter

1/3 cup packed brown sugar

Confectioners' sugar and maple syrup (optional)

Whisk together the first 6 ingredients. Place bread cubes in a 13 x 9-inch or 3-quart baking dish coated with cooking spray. Pour egg mixture over top. Refrigerate, covered, 8 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Remove berries from freezer and French toast from refrigerator and let stand while oven heats. Bake French toast, covered, 30 minutes.

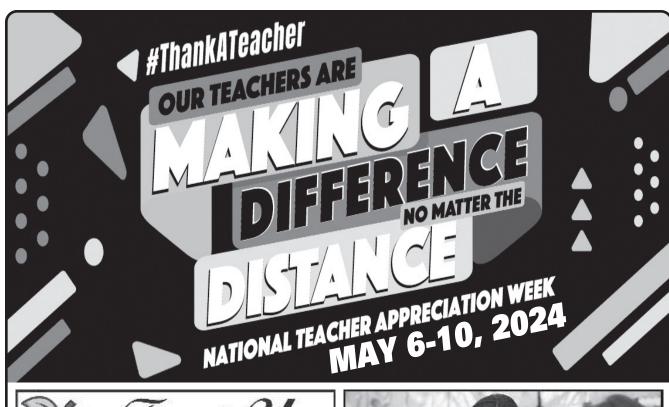
In a small bowl, cut butter into brown sugar until crumbly. Top French toast with berries; sprinkle with brown sugar mixture. Bake, uncovered, until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 15 to 20 minutes. If desired, dust with confectioners' sugar and serve with syrup.

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NO. 2023-27415
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CHILD(REN) IN THE 310TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY,

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS
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DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND FIRST

AMENDED ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PAR-ENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU. THE PETITION OF, ASHLEY CORBIN AND BRYAN CORBIN, PETITIONERS, WAS FILED IN THE 310TH DIS-DRIAN CORBIN, FETTINDERS, WAS FILED IN THE 310TH DIST TRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024, AGAINST RESPONDENT, UNKNOWN FA-THER, NUMBERED, 2023-27415 AND ENTITLED "IN THE INTER-EST OF' BRIDGETTE ARIEL WILLIAMS A CHILD (OR CHILDREN).

THE SUIT REQUESTS FIRST AMENDED ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP. THE DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF THE CHILD (CHILDREN) WHO IS (ARE) SUBJECT OF THE SUIT NAME: BRIDGETTE ARIEL WIL-LIAMS, SEX: FEMALE; DOB: 01/12/2014; PLACE OF BIRTH: ALA-MOSA, COLORADO.

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County Court Conejos County, Colorado

Court Address: PO Box 128 Conejos, CO 81129 Case NumberL2024C22

Division B In the Matter of the Petition of: Adult: Karizma Gallegos

For a Change of Name to: Karizma Trujillo PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public Notice is given on 05/07/2024 that a Petition for a Change of

Karizma Faith Gallegos be changed to Karizma Faith Trujillo By Brooke Valdez

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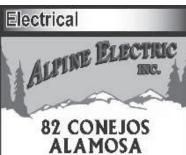






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SCHOOL OF EDU-**CATION** at ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is seeking a PROGRAM COORDINATOR/ STUDENT ADVISOR. This is a twelve-month full-time, exempt position. The pay range for this position is \$42,252 - \$48,060 commensurate with experience and education. A BA and/or experience in an education-related field is preferred. This position will report directly to the School Director and will provide advising and support to undergraduate and graduate students, as sist faculty and staff with daily operations, and coordinate program processes and events across undergraduate and graduate degree and licensure areas. and to apply, please visit https://www.adams.

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(5/14/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applica-tions for a SPECIAL EDUCATION PARA-PROFESSIONAL at MARSH ELEMENTA-RY for the 2024-2025 school year. This is a sition. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District oper-ates on a 4-day week (Monday – Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pi rates.monte.k12.co.us/

employmentopportunities, by May 7, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/14/24) MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for an anticipated opening for an ELEMENTARY SPE-CIAL EDUCATION TEACHER at BILL METZ ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL. The district will consider providing tuition as-sistance for a qualified teacher interested in pursuing a Special Education Endorsement. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental vision, HSA match, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/ employmentopportuni-ties by May 7, 2024, ties by May or until the position is

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MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following COACHES POSITIONS open for the 24-25 season: HS FOOTBALL; MS FOOTBALL; HS WRESTLING; HS VOLLEYBALL; ASVOLLEYBALL; ASSIST POSITIONS for HS coaching also

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POLICE OFFICER FOR the MANASSA POLICE DEPART-MENT, must be POST certified. Please pick up application at the Town Hall during business hours; Monday- Wednesday 8-4. (5/25/24)

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ministration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/14/24)

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ADAMS STATE UNI-VERSITY seeks applicants for an ADVISING COORDINATOR for its UPWARD BOUND MATH & SCIENCE PROGRAM. The salary for this position starts at \$46,476 per year. A minimum Bachelor's Degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or related field is required for this exempt position. For application details and more information, please see https://www. adams.edu/hr/em-ployment/ AA/EOE. (5/8+2/24) MECHANIC: JT TIMBER FALLING is hiring a full-time HEAVY EQUIPMENT & TRUCK MECHAN-

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"I don't have to take off my clothes, do I?"

Husband acknowledges affair, but not everything adds up

DEAR ABBY: My husband had an affair. Í found out after seeing a motel charge on our bank account. I asked, and he confessed that it was with an old school sweetheart. I asked how long it was going on. He said two years. He then called her and told her I knew. He told me he had told her if I ever found out, it was over for them.

When I got on the phone with her, she said he was lying, and their affair had been going on for 20 years! He invited her to his mom's visitation when she passed. He invited her to other things as well. Now she no longer wants him because he is a liar, and he expects me to go back to the way it was. I don't know if there's time to go through it all -he also had an affair with someone at his work. He said it was a one-nighter. Who knows?

I'm having so much trouble with this and all the things they did together. My husband didn't do anything with me -- he skipped funerals, weddings and engagements. I was going everywhere alone. People always asked where he was, and I always had to say "working."

The way things are now is not comfortable. He doesn't care. He just wants his way and to not let anyone else in the family know. It's been two years and it's still

fresh in my mind. I don't

know what to do. Counseling hasn't helped. He wants me to forget everything. I'm going crazy. How do you trust after that? -- LOST FAITH IN MISSOURI

DEAR LOST FAITH: You are not crazy. You are married to a lying, narcissistic womanizer. For you to "forget everything' might require a lobotomy. Are you willing to do that? (Don't answer too quickly; some people would rather do anything than be alone.)

I think it would benefit vou to discuss this with a licensed mental health professional. TALK with your friends and your family as well. You need all the support they can give you. Your husband has plenty to be ashamed about. A marriage without trust

is no marriage at all. If you were to separate, your life would not be much different than it already is. It might even be better. From what you have written, you have already been alone for a very long time. DEAR ABBY: My part-

ner and I have miscarried five times over the past four years. We are heartbroken, defeated, overwhelmed and exhausted. We are struggling emotionally, physically and financially because of

families. They have been

sympathetic, but after the

this journey. We do not feel any real emotional support from our



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initial "I'm sorry. I'm here if you need me. We're thinking about you," that's it. They expect us to attend all holidays, family gatherings, trips, etc., and we aren't always feeling up to it. I am angry with them

for not understanding what we're going through. I have started distancing myself and skipping these family functions. Is this wrong of me? -- BOWING OUT IN NORTH DAKOTA DEAR BOWING OUT:

No. Under the circumstances, skipping a family gathering in which you would be forced to socialize isn't a bad idea. If this causes hurt feelings, remind the host that grief has no set timetable, and you will celebrate with them again when you are up

to it. Period.

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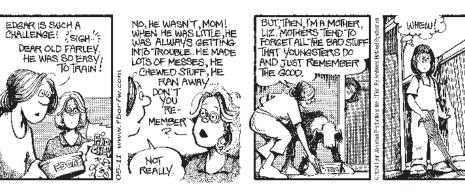
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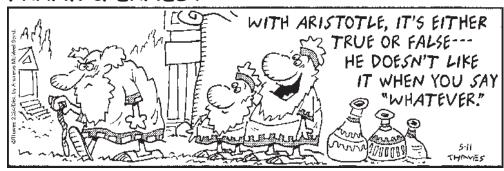
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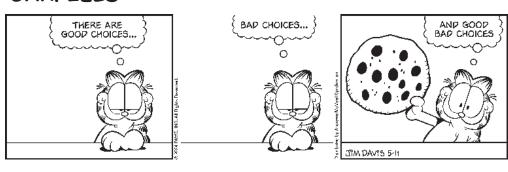
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