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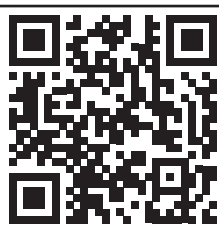
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**SLV Today**

**Adams State Planetarium shows Thursday**

**ALAMOSA** — The Zacheis Planetarium on the campus of Adams State University in Alamosa will show the films, "Lamps of Atlantis" and "Seeing" at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 28. Admission is free.

**SLV Seed Exchange this weekend**

**SAGHACHE COUNTY** — The 14th Annual SLV Seed Exchange is this weekend, March 30 and 31, at Joyful Journey Hot Springs located between Moffat and Villa Grove off Highway 17.

The event will include regenerative agriculture education, local food producers, and seed exchange.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday and from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, visit [www.slvse.org](http://www.slvse.org).

**2024 irrigation season start dates**

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — The Division 3 Engineer of the Colorado Division of Water Resources has announced that the irrigation season will begin on April 1, for surface and groundwater irrigation structures for all areas of the San Luis Valley.

This announcement is to comply with the State Engineer's Rules and Regulations regarding the setting of an irrigation season in Division 3.

For more information, contact the Division of Water Resources at 719-589-6683.

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## No name change for Kit Carson Mountain

*State officials to continue outreach for a name change*

By JOHN WATERS  
Courier News Editor

**DENVER** — The Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board

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**The Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board discussed the issue of renaming Kit Carson Mountain at their meeting on March 25 and did not take any action as the issue was not an agenda item. Kit Carson Mountain is near these peaks in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.**

Courier photo by John Waters



## Dana Cooper: Look at the world around you

*In concert, Saturday night*

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
Courier Reporter

**ALAMOSA** — If singer-songwriters are measured by praise from critics, accolades they've received, the fame of those they've collaborated with, or where their music lands on charts, Dana Cooper will fulfill all expectations and more. But those familiar with his music don't need such affirmations.

They know the nature of the man by the music Cooper has created for the last fifty years. It's honest and courageous. Vulnerable and confident. Tender and haunting one moment and uplifting the next. And it's performed with the artistry of a master yet the passion of someone just starting out. Those who have traveled down that road to learn more about the music of Dana Cooper have found the reward at the end well worth the effort.

He will perform this Saturday with special guests, The Mitguards at Society Hall in Alamosa.

Born in Missouri in 1951, Cooper's story starts where the music started, when he was barely two years old and hung around with his father, a veteran of World War II who served in the 10th Mountain Infantry. "He was a decorated war hero who saw all kinds of



Photo courtesy of Blue Skies Management.

**Dana Cooper, award winning singer-songwriter, performing at Society Hall on Saturday night with special guests The Mitguards.**

terrible things," he says.

"My dad was also a frustrated musician with a beautiful singing voice, and he'd take me to bars sometimes. He'd play the jukebox. I'd sing along and he'd get a kick out of that." But the education his father gave him in music went far beyond jukeboxes in bars.

When he was four, he and his father rode the caboose on a freight train to see his first concert — Ernest Tubbs — in Kansas City. That was followed by seeing Bill Harry and the Comets who did music for the film "Blackboard Jungle". Then he took Cooper to see

"On the Waterfront" with Marlon Brando and a soundtrack by Leonard Bernstein. That music can still make him cry.

"All that stuff triggered something in me early on."

Cooper's parents were "poor, depression era farm kids from Missouri who never finished high school", but that barely defines who they were. While Cooper's father introduced him to music, his mother was a painter, writer and storyteller who wrote and illustrated fairy tales for him to read when he was just three or four years old.

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## Visit Alamosa releases 'We Love Our National Park Celebration' schedule

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**ALAMOSA** — Visit Alamosa recently announced its "We Love Our National Park Celebration" schedule for April. This is the fourth year for the celebration.

• On April 3, Visit Alamosa will be taking over Spare Keg Brewerks to host a thrilling night of trivia in honor of the We Love Our National Park Celebration. Prizes like Visit Alamosa merch and We Love Our National Park vouchers will be up for grabs.

• On April 5, there will be a special edition of First Fridays, hosted by Visit Alamosa Downtown. This event will be dedicated to the area's favorite National Park and will feature a special presentation by Great Sand Dunes Park Ranger Patrick Myers at the San Luis Valley Museum beginning at 7 p.m. titled "Stars Above the Sand."

• On April 6, Visit Alamosa will be hosting the Share the Love: Community Mural Project, and invites everyone to join in on the fun. This free, open-to-all event will feature a series of interactive Paint by Numbers murals, as well as opportunities for artistic expression, kids activities, food trucks, and more.

• April 20 is the much-anticipated Fee Free Day at the Great Sand Dunes National Park. This

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## El Pomar Foundation approves \$92,500 to SLV organizations

**CONTRIBUTED COLORADO SPRINGS** — El Pomar Foundation trustees approved \$92,500 allocated to eight nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Luis Valley at the Foundation's March Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- Adams State University Foundation, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$10,000 for pediatric and infant medical mannequin; regional council
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the

- San Luis Valley, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$50,000 for early childhood learning center; competitive
- \$5,000 for early childhood learning center; regional merit

- City of Monte Vista — \$10,000 for Monte Vista Kids Connection general operating support; competitive

- Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (Denver) — \$5,000 for Heart of Saguache general operating support; regional merit

- HadaNou Collective (Denver) — \$5,000 for Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center general operating support; re-

gional merit

- Quivira Coalition, Inc. (Santa Fe, N.M.) — \$2,500 for Colorado Coalition to Enhance Working Lands 2024 Annual Summit; regional council

- Upper Rio Grande Animal Society (Monte Vista) — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit

- Valley Citizens Foundation for Health Care, Inc. (Del Norte) — \$2,500 for wellness center; regional merit

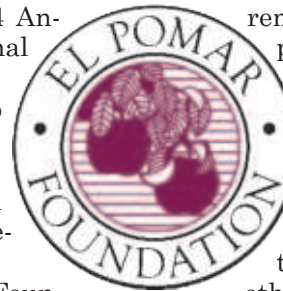
Founded by Spencer and Julie

Penrose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general-purpose grant making. The competitive process remains the Foundation's

primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding. Additionally, over the last 85 years, El Pomar has either developed or been entrusted with the stewardship of other funds and present-

ing merit grants in each region recommended by Trustees and regional council members. Com-

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## Record

# 'Little brown bats' with white-nose syndrome found in Boulder County

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

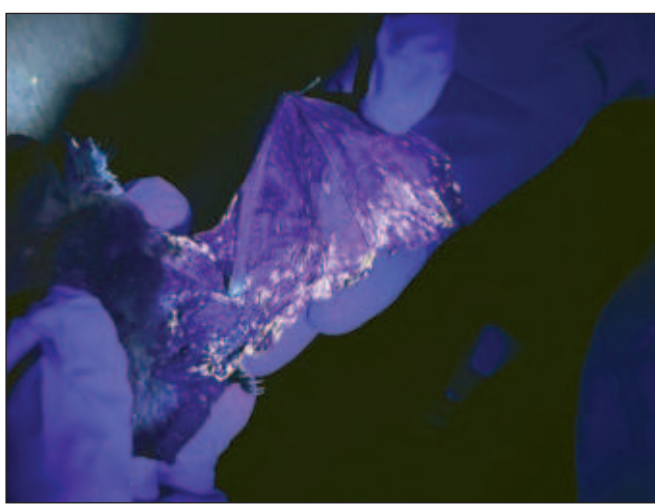
DENVER — A 'little brown bat' infected with white-nose syndrome (WNS), a disease caused by an invasive fungus that has killed millions of bats in North America, was recently discovered in Longmont.

On Feb. 29, a 'little brown bat' was found crawling on a public bike path in Longmont. A wildlife rehabber collected the bat and determined it was very dehydrated. The wings appeared brittle, preventing the bat from flying. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) advised the rehabber to submit the bat to the CPW Wildlife Health Lab for further investigation.

CPW received the bat on March 5, 2024, and collected biological samples submitted to Colorado State University for testing. Testing results confirmed the white-nose syndrome. A second 'little brown bat' was confirmed with WNS two weeks later in Boulder, indicating that additional bats have been exposed and may be found in the coming weeks.

The fungus that causes white-nose syndrome has been confirmed in three 'little brown bat' summer roosts in Colorado, but no 'little brown' bats sick with white-nose syndrome have been detected in Colorado until now. White-nose syndrome was first discovered in Colorado in March 2023 in a Yuma bat collected by National Park Service staff at Bent's Old Fort near La Junta. The white-nose fungus has been found in other locations in Colorado, but these are only the second and third bats discovered with clinical signs of the disease. The main mode of transport for this introduced fungus is from bat to bat, making it impossible to stop its spread in the wild.

"While it is unfortunate to discover this deadly disease in a second Colorado bat species, CPW did



Courtesy photo

**The little brown bat's wing fluoresces in yellow-orange due to the fungus that causes white-nose syndrome.**

anticipate that this would happen based on what has been documented in other states," said Dan Neubaum, CPW Species Conservation Program Manager. "We will continue to monitor the spread of this disease with our partners and ask the public to report sick or dead bats to CPW, particularly when found during winter and spring months."

"We continue to ask those visiting caves to decontaminate their gear to prevent human spread of the fungus and remind the public not to handle bats when encountered but instead report them to CPW, wildlife rehabbers, or the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment."

CPW continues monitoring Colorado's bat population trends using acoustic methods as part of the North American Bat Program and is testing bats for the presence of the fungus at winter hibernacula (locations in which bats hibernate) and summer maternity roosts by swabbing bats and testing guano deposits.

White-nose syndrome was first documented in New York state in 2006. Since then, it has been confirmed in 12 North American bat species, and it now occurs in 40 states and eight Canadian provinces.

The disease's impact on Colorado could be devastating. Of the 19 bat species native to Colorado, at least 13 may be suscep-

tible to this disease. Any large-scale loss of bats could cause trouble for the health of Colorado's ecosystems and economy, given estimates that these voracious insect eaters contribute \$3 billion annually to the U.S. agricultural economy through pest control.

The fungus does not infect humans or pets, and bats are the primary way the fungus spreads. However, the fungus can be transported on gear and clothing that has been in contact with contaminated environments, such as caves where bats hibernate.

State and federal agencies in Colorado and throughout the U.S. ask that outdoors enthusiasts help by following these recommendations:

- Stay out of closed caves and mines.
- Decontaminate footwear and all caving gear before and after visiting or touring caves and other places where bats live.
- Do not touch bats. Report dead or sick ones to CPW by calling 303-291-7771 or email wildlife.batline@state.co.us.
- Gear and clothing used in areas where the fungus or WNS occurs should not be used in areas where the fungus is not known to occur. White-Nose Syndrome (whitenosesyndrome.org)
- To avoid accidentally transporting bats, check canopies, umbrellas, and other outdoor items for bats that may have roosted in nooks or crannies.

## El Pomar Foundation's Penrose Organizational and Professional Leadership Experience opens applications for 2024 session

CONTRIBUTED COLORADO SPRINGS

— El Pomar Foundation's Penrose Organizational and Professional Leadership Experience (PeOPLE) program is seeking applicants for its 2024 session.

The PEOPLE program partners with Center for Creative Leadership to provide a four-day workshop and training experience designed to help Colorado leaders build and sustain healthy relationships and grow their leadership impact. The goal of PEOPLE is to support leadership across all of Colorado in every sector.

The 2024 PEOPLE session is inviting applications from senior leaders in Colorado, specifically from the nonprofit and government sectors, with five to 10 years of senior management experience and who plan to stay in their current position for at least one year. Applicants must show commitment to learning and self-development, a willingness to coach and be coached, and fully commit to the program through attending all sessions. The workshop will take place during the day September 24-

27, 2024, at the Center for Creative Leadership's Colorado Springs Campus.

Through various personality and 360-degree assessments, experiential learning activities, and individualized executive coaching sessions, applicants will become better equipped to: leverage self-awareness through a deeper understanding of their personality preferences and leadership style; gain skills in giving and receiving feedback to colleagues; and identify individual and organizational development goals and strategies.

Applications open Monday, March 25 and are due Friday, May 24. For further information about the program and to read testimonials from previous participants, visit [www.elpomar.org/programs/people/](http://www.elpomar.org/programs/people/). To apply for the 2024 session, follow this link <https://forms.office.com/r/PqQ39dwnLQ>.

In 1995, El Pomar created Nonprofit Executive Leadership Program (NELP) — now Penrose Organizational and Professional Leadership Experience (PeOPLE) — to provide an opportunity for executives to tap into

their leadership potential and improve their organizations. PeOPLE partners with Center for Creative Leadership to provide an immersive, four-day experience that helps leaders build and sustain healthy relationships and grow their leadership impact. Each year the program rotates between sectors, focusing on leaders from a specific sector or industry to maximize learning conversations and networking opportunities between participants from all regions of the state.

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado, contributing approximately \$25 million annually through grants in the areas of arts and culture, civic and community initiatives, education, health and human services, as well as community stewardship and leadership development programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937 with the mission to enhance, encourage and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado.

## Come celebrate the Colorado Byways and visit the SLV

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There are 13 of Colorado's 26 byways designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation as America's Byways, which gives Colorado more national designations than any other state. The collection also includes 10 National Forest Scenic Byways and two Bureau of Land Management Back Country Byways. The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways program has been around since 1989.

The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission has helped guide the development of the state's roadways that have exceptional scenic, ecological, cultural, and historic attributes. The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Program are holding its anniversary Symposium along Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway (129 miles) this year in the San Luis Valley from May 1-4.

Colorado Byways Symposium 2024 is expecting a little over 200 patrons from across the State of Colorado, across the United States of America and a group from Japan. The National Scenic Byways Foundation (NSBF) supports this event and will be in attendance. The NSBF is a nonprofit organization serving as The National Voice of Scenic Byways and Roads, dedicated to strengthening Byways and actively advocating for renewed Byway Federal funding. During the week, Symposium attendees will be visiting numerous sites throughout the San Luis Valley. Wednesday, attendees will be viewing our unique dark night skies, on Thursday, they will travel the Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway, and Friday will be numerous breakout sessions throughout the day followed by the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area's Annual Cinco de Mayo Block Party.

The San Luis Valley is a landscape speckled in a diverse cultural richness that dates back over 11,000 years. As you crest one of the four major road passages into the San Luis Valley, your eyes lay sight on the majestic open skies, it is as if you traveled back in time. The 8,000 square mile alpine desert valley is tucked away where the southwestern culture of New Mexico tangles together with the western frontier culture of south-central Colorado. Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway will take you through the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area; an experience that will immerse you in vast, untouched natural beauty and inspiring narratives of native tribes, explorers, frontiersmen, buffalo soldiers, ranchers, miners, and railroad boomers. Where today you can sand board down the tallest dunes in North America at Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, have room to breathe, lay under a blanket of infinite stars in one of the nation's darkest places, and drift through the history between quaint towns of generations past in the back of beyond. This is where Colorado began and where the old west spirit of honesty, adventure, and small-town hospitality is still very much alive.

Along its 129 mile, three-county route, interpretive markers tell the story of the land, the people, and the history that intersects in this place. The scenic drive will take you through the heart of the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area. This state scenic byway links the four Cornerstone Communities of Alamosa, Fort Garland, San Luis, and Antonito, as well as the Great Sand Dunes National Park, the San Luis Lakes State Park, the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, Zapata Falls, the Medano-Zapata Ranch,

the Rio Grande National Forest, the Conejos River, Culebra Creek, and the Rio Grande. Smaller communities along this route include: Mosca, Blanca, San Acacio, Manassa, Romeo, Conejos, Paisaje, Mogote, Las Mesitas, and Fox Creek. There are 22 wayside exhibits along the way that provide interpretation of specific topics and sites. Interpretive topics include the Rio Grande River, the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, Conejos Canyon, Adams State University, Spanish Entradas, the Aquifers & Closed Basin, the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, dune formation, Blanca Wetlands, Zapata Falls, Paleo-Indians, Tewa Indians, Blanca Peak, Penitentes, the Alpine Desert, Fort Massachusetts, Fort Garland, Buffalo Soldiers, San Luis the Oldest Town in Colorado, La Vega, Acequias, Stations of the Cross, Lt. Zebulon Pike, Pike's Stockade, King's Turquoise Mine, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Jack Dempsey Museum, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

To register for the event or become a sponsor, visit [www.colorado-byways-symposium-2024.com/](http://www.colorado-byways-symposium-2024.com/).

## SOIL Sangre de Cristo hosts Rusty Welch on April 15

CONTRIBUTED MONTE VISTA

— SOIL Sangre de Cristo is hosting independent financial advisor Rusty Welch for a presentation from 5 to 7 p.m. on April 15 at the Pivot Gathering House in Monte Vista.

Welch, of Villa Grove, will be presenting "Growing Your Food Production Business with a 0% Interest Loan". The event is free and will be available in Spanish and English.

Welch works with small businesses helping them develop their full potential with sound investments and long-range planning. He is knowledgeable in ways to leverage money to create long-term success.

He will demonstrate how purchasing the equipment you need now using a 0% Interest Loan from SOIL Sangre de Cristo will build volume and sales while saving time on physical labor.

Appetizers will be available.

To attend, visit the link [online.www.soilsangrede-cristo.org/event-details/soil-sangre-de-cristo-hosts-rusty-welch-in-monte-vista-leveraging-](http://online.www.soilsangrede-cristo.org/event-details/soil-sangre-de-cristo-hosts-rusty-welch-in-monte-vista-leveraging-)



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# Valley News

## Flute recital at Adams State Friday Park

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is your chance to enjoy free entry to the park and celebrate National Parks Week, April 20 through 28.

April 27 — Visit Alamosa will be hosting Share the Love: Mural Unveiling and Youth Art Showcase Reception. They will be unveiling the 12 murals painted by the community at the Colorado Welcome Center. They will be showcasing the first-ever We Love Our National Park Mural leading into the inaugural Youth Art Showcase Reception.

April 27-May 5 be sure to check out the Youth Art Showcase at the Colorado Welcome Center, featuring artwork submitted by talented young artists. Experience the Great Sand Dunes through their unique perspectives and talents. Welcome Center Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week.

Look for Sand Dunes specials, merchandise, displays and discounts from participating locations all April long: Alamosa Home, Big Valley HobbyTown, Calvillo's, Colorado Gators, Debora's New Place, Frosty Acres Rolled Ice Cream, Friar's Fork/Sanctuary, Happy Mountain, Hunan Chinese Restaurant, Juanito's Mexican Kitchen, Kristi Mountain Sports, Kreative Kraftworks, Milagro's Coffeehouse, Narrow Gauge Book Coop, No Limit Arcade, North River Greenhouse, Purple Pig Pizzeria & Pub, Rocky Mountain Home Health, Roots by Blessed, San Luis Valley Brewing Co., San Luis Valley Museum, Smoothy's Juice Bar, Spare Keg, Thai House, The Roast Coffee and Libations, Treasure Alley, Wild Boots by Olivias, Wild Roses, White Shell Mt. Ranch, and Woody's Q Shack.



Courtesy photo

Anne Maker will perform at Leon Memorial Hall at Adams State University on Friday, March 29.

the country. She's recently performed at the Toledo University Festival of New Music, the National Flute Association's 2022 Convention, the New Jersey Flute Society's Flute Fair, and the Sonic Murals Festival at the University of North Texas.

She maintains a private studio in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. As a teacher, she promotes solid fundamentals of music, including a knowledge of music theory, harmony, and excellent flute technique, while encouraging students to think of music creatively, both in interpretation and improvisation.

Maker holds degrees from the University of North Texas, New York University, and the University of Michigan.

Brooke Miller, Assistant Professor of Woodwinds and Music Education at ASU, told the Valley Courier, "We are lucky to be hosting Dr. Anne Maker, flute, and Jesse Maker, composer on our campus this week. Together, they are offering a lecture titled "Best in Composer/Performer Collaboration."

Maker will present a flute recital that will include

works for solo flute, flute and electronics, and varied chamber music in collaboration with Adams State Faculty Melinda Leoce, percussion, and Miller, clarinet.

"Both Anne and Jesse Maker are fabulous musicians invested in building and widening the reach of contemporary repertoire, which is vital to broadening representation in our ever-evolving musical field. We look forward to these events that are sure to be captivating and fulfilling for our stu-

dents and the community."

Maker said she will perform "Timepiece" by Jesse Maker, performed with Melinda Leoce, "Cy" by Leah Asher, "Canto del Alba" by Mario Lavista, "Noanoa" by Kaija Saariaho, and other works.

The recital will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 29, in Leon Memorial Hall on the campus of ASU in Alamosa. Short videos of Maker performing can be viewed on her website: [www.annemakermusic.com/media](http://www.annemakermusic.com/media).

## By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor

**ALAMOSA** — The Adams State University Music Department (ASU) will continue to bring live performances to the region and will host a flute recital at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 29, in Leon Memorial Hall with flutist Anne Maker.

This will be the second recital this week at ASU. On Monday, faculty member William Lipke presented a stellar piano and harpsichord performance that included the music of Bach, Handel, Debussy, Ginastera, Lipke, and others.

Maker is guest teaching at ASU and will perform on Friday. She is a flutist and music teacher based in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. Maker is the co-founder and artistic director of N/A Ensemble, a new chamber music group dedicated to performing experimental and adventurous works.

A diverse performer, Maker maintains an active freelance career and has performed with orchestras, musicals, contemporary chamber ensembles, and improvising ensembles around

## Concert

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Cooper recalls a time when she was walking him to kindergarten, about six miles away. "It was a very cold morning, very bright, and I was looking down at the ground and kinda kickin' stones. My mother asked what I was looking at down there. She said, 'Raise your head. Look at the world around you. Look at the way the light is hitting the trees and the shadows on the buildings across the road.' She literally opened my eyes. My parents were a big influence on me."

That "something" that was triggered in Cooper never let go. He taught himself to play the guitar and to harmonize by listening to records. By the age of thirteen, he was writing his own songs. By sixteen, he was singing in coffee houses in Kansas

City. "You could say I had a real affinity for music. It transported me, and inspired me, and informed me."

When he was barely 20 years old, Cooper headed to Los Angeles, where he knocked on a lot of doors, encountered his fair share of rejections but ultimately landed a contract with Elektra records. He recorded his first album, Dana Cooper, which was a success.

That was when Cooper got an education of a different nature.

"In Los Angeles, there was a time when I was lauded as..." - he laughs a bit - "...the second coming. 'Greatest vocalist on the label.' There were great hopes for me. And then I was dropped." He laughs again.

"So, I went back to knocking on doors. One day I went to a publisher who said, 'your songs aren't repetitive enough.'

I had another appointment that afternoon and the publisher said, 'your songs are too repetitive.' I tried to write songs and it wasn't working. I just couldn't do it. So, I left Los Angeles. That was the second time when I just had to remove myself and go work at a job somewhere. After a while, the music started coming back."

But he never thought about walking away for good. "Having the support of an audience that's really moved by what you do that makes a huge difference," he says. "It's gotten me through the tough times, the financial times when things were kinda low. Even now, there will be nights when there may not be that many people there, but, if the people who are there are transported by the piece of music, that's really just - that's enough for me."

And of course there's the music itself.

"Not to sound too hokey, but to me it's like a religious experience. In those times when I was just destitute in LA and I was getting rejected by labels left and right, I could sit down somewhere and pull out my guitar and create something beautiful. At that point, nothing else mattered. That was enough for me. That was enough. That kept me going."

And still, where that music comes from remains a mystery. "The ideas come from so many places. Sometimes an idea will just come to me. I still marvel at that."

He goes on to describe how "The Ghost of Tucumcari," title cut from the album to be released May 17, was created. "A couple of months ago, I saw this poor pitiful alley cat who was old and whose ears were chewed off. He wanted to jump into this dumpster and couldn't do it. He just

skulked off - I tried to follow him with some food but he just disappeared.

"That haunted me. It was cold out there. He was injured. He was sleeping under an old, abandoned building and no one cared for him. I started thinking about people in that same situation, and the song just came to me, all as a piece. I started with the lyrics, and I thought what is the music for this song? But the song really does tell you what it is. I had all this complicated music, but it wasn't right. About a week later I got the guitar out and I thought 'I want a minor chord' and...it just happened."

Now, on the eve of releasing his 32nd album, featuring Lyle Lovett and others, those days of destitution are gone, yet the wondrous mystery remains.

"It's beautiful and hum-

bling and I still don't understand it. But it's the mystery that keeps me going. And that's true to this whole thing of doing it for 50 years, it just seems like the blink of an eye to me. It's funny how quickly it's here and gone. I feel the same way about playing music now when I did when I started out."

Starting with parents who defy preconceptions and treasured moments that come at unexpected times, it seems the path Dana Cooper has followed his whole life is the one he was destined to follow. And it also seems like he has no plans to stop anytime soon.

Dana Cooper will be performing with The Mitguards at Society Hall on March 30. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the performance is at 7:30. Tickets available at [www.societyhall.org](http://www.societyhall.org) or at the Green Spot.

## El Pomar

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petitive applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

To increase impact and establish connections across the entire state, the Regional Partnerships program was established in 2003. Each of the Foundation's 11 regional councils ad-

vises El Pomar Trustees and recommends grants to help support its communities. The San Luis Valley Regional Council recommends grants in Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache Counties. Council members are regional leaders in the business, non-profit, and public sectors and provide first-hand information about cur-

rent needs in their own communities.

To view a listing of El Pomar's funds and grant making areas, visit [www.elpomar.org/grant-making/](http://www.elpomar.org/grant-making/).

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(CGNAB) met on March 25 and did not consider the possibility of renaming Kit Carson Mountain as the move was not included on the board's agenda. The board did discuss the possibility of a rename at a previous meeting in January and continues to study the possibility of a name change.

Proponents of the name change find Carson's treatment of indigenous populations to be offensive. Both the U.S. Geological Survey and the CGNAB currently recognize Kit Carson Mountain as the name of 14,165 pinnacle, although Kit Carson Peak is also commonly used.

In a statement to the Valley Courier, Chris Ar-end, Communications Di-

rector with the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said, "The Kit Carson Peak renaming proposals were not on the Board's agenda, but DNR's Tribal Liaison and staffer for the Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board (CGNAB), Stacy Coleman, mentioned Kit Carson in the update portion of her presentation to the CGNAB. Right now, the Kit Carson Peak renamings are still in the outreach and consultation stages both with the CGNAB and the US Board on Geographic Names. It was mentioned during the meeting that the Saguache County Commissioners might want to become more involved in the renaming process. One of the renaming proponents agreed to reach out to them. As did Coleman. So, these processes and outreach all need

to occur first before the Board takes up the renamings. We can't put an exact date on when that might occur other than a future CGNAB meeting."

The naming board is part of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

The Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board (Board) was established by Gov. Jared Polis in 2020 to evaluate proposals concerning name changes, new names, and name controversies of geographic features and certain public places in the State of Colorado and then making official recommendations to the Governor.

The board will primarily assist and cooperate with the United States Board of Geographic Names (BGN), who gives final determinations for standardizing the names of geographic and natural

features. The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is a federal body created in 1890 and established to maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government.

As previously reported, in December, Saguache County Commissioners voted in favor of renaming the peak without suggesting a new name.

The Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board will have their next meeting on Thursday, May 16 from 5 to 7 p.m.

## UPCOMING GRIZZLY ATHLETIC EVENTS

**Thursday, March 28**  
Men's Lacrosse at Westminster University (Utah) at Salt Lake City, Utah  
7:00 p.m.

Softball vs Metropolitan State University of Denver at Alamosa, Colo.  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 29**  
Men & Women's Track at CSU Pueblo Open at Pueblo, Colo.  
TBA  
Men & Women's Track at Stanford Invitational at Stanford, Calif.  
TBA

Softball vs Metropolitan State University of Denver at Alamosa, Colo.  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 30**  
Men & Women's Track at CSU Pueblo Open at Pueblo, Colo.  
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Men & Women's Track at Stanford Invitational at Stanford, Calif.  
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## Opinion

## The futility of banning TikTok

By STEVEN ROBERTS

With hefty bipartisan backing, the House has passed a bill that would force TikTok — the wildly popular Chinese-owned social media app — to sell out or face a ban. Normally, a measure that commands that kind of support makes sense. This one does not, and it should die in the Senate.

The measure reflects an overreaction against unproven allegations, and it clearly violates the First Amendment guarantee of free speech. Rep. Mike Gallagher, the Wisconsin Republican who sponsored the bill, justifies it by saying, "TikTok is digital fentanyl addicting our kids."

But he should read the Constitution. That document protects speech that is unpopular, obnoxious — even subversive.

"We're deeply disappointed that our leaders are once again attempting to trade our First Amendment rights for cheap political points during an election year," says Jenna Leventoff, senior policy counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union. "Just because the bill sponsors claim that banning TikTok isn't about suppressing speech, there's no denying that it would do just that."

Her view has already been endorsed by three federal judges. After Montana voted to ban TikTok, District Judge Donald Molloy blocked the measure last November and wrote that the law "oversteps state power and infringes on the Constitutional right of users and businesses (and) likely violates the First Amendment."

Back in 2020, after President Trump tried to ban TikTok through an executive order, he was thwarted by Judge Carl Nichols — a Trump appointee — who derided the action as "arbitrary and capricious."

Another federal judge, Wendy Beetle-



stone, ruled in favor of TikTok influencers who had challenged the ban. "Without access to the TikTok app, Plaintiffs would lose access to all of these followers, as well as to the professional opportunities afforded by TikTok," Beetlestone wrote.

As these judges indicate, preserving TikTok is not just a free speech issue. The app — which is used by about 170 million Americans — is a major economic and cultural force.

"TikTok has cultivated a culture and community that no other platform has come close to replicating," Kate Lindsay writes in *The Atlantic*. "There's a speed to how TikTok facilitates conversations and trends, and its algorithm is unnervingly good at picking up on a user's interests and showing them what they want to see."

"TikTok is where a lot of young people have found their community, their voice, their income," adds Angela Watercutter in *Wired*. "Eradicating TikTok ... rips up a piece of the social fabric."

It would also rip up an important source of political information. According to a Pew survey, 14% of Americans

now get their news from TikTok, but that rises to one-third of voters under 30. That's why President Biden has decided to play the hypocrisy card, vowing to sign the TikTok ban if it reaches his desk while aggressively using the platform to spread his campaign message.

The president's reelection campaign has started a TikTok account, @BidenHQ, which now has a quarter of a million followers. His team has been posting messages from Biden, using an informal and occasionally humorous style, while also inviting TikTok influencers to the White House for policy briefings and political pep talks.

Cameron Joseph, writing in the *Columbia Journalism Review*, notes that since Russia clearly meddled in the 2016 election, Americans should be wary of any attempt by China to disrupt the fall campaign using TikTok.

"But that doesn't change the reality of 2024 politics," he wrote. "Biden needs to win back young voters. They're on TikTok. And unless and until that platform goes away, Democrats need to be where the voters are."

China is clearly America's enemy —

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economically, militarily, even morally — and supporters of the TikTok ban have played on those fears to advance their legislation. But the specific arguments against TikTok remain largely undocumented.

One is that Beijing could somehow use TikTok to harvest intelligence data that compromises national security or to spread destabilizing misinformation. However, writes CNN: "So far, the U.S. government has not publicly presented any evidence the Chinese government has accessed TikTok user data."

Lawmakers stressed that TikTok is owned by a Chinese company, ByteDance, and perhaps even controlled by the Chinese Communist Party. But as the *Washington Post* reports, 60% of ByteDance is actually owned by foreign investors, including many Americans.

TikTok today is a vital part of this country's social fabric, commercial culture and political debate. Trying to ban it is both foolish and futile.

*Steven Roberts teaches politics and journalism at George Washington University.*

## Culture wars and an embattled Utah monument

By STEPHEN TRIMBLE

Utah's Bears Ears National Monument rarely leaves the news. The political tussle over this stunning expanse of red rock canyons exemplifies all the cultural dissonance in the rural West.

Three presidents have signed Bears Ears proclamations. Barack Obama established Bears Ears National Monument in 2016, but supporters were devastated when Donald Trump eviscerated the monument the following year, reducing its area by 85%. In 2021, President Joe Biden restored the original boundaries and then some.

What's clear is that Bears Ears remains reviled by Republican officials and cherished by Indigenous tribes and conservationists.

The monument, 1.36 million acres in southeast Utah, lies within San Juan County. The Navajo Nation covers 25% of the county, and Native people account for more than half of the 14,200-person population. Just 8% of the county is private land while another 5% is state trust land.

The rest — 62% of the county — is federal land owned by the people of the United States and administered by the Departments of Agriculture and Interior. This immense commons testifies to the sublime difficulty of the place — beautiful enough to warrant preservation as national parks, monuments and forests. But it's also arid enough to attract only a few 19th-century settlers to what had been Indigenous homeland for millennia.

I think it's fair to say that San Juan County's white residents never envisioned challenges to their political power. But in 2009, the feds came down

hard on generations of casual pothunting by local white families. Then, after a century of oppressing their Indigenous neighbors, lawsuits strengthened Native voting rights. The county commission became majority Navajo from 2018 to 2022.

Native influence keeps expanding. The five tribes of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition first envisioned a national monument and became co-stewards for these 1.36 million acres. They have a champion in Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, an enrolled member of the Laguna Pueblo tribe, but such historic changes make the dominant culture uneasy.

In February, Utah Governor Spencer Cox dramatically withdrew from a Bears Ears land exchange poised for completion. This swap of state trust lands for Bureau of Land Management lands would hugely benefit the state. Details were already negotiated; each side compromised; the stakeholders were largely content.

But in 2024, Utah politics are stark, compounded by distrust and disinformation.

At statehood in 1896, Utah received four sections per township to support public schools and universities. The Utah Trust Lands Administration manages these scattered lands — blue squares on ownership maps — but blocking up these blue squares into manageable parcels means trading land with federal agencies.

Such trades aren't rare and can be grand in scale. A 1998 negotiation between Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Utah Governor Mike Leavitt traded Grand Staircase-Escalante National

Monument's 176,000 acres of school sections for BLM land elsewhere — along with a hefty \$50 million payment to Utah from the U.S. Treasury. Utah Trust Lands still brags about the deal on its website.

But the old guard is up in arms about the draft Bears Ears Resource Management Plan released for public comment on March 8. The BLM's preferred alternative emphasizes traditional Indigenous knowledge and land health.

Any such gestures toward conservation elicit local outrage about the feds "destroying" the pioneer way of life. The subtext: the people long in charge don't want to lose power.

Denouncing federal overreach is always a sure win for Utah politicians. In this year's Republican primary, San Juan County-based legislator Phil Lyman is challenging the incumbent governor with fierce anti-public lands rhetoric. Governor Cox will need to protect his right flank.

Meanwhile, school trust lands within Bears Ears remain at risk. The tallest structure in Utah, a 460-foot telecom tower with blinking red lights, could rise on state land in the heart of the monument. It's been approved by county planners, and the Trust Lands Administration could add poison pills on other lands proposed for exchange.

The elected leaders of Utah have decided that the monument's integrity and the needs of the state's children matter less than political gamesmanship.

The five tribes of Bears Ears know better: "It is our obligation to our ancestors...and to the American people, to protect Bears Ears." Their big hearts will win in the end.

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# Sports

## Sports Bulletin

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**SCOREBOARD TUESDAY**  
**Prep baseball**  
Centauri at Walsenburg - postponed  
Center at Sanford - postponed  
Monte Vista 11, Ignacio 8  
**Prep girls soccer**  
Alamosa at Durango - late

**SCHEDULE THURSDAY**  
**Prep baseball**  
Cotopaxi at Centennial, 4 p.m.  
Sierra Grande at Sargent, 4:30 p.m.  
**College men's lacrosse**  
Adams State at Westminster (Utah), 7 p.m.  
**College women's softball**

Metropolitan State-Denver at Adams State (2), noon

**FRIDAY**  
**Prep baseball**  
Alamosa vs. Sterling (Jim Sullivan Invitational at La Junta), 10 a.m.  
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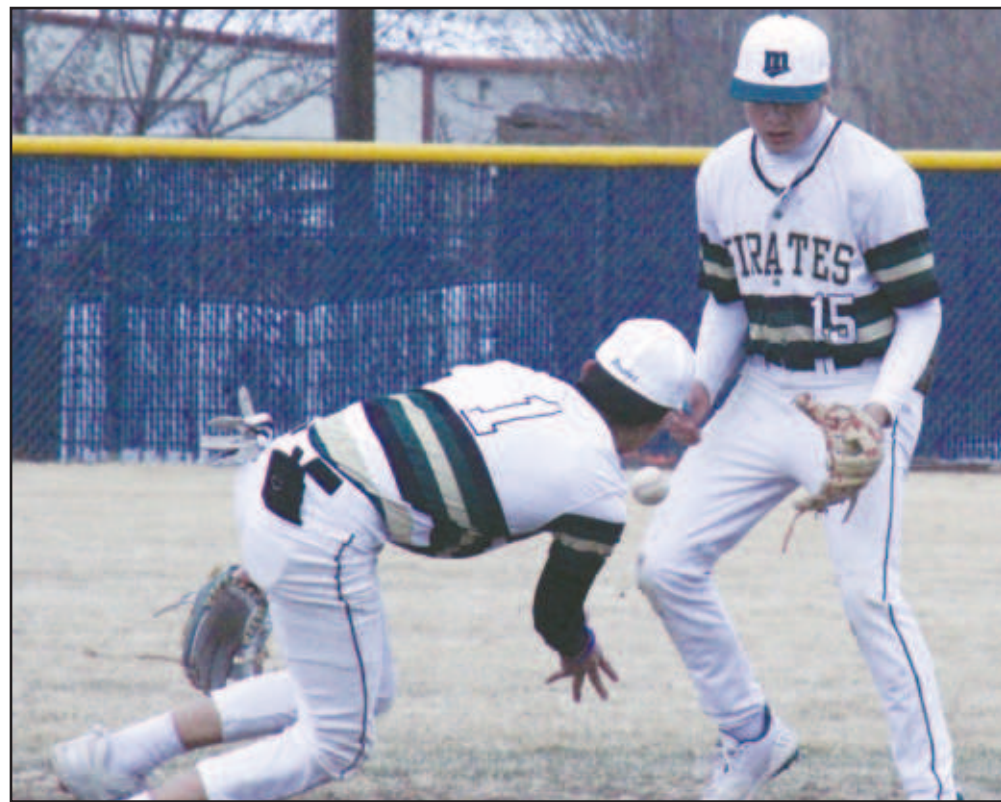
Alamosa vs. Coronado or La Junta (Jim Sullivan Invitational at La Junta), 12:30 or 5:30 p.m.

Antonito at Dolores Huerta, 1 p.m.  
**Prep track and field**

Alamosa, Antonito, Center, Monte Vista, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sierra Grande at Wayne Thomas Memorial Invitational (at Mosca), 9 a.m.

**College women's softball**  
Metropolitan State-Denver at Adams State (2), 11 a.m.

**College outdoor track and field**  
Adams State at Colorado State Pueblo Open, TBA  
Adams State at Stanford Invitational, TBA



Monte Vista High School's Azariah Hurtado (1) flips to Jeremiah Baumgardner to retire an Ignacio base runner Tuesday at Adrian M. Gutierrez Field. The Pirates defeated the Bobcats 11-8.

Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

## Pirate comeback nips Bobcats

By KEN HAMRICK  
*Courier sports editor*

**MONTE VISTA** – The Monte Vista High School baseball team got off to a slow start in its home opener Tuesday at Adrian M. Gutierrez Field. But the Pirates came back to defeat Ignacio by a score of 11-8.

"We didn't start very well," said Monte Vista coach Luke Bradshaw. "We had a bunch of errors in the field. We knew we weren't out of the ball game. We've come back in a whole bunch of ball games. We won a bunch of them last year like that. So we have to figure it out and start better."

The Bobcats took the early lead with four runs in the top of the first inning. Devante Montoya reached on an error to start the game, and Stoney Whitthunder followed with a walk, and Phillip Quintana singled. Quintana was forced out on Rylan Maez's ground ball, but Maez was safe on the fielder's choice, and Montoya scored on the play.

An error allowed Whitthunder to score, and after Gabe Archuleta was safe on an error, Marcus Maez doubled to plate Rylan Maez and Archuleta.

Ignacio scored two more runs in the second. William Lechuga drew a leadoff walk and Montoya followed with a double. Lechuga and Montoya both came home on an error for a 6-0 lead.

The Bobcats scored once in the third. Marcus Maez reached on an outfield error and another error put him on second. Maez scored on Montoya's groundout.

The Pirates finally got on the scoreboard with six runs in their half of the third. Chase Bouet led off with a walk, and Domyon Naranjo was safe on an error. Kobe Jiron walked to load the bases, and Jakoby Ross singled to score Bouet and Naranjo.

Kaden Mellott reached on an error with Jiron scoring on the play. Azariah Hurtado doubled in Ross and Mellott, and Hurtado scored on Jeremiah Baumgardner's groundout.

Ignacio scored one run in the top of the fourth. Ambrose Valdez doubled and scored on an error.

Monte Vista took the lead with three runs in the bottom of the fourth. Jiron started the rally by getting hit by a pitch, and Ross reached on an error in the outfield. Mellott walked to load the bases, and Hurtado was also hit by a pitch to plate Jiron.

Kaden Madrid and Jonah Howe both reached on errors and runners scored on both plays to give the Pirates a 9-8 lead.

Monte Vista scored a pair of insurance runs in the sixth. Hurtado received a leadoff walk and stole second. He scored as Madrid was safe on an error, and Madrid scored on Howe's groundout.



Courtesy photo

Asher Ruybal of the San Luis Valley Wrestling Club gets his hand raised after winning a state championship at the RMN Super State Tournament last Saturday in Denver.

## Ruybal wins RMN state title

By KEN HAMRICK

*Courier sports editor*

**ALAMOSA** – Asher Ruybal of the San Luis Valley Wrestling Club won a state championship at the Rocky Mountain Nationals Super State Wrestling Championships last weekend in Denver.

Ruybal won the second-third grade 62-pound championship and he competed in a 32-man bracket.

After a first-round bye, he started the tournament with an 8-3 decision over Greyson Romero of the Sargent Wrestling Club in the second round. He then defeated Wyatt Garris of Animal House by a 6-0 decision in the third round. He scored a 4-1 win over Edward Bonney of Pomona Elite in the semifinals, and he defeated Everett Brewington of Black Fox 4-3 to win the state championship.

Monte Vista 11, Ignacio 8

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Whitthunder, Quintana (3, L) and Quintana, Archuleta (3). Mellott, Jiron (4, W) and Madrid.

## Grizzlies Secure Second Consecutive Conference Sweep

By ERIC R. FLORES  
*ASU sports information*

**ALAMOSA** – The Grizzlies dominated Sunday's Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference game, warding off any threat of snow with their scorching bats. They amassed 24 hits, including nine extra-base hits, propelling them to their eighth consecutive victory, 21-15.

With this triumph, the Grizzlies have surged into the top three in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference standings, boasting a 14-16 overall record and a 9-3 conference standing.

Mike Bathauer ignited the scoring with a reach on an error, driving in a run, followed by Seth Reker's single to center field, bringing Ayden Tauscher home, establishing a 2-0 lead after one inning.

Caleb Eiguren contributed with an RBI single to bring in Matt Bathauer, extending the lead.

Despite New Mexico Highlands cutting the lead in half in the top of the third, the Grizzlies swiftly regained momentum, tallying eight runs in the bottom of the inning,

fueled by a barrage of hits from 11 batters.

Maintaining their offensive prowess, the Grizzlies secured a 14-3 lead after the fourth inning. However, the Cowboys staged a comeback, hitting a three-run home run in the top of the fifth, narrowing the gap.

After both teams exchanged runs in the fifth, a pivotal pitching change in the sixth saw a flurry of hits, allowing the Cowboys to close the gap to 18-14.

Adams State fortified their lead with additional

runs in the bottom of the seventh, sealing the victory. The two teams exchanged runs in the eighth inning.

Matt Bathauer showcased an outstanding performance, going 5-for-5 with four runs scored and two RBIs.

Looking ahead, the Grizzlies will have a week to prepare for crucial conference games, as they gear up to face the Colorado School of Mines in a four-game series in Golden, Colorado, in two weeks' time.

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# Lifestyle

## Paul Pacheco Easter Egg Hunt set for March 30

By MARIE MCCOLM  
**MONTE VISTA** — On Saturday, March 30, at 1 p.m., the Polished Edge will again host the Paul Pacheco Easter Egg Hunt, on South County Road 1 East. People who would like to participate are encouraged to follow the balloons from the Polished Edge out to the hunt.

The entire community is invited to attend this festive event. The Easter Bunny will be at the event and there will be fun prizes given out at

the event. Approximately 200 people attended the event last year. The egg hunt had different age groups, with children lined up in different areas to hunt eggs. A line of string was placed in front of each age group's division, and the entire field of about one acre was filled with eggs for children to hunt.

The egg hunt is known for giving out special prizes and for hiding a golden egg. Last year there were eggs filled with candy and money and many children

won special prizes including bicycles, dolls with strollers, easter baskets filled with candy, and much more.

Every year for the past 5 years, the Polished Edge has held this event that honors beloved family member Paul Pacheco, and his memory.

Residents Yolanda Salazar and Myra Rodriguez both spoke about the Easter Egg hunt and how they are looking forward to attending this year.

Salazar said, "My girls and I have attended the

past two years. The hunt is fun. There are not many places that have fun things like this. You can tell it's really all about the kids. My girls went home with a big Easter basket and many candy filled eggs. My girls were sugared up at least two days. What I enjoyed most about going was seeing other friends and family, and listening to the kids laugh. We are looking forward to going this year. The Polished Edge rocks. We appreciate what they do for Mon-

te Vista with this hunt, and their store."

Rodriguez said, "I have a son with special needs, who is 8 years old. He can't talk and has a hard time walking, but he was welcomed at this hunt. I helped him pick up eggs. I helped him hold his basket, and other kids were playing with him and helping him pick up the eggs and just having fun. The hunt was for all kids and did not discriminate against my son. I sometimes do not feel comfortable with public stuff, be-

ing worried for my son. This hunt made me feel comfortable. My son got a lot of candy and had a lot of fun. I am going to take his cousin with him this year to hunt eggs. I would recommend anyone who has kids or grandkids to go. I heard James Pacheco and his family do this, and I think they are great people to do this for their town. Thank you, and we are looking forward to it."

For more information on the upcoming event, contact the Polished Edge at 719-852-6939.



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CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 957-23  
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On December 27, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.  
 Original Grantor(s)  
 Betty J. Croft  
 Original Beneficiary(ies)  
 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Universal Lending Corporation  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
 LLAGC Community Investment Fund  
 Date of Deed of Trust  
 November 22, 2011  
 County of Recording  
 Alamosa  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
 November 29, 2011  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
 347407  
 Original Principal Amount  
 \$262,500.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance  
 \$254,043.35

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(f), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: For reasons including, but not limited to, the failure to pay monthly payments of principal and interest together with all other payments provided for in the Deed of Trust and Note.  
 THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.  
 TRACT 4, NEWTON SUBDIVISION-EXEMPTION, THE PLAT OF WHICH WAS FILED JANUARY 08, 1979 UNDER RECEPTION NO. 201105, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO  
 Also known by street and number as: 202 Northwood Lane, Alamosa, CO 81101.  
 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCOMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
 THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/24/2024, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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 Second Publication 3/27/2024  
 Name of Publication Valley Courier  
 IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;  
 DATE: 12/27/2023  
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado  
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee  
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
 Jeremiah B Hayes #34002  
 Theraziah, PLLC 15851 N Dallas Parkway, Suite 410, Addison, TX 75001 (469) 729-6800  
 Attorney File # Croft 190-00166  
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

No. 3813.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on February 28, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2024.

### TOWN OF HOOPER

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2024  
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOOPER, COLORADO, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE AND ENACTING A NEW MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE TOWN OF HOOPER, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hooper has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the Town and its citizens that a municipal code shall be adopted; and  
 WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 2, Article 16, Title 31 of the Colorado Revised statutes, the Town is authorized to adopt uniform codes and manuals by reference; and  
 WHEREAS, the Town has authority to enact ordinances for the promotion of health under C.R.S. § 31-15-401; and  
 WHEREAS, the present general and permanent ordinances of the Town of Hooper are inadequately arranged and classified and are insufficient in form and substances for the complete preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the municipality and for the proper conduct of its affairs; and  
 WHEREAS, after due and proper notice in accordance with C.R.S. § 31-16-203, the Board conducted a public hearing on the date, time and place noticed on the adoption of this Ordinance and said codes, at which all interested parties were afforded an opportunity to be heard; and  
 WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined, based on the evidence and testimony presented at the public hearing, that the adoption of the Municipal Code as amended herein, will further the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HOOPER, COLORADO:

1. Adoption.  
 The Code entitled the Town of Hooper Municipal Code, consisting of Titles I to IX and two appendices, is adopted by reference. One (1) copy of such code is on file in the Town Clerk's office.  
 2. Titles.  
 The Town of Hooper Municipal Code, as adopted in Section 1, shall consist of the following Titles:  
 Title I: General Provisions  
 Title II: Administration  
 Titles III and IV (Reserved)  
 Title V: Animal Regulations  
 Title VI (Reserved)  
 Title VII: Business Regulations  
 Title VIII: General Offenses  
 Title IX: Land Usage  
 Appendix A: Procedure and Rules of Order  
 Appendix B: Zoning Code  
 3. Repeal of Prior Ordinances.  
 a. Except as provided in Section 3(b) below, all ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before the adoption date of this Ordinance, which are inconsistent with the provisions of the Crestone Municipal Code, to the extent of such inconsistency, are hereby repealed. The repeal established in this Section 3 shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that had been previously repealed by any ordinance which is repealed by this Ordinance.  
 b. The adoption of this Code does not repeal the following:  
 1. Ordinance No. 1-2005 – An Ordinance for the Regulation of Traffic by the Town of Hooper, Colorado, Adopting by Reference, the 2003 Edition of the "Model Traffic Code for Colorado Municipalities;" Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict therewith; and Providing Penalties for Violation thereof, as amended by Ordinance No. 6-2006 – An Ordinance Amending the Compulsory Insurance Section of the Model Traffic Code for the Town of Hooper, Colorado.  
 2. Ordinance No. 1-2023 (which adopted by reference 2018 editions of the International Building Code, International Residential Code, 2018 International Energy Conservation Code, and 2018 International Mechanical Code.  
 3. Ordinance No. 2-2023 – An Ordinance designating site selection and construction of major new domestic water systems and major extensions of existing domestic water systems and municipal and industrial water projects as activities of state interest.  
 4. Ordinance No. 1-2024 – An emergency ordinance prohibiting public nuisances, defining public nuisances, listing examples and providing a procedure for addressing public nuisances.  
 4. Amendments to Code.

To the extent that the initial draft of the Town of Hooper Municipal Code (available for public inspection) was amended, these amendments are set forth in Attachment 1 to this Ordinance.  
 5. Future Amendments.  
 a. Additions or amendments to the Code, when passed in the form as to indicate the intention of the Town to make the same a part of the Code, shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.  
 b. Ordinances adopted after this Ordinance that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to those provisions of the Code.  
 6. Penalties.  
 The penalties provided by the Town of Hooper Municipal Code are hereby adopted as follows:

- Section 1-3-114. General Penalty.  
 "(a) Except where another penalty is provided, any person convicted of violating a provision of this Code in a Municipal Code of record may be fined an amount not to exceed \$2,650.  
 (b) The limitation on municipal code fines set forth in Subsection (a) above shall be adjusted for inflation on January 1, 2014, and on January 1 of each year thereafter. As used in this Subsection (b), "inflation" means the annual percentage change in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, consumer price index for Denver- Boulder, all items, all urban consumers or its successor index.  
 (c) Any person convicted of violating a provision of this code in a Municipal Code of record which is not of record may be fined an amount not to exceed \$300.  
 (d) In fining a violator, the Municipal Judge shall not exceed the sentence or fine limitations established by ordinance."  
 b. Section 5-1-101. Concerning the impounding of stock: "Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction, be fined not less than one [1] dollar nor more than fifty [50] dollars."  
 c. Section 5-1-102(c): "For any person who shall be found guilty of a violation of this Ordinance, they shall be fined for a sum not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each offense. Each day during which a violation of this Ordinance shall continue, it shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation of the provisions of this Ordinance."  
 d. Section 5-2-105: "Any person who violates this Chapter 2 shall be

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subject to the following fines: (a) 1st violation – warning (b) 2nd violation - \$25 per animal (c) 3rd violation - \$50 per animal (d) 4 or more violations - \$100 per animal."  
 e. Section 7-2-101. Prohibition on the Operation of all Marijuana Facilities and Retail Marijuana Stores. Subsection (c) provides: "It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to violate this ordinance, and any person violating this Ordinance may be fined \$300 per day, with each day deemed a separate violation."  
 f. Section 8-1-106. Penalty for Violation Generally: "A conviction for a violation of any section, or subsection of a section, of this Title VIII, unless otherwise provided to the contrary, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred (\$500.00) dollars or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment."  
 g. Section 9-2-108. Signs – Enforcement. Section (b) provides: "For any person who has received a notice (as set out in Subsection (a), above) and who continues to violate the provisions of this Chapter after the date set forth in the notice, the person shall be subject to a fine in an amount equal to but not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00). But, if the person has been convicted of violating this Chapter once, then the person shall be subject to a fine equal to but not exceeding one-hundred dollars (\$100.00). If the person has two or more convictions for violating this Chapter, then the person shall be subject to a fine equal to but not exceeding three-hundred dollars (\$300.00). Every person violating or contributing in any way to the violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day during which such violation continues and may be punished for each such violation as provided in this Section."  
 7. Severability.  
 Should any one or more sections or provisions of this Ordinance or of any of the primary or secondary codes adopted by reference be judicially determined invalid or unenforceable, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Ordinance or the codes adopted by reference hereby, the intention being that the various sections and provisions are severable.  
 8. Effective Date.  
 This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication thereof.  
 DONE AND SIGNED this 20th day of March 2024.  
 TOWN OF HOOPER, COLORADO  
 Tommy Dentler, Mayor  
 ATTEST:  
 LeAnn Ledbetter, Town Clerk  
 Attachment 1

1. Amendment to Section 1-1-105. Add the following paragraphs (b) and (c):  
 "(b) Ordinance No. 7-1898 - An Ordinance Concerning Sidewalks (c) Ordinance 12-1898 - An Ordinance Concerning Dogs."  
 and re-label paragraphs (b) to (e) as (d) to (g).  
 2. Amendment to Section 1-107(b). Amend paragraph (1) and add the following paragraphs:  
 1. Ordinance No. 1-2005 – An Ordinance for the Regulation of Traffic by the Town of Hooper, Colorado, Adopting by Reference, the 2003 Edition of the "Model Traffic Code for Colorado Municipalities;" Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict therewith; and Providing Penalties for Violation thereof, as amended by Ordinance No. 6-2006 – An Ordinance Amending the Compulsory Insurance Section of the Model Traffic Code for the Town of Hooper, Colorado.  
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 And re-label current paragraphs (2) to (19) as (5) to (22).  
 3. Delete Chapter 3 of Title V.  
 4. Delete Title VI. Nuisances and re-label as "(RESERVED)."  
 5. Amendments to Section 7-1-101. Replace the subparagraphs of this Section with:  
 a. "It is unlawful for any person to engage in the business of selling tangible personal property or providing taxable services without first having obtained a license therefor.  
 b. If any person or persons so licensed pursuant to any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be liable to be proceeded against for penalty or fine that may be imposed hereby, his or her license or permit be revoked by the Mayor of the Town.  
 c. All licenses and permits shall be issued and signed by the Town Clerk, upon payment to him or her of the sum assessed there for.  
 d. No license or permit granted under this Chapter shall be assignable or transferrable without the written permission of the Mayor, and shall not be granted for a longer period than one year.  
 e. The Town Clerk shall keep a license register, in which shall be entered the name of each and every person licensed, pursuant to this Chapter, the date of the license, the purpose for which granted, the amount paid there for, and the time, the same will expire or continue in force; and all permits issued under this Chapter shall be recorded in like manner.  
 In addition, in the "History," replace "1866" with "1899." In the "Notes," add: "(4) Subsection (a) was deleted and replaced in the 2024 codification. (5) Subsection (d) was modified in the 2024 codification. (5) Other provisions of Article I of Ordinance No. 14-1899 were intentionally modified or omitted from the 2024 codification and should be deemed repealed by the codification."  
 6. Delete Sections 7-1-102 to Section 7-1-104.  
 7. Amendment to Section 7-2-101(a). Replace "Hooper" with "Hooper."  
 8. In Sections 8-2-101 to 8-2-108 of Title IX, replace the "8" with "9," so that, e.g., "8-2-101" becomes "9-2-101."  
 9. In Section 8-2-107 of Title IX, replace "addition" with "additional."  
 10. Delete Chapter 3 of Title IX.  
 11. Amendment to Appendix A, Section 2.1. Replace "(last Name)" with "(Last Name)."  
 12. Amendment to Appendix A, Section 2.2, 2.3, 2.4(b), 3.4(a), 3.9, 8.1, and 8.3. Replace "Mr. Mayor" with "Mayor (Last Name)."  
 13. Amendment to Appendix A, Section 3.2(b). Replace "3.2a" with "3.2(a)."  
 14. Amendment to Appendix A, Section 3.10(a)(2). Correct reference to "Agenta" with "Agenta."  
 15. Amendment to Appendix A, Section4.67(c). Replace "roll" with "Roll."  
 No. 3861.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 27, 2024.

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**CDL B TRUCK DRIVER:** Earn Up to \$83k+. Join Us, Grow with Us! At **WORLD FUEL SERVICES**, our drivers are the key to our success. Tank Wagon drivers operate a straight truck carrying petroleum products to our customers. We are currently seeking experienced CDL drivers to join our team in ALAMOSA, CO. This is a **DAYSHIFT POSITION. EARNINGS!:** \$5,000 sign on bonus; Starting pay \$23/hr. For day shift; Additional \$1.00/hr. with one year of fuel experience; Performance Bonus \$5,000; Earn Your First Year ; Day Shift Average (with 1 year fuel experience) - \$1,320 Weekly / \$76,640 Annually. **WHAT YOU WILL LOVE ABOUT US!** Home Daily! Health Benefits from day one! Medical with HSA and FSA options; three plans to choose from to fit your needs; Dental, Vision, Teladoc, Employee Assistance Programs; \$0 Premium Medical Insurance Option; Prepare for the Future with 401K Retirement Plan with company matching, no vesting period; Rest and Relaxation 120 hours PTO, 7 paid holiday, and 4 floating holidays; Financial Peace of Mind: Company paid Short-Term Disability, Life, and AD&D Insurance; Additional Perks We Offer: Long Term Disability Insurance, Accident & Critical Illness Insurance, Legal & Identity Theft Protection, Paid Uniform and Boots, Satellite Radio; Learning and Development; LinkedIn Learning; Fleet of modern vehicles with the latest in cab technologies; Referral bonus program. **WHAT YOU WILL NEED!:** Current CDL; HazMat & Tank endorsements; Two years of recent Class CDL driving experience required; Pass required MVR and DOT pre-employment testing and background check. **Apply Today! Questions 707.761.7671. (4/24/24)**

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**1ST SOUTHWEST BANK**, a locally owned CDFI community bank, is seeking a **RELATIONSHIP MANAGER** with 3+ years of commercial loan experience and a Regional Branch Manager with 5+ years of banking experience. **FSWB** offers competitive compensation, generous benefits, & career development. **FSWB's** award-winning team dedicated to supporting rural Colorado agricultural, nonprofit and small businesses. For details and to apply, visit [fswb.bank/about/careers](http://fswb.bank/about/careers). EOE. (4/10/24)

**THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA** is currently accepting applications for **DEPUTY CLERK**. This position will perform administrative and clerical work under the supervision of the City Clerk and may assist in the daily operations of the City's municipal court. Candidates must be able to pass a pre-employment background check and drug test. This is a 40 hour per week full-time position. The general starting wage is \$16.79 - \$18.55 per hour plus an excellent benefit package. Please visit: <https://cityofmontevista.colorado.gov/government/departments/human-resources> for a complete position description and application. (3/29/24)

**DEL NORTE BANK** is seeking a candidate to fill a Seasonal position for a **TELLER** at our **CREEDE BRANCH**. Duties will be to accept deposits, loan payments, and process withdrawals while maintaining a balanced cash drawer. Must be personable and pleasant answering the phone and greeting customers. Many other duties will be assigned as needed. The position is seasonal, full time with a hourly range of \$14.42 to \$17.00. Please send your resume or application to [postmaster@truelocalbank.com](mailto:postmaster@truelocalbank.com) by April 12, 2024. Application is available at [TrueLocalBank.com/careers](http://TrueLocalBank.com/careers) or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Dawn. EOE. (4/12/24)

### MAINTENANCE WORKER I

This is an entry-level position pay is hourly, 32 hours a week. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Knowledge of practices in: a. Construction, maintenance and repair of water and/or wastewater systems; use of hand tools; b. Ability to prepare and maintain simple records; c. Ability to perform strenuous physical work for extended periods of time in all weather conditions; d. Ability to recognize and report abnormal operating functions of assigned equipment; e. Ability to learn to operate various equipment, which may include heavy construction equipment; f. Requires the ability to exert up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 25 pounds of force frequently. Physical demands of work require walking or standing to a significant degree. **EDUCATION:** High school or GED and preferred some vocational, high school or equivalent training, **EXPERIENCE:** A minimum of three (3) years manual labor or mechanical maintenance and repair, or an equivalent combination of education and experience is required. **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** A Class C driver's license and availability for on-call duty is required. Background check is required. Please contact Blanca Town Hall at 601 Main Street, BLANCA, CO for an application. (3/30/24)

### LOCAL DRIVER - METZ POTATO COMPANY

is looking for a year-round full-time **POTATO TRUCK DRIVER** who will be responsible for loading and unloading trucks along with stacking or other duties in the warehouse. Wage of \$14.42-16/hr plus potential to earn bonus annually. Overtime eligible. Simple IRA matching after 6 months. Must have a valid driver's license and clean MVR. Applications can be completed at 971 E County Rd 6 N, MONTE VISTA. (3/30/24)

### CONEJOS COUNTY LAND USE

is seeking an energetic and self-motivated individual to join our team as a **LAND USE BUILDING INSPECTOR**. Inspection of all new construction & building including alterations/repairs of existing structures. Ensure buildings are in compliance with adopted codes and regs. Permit plan review, issue permits, wrk at the counter, and field inspections. Great skills in working with the public and contractors. Good communication, verbal, writing, organizational and computer skills a must. 3-5 years working in construction/building industry preferred. Salary \$45,000-\$52,000. Applications available at [conejoscounty.colorado.gov](http://conejoscounty.colorado.gov), or via email upon request at [cricci@co.conejos.co.us](mailto:cricci@co.conejos.co.us). Inquiries call 719-376-6799. Deadline 03/27/2024. (3/27/24)

### SKYLINE POTATO CO. IN CENTER, CO

is looking for a **SHIPPING CLERK/ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR** for their bulk division. Applicants must be Bilingual (English/Spanish) and capable of using Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and able to learn other computer/shipping programs. Work week consists of Monday-Friday and some Saturdays. Responsibilities will be the following: Weigh in and out incoming trucks, ship out trucks with outgoing product and produce paperwork for the truck, coordinate incoming and outgoing trucks with supervisor and shipping/loading crew, help supervise employees. For an application please contact Margaret Limon @ 719-754-2043. (4/30/24)

### SDEC SCHOOL DISTRICT

is seeking a **HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL COACH** for the 2024 fall season. Applicants must have CHSAA certification or have a CDE teaching license. Applications may be picked up at the school office: 8751 Lane 7 North in MOSCA, CO. For more information, contact David Mejia at 719-378-2321 or 719-677-8217. (4/3/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** is hiring a **DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS** for our **EXTENDED STUDIES PROGRAM**. This is a twelve-month exempt, at-will, full-time position with the primary responsibility of managing the enrollment, development and delivery of PreK-12 professional development, concurrent enrollment opportunities for high school students, professional development for private sector and other special projects as assigned. This individual will work collaboratively with Extended Studies staff, ASU staff, external stakeholders/clients, and staff of other educational institutions to support the delivery of quality off-campus programs. The position will provide high levels of customer care and relevant, timely and innovative solutions to students and stakeholders. Travel is required and the position will represent Adams State University at various meetings, conferences, and workshops. Apply here <https://adams.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/ASU> or contact Renae Haslett [rhaslett@adams.edu](mailto:rhaslett@adams.edu) 719-587-8144 for more information. (4/5/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER** needed at the **URGSD**. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at [aduda@urtigers.co](mailto:aduda@urtigers.co) or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co). (4/30/24)

### HELP WANTED: SOMEONE TO CLEAN THE TOWN HALL OFFICE. MUSEUM HELP:

Must be 16 yrs of age or older for museum, must have some knowledge of Jack Dempsey history. Also, **CHIEF OF POLICE & POLICE OFFICER**. Please pick up application at the Town Hall office during business hours. (4/8/24)

### HOME HEALTH AIDE FOR INDIVIDUAL

needed near LA JARA. CNA helpful but not required, on the job training. Good pay, flexible hours, must pass background check. Call or Text 719-580-9633. (4/26/24)

**CROSSROADS' TURNING POINTS, INC.**  
*Where Recovery Happens!*

**WE ARE HIRING!**  
 Please apply online at:  
[www.crossroadstp.org](http://www.crossroadstp.org)

### TOWN OF HOOPER

Ordinance No. 1-2024: An Emergency Ordinance Prohibiting Public Nuisances, Defining Public Nuisances, Listing Examples, And Providing A Procedure For Addressing Public Nuisances. This Ordinance contains the following penalties:  
 Section 4(d)(1)(g): "Any violation of any injunction or order issued by the Municipal Court in an action to abate a public nuisance may be punished as a contempt of court or by a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Unless the violation by its nature cannot be corrected, each day's failure to comply with an injunction or order to abate shall constitute a separate violation for which an additional penalty may be imposed."  
 Section 5: "Any person in the Town who violates this Ordinance shall, in addition to the civil remedies and costs provided herein be subject to a fine in an amount not exceeding Three Hundred (\$300.00). Every person violating or contributing in any way to the violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day during which such violation continues and may be punished for each such violation as provided in this Section."  
 No. 3860.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 27, 2024.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Conejos County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 8:00 PM at the Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos CO 81129, in the Board of County Commissioner's Room, for the adoption of guidelines regarding the designation of activities or areas of state interest for the following:  
 A. Site selection and construction of major new domestic water and sewage systems and as an activity of state interest  
 B. Major extension of existing domestic water and sewage treatment systems, as an activity of state interest.  
 C. Efficient utilization of municipal and industrial water projects as an activity of state interest.  
 D. Site selection and construction of major facilities of a public utility, as an activity of state interest.  
 In particular, the County is considering adopting guidelines and regulations regarding **REGULATIONS FOR SITE SELECTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR FACILITIES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY** in Conejos County, and Guidelines and Regulations for Water Projects for Export Outside the San Luis Valley as Designated as Matters of State Interest of Conejos County.  
 For inquiries or to examine or review these guidelines and regulations, and designations, please contact or visit the Conejos County Land Use Office at 6683 County Road 13, Conejos CO 81129 or call 719-376-2014. Interested persons may also submit public comments to [landuse@co.conejos.co.us](mailto:landuse@co.conejos.co.us)  
 Publication dates: 03/26/2024, 03/27/2024, 03/29/2024, 03/30/2024. No. 3857.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 26, 27, 29, & 30, 2024.

**173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**LICENSED PLUMBER DOES** all types of plumbing & plumbing repairs. Quick service! Call anytime, weekends & evenings: 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. (5/24/24-monthly)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**WE GOT THE HELP WE WERE LOOKING FOR WITH THE HELP OF THE VALLEY COURIER.** Smokin Spuds. (AS)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT** is looking for a **MUSIC TEACHER** for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information and to download an application please see our website at [sangreschools.org](http://sangreschools.org). (4/5/24)

### DISTRICT COURT, CONEJOS COUNTY, COLORADO

6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129  
**VALERIE MORALES**, an Individual, and **AMY REGNIER**, an Individual  
 Plaintiffs,  
 v.  
**DARLENE LETEY**, an Individual  
 Defendant.  
**A COURT USE ONLY A**  
 Attorney for Plaintiffs: Samuel J. Scheurich, #46270 BURNHAM LAW  
 2760 29th Street, Suite #IE Boulder, CO 80301  
 Phone: 303.990.5308  
 Fax: 303.200.7330  
 sam@burnhamlaw.com  
 Case No.: 2022CV30010  
 Division: C

### NOTICE OF LEVY

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on October 25, 2023, a Writ of Execution was issued out of the District Court for the County of Conejos directing the Sheriff of the County of Conejos, State of Colorado, to levy upon and seize certain property of Darlene Letey, the above named Defendant, and the Sheriff of the County of Conejos did levy upon, seize and take into possession the following described property:  
 Lot 3, Block 12, Manaassa Parcel No. 2, County of Conejos, State of Colorado  
 Now, therefore, you Darlene Letey, Defendant, take notice, that within fourteen (14) days from the date of service hereof, exclusive of the day of service, if served within this state, or if served by publication, you may make and file with the Clerk of the above-entitled court a written claim of any exemption which you may have under the statutes of the State of Colorado; and in case of your failure to make and file such written claim of exemption with the Clerk of said Court you shall be deemed to have waived your right of exemption under the statutes of this state.  
 Witness, Garth Crowther, Sheriff of Conejos County, Colorado, this 30 day of November, 2023.  
**GARTH CROWTHER CONEJOS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
 By:  
 /s/  
 No. 3844.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, April 2, 3, 5, 6, & 9, 2024.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**COSTILLA COUNTY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT SAN LUIS, CO**  
**GUADALUPE SANCHEZ DITCH PROJECT**  
 General Notice  
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 Obtaining the Bidding Documents  
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 Owner: Costilla County Conservancy District  
 By: Ronda Lobato as Secretary of the Board of Directors  
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### NOTICE

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of South Conejos School District accepts the resignation of Ricardo Romero from the Board of Education at the regular School Board meeting effective March 12, 2024, and  
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 2. The Board will interview prospective candidates on April 16, 2024, at work session.  
 3. To be eligible for appointment, a candidate must be a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months and a resident of the district.  
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  - 4 Plummet
  - 8 Grade
  - 12 — Cruces, N.M.
  - 13 Brook
  - 14 "Dies —"
  - 15 Be in session
  - 16 Actor — Garcia
  - 17 Like some broadcasts
  - 18 Snobbery
  - 20 Eye shade
  - 21 Not yet consumed
  - 23 Rooster's crest
  - 26 Veto
  - 27 "Go, team!"
  - 30 Healing plants
  - 32 A walk down — lane
  - 34 Singer — Estefan
  - 36 Outmoded
  - 37 Listener
  - 38 Bro. or sis.
- 40 Start the day**
- 41 Wed
  - 44 Escargot
  - 47 Like a peacenik
  - 51 Tilt
  - 52 Rights org.
  - 53 Color
  - 54 Toward shelter
  - 55 Marsh plant
  - 56 "Give — rest!"
  - 57 Sport
  - 58 Italian noble family
  - 59 Rocky hill
- DOWN**
- 1 "If all — fails ..."
  - 2 Kite appendage
  - 3 Wine city in Italy
  - 4 Exhaust
  - 5 Wash cycle
  - 6 "The — and the Sea"
  - 7 Work at

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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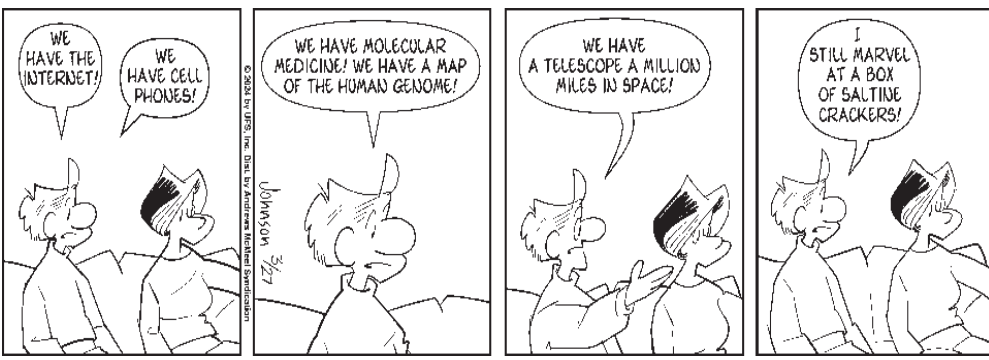
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- 25 Wasteland
- 27 Indian flatbread
- 28 War god
- 29 Jekyll's alter ego
- 31 Plant fiber
- 33 — Gras
- 35 Ventilate
- 39 Gets ready for impact
- 41 Bishop's hat
- 42 Fjord
- 43 Musical work
- 44 Cabbage salad
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- 52 Exist

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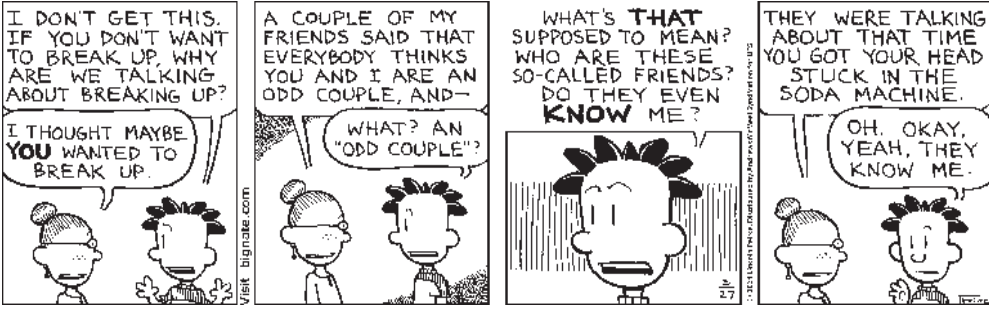
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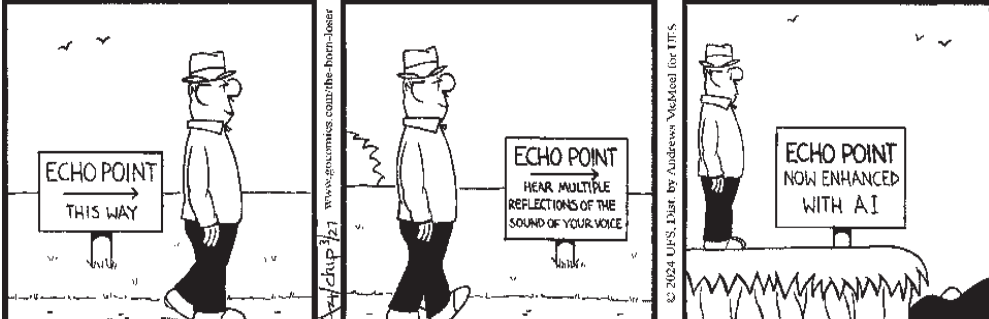
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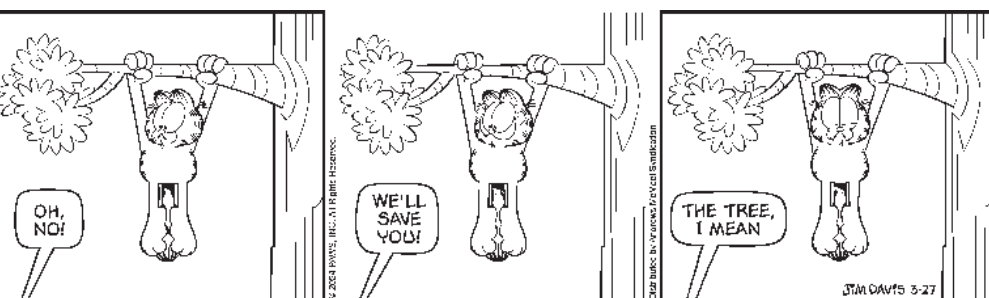
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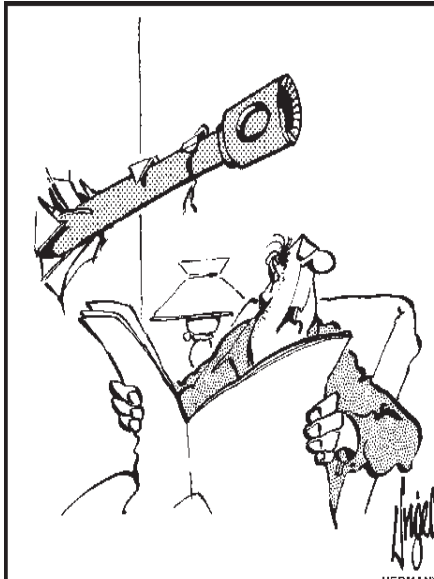
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## HERMAN



# Son's new playmate resides in a home with sex offender

DEAR ABBY: We recently moved to a new neighborhood. My 8-year-old son, "Joey," has become best friends with a classmate, "Paul," who lives on our street. We know from research we did when we bought our house that Paul's stepfather, with whom he lives, is a sex offender who committed crimes against children and served time in prison. Paul has been coming to our house most days, which is fine. However, both Paul and Joey have started asking whether Joey can go play at Paul's house. I will never allow my son to play there. At some point, the boys will want an explanation, but I don't think Paul knows about his stepfather's past, and I don't think Paul's mother knows that I know. If I tell Joey an age-appropriate version of the truth, I am sure he will tell Paul. I don't think this is how Paul should hear about his stepfather's past, plus I am concerned it might cause Paul's mother to get upset and cut off the kids' friendship. Do you have any advice? -- CONFLICTED IN THE WEST

that he would be allowed to live in a household with a minor child. Your concern that Joey might tell Paul about his stepfather is laudable. A way to handle it would be to continue insisting that the boys play only at your house. I do think you should discuss this with Paul's mother so you know for sure this is what you are dealing with. If it is true, for the next few years use the old, "Because I'm your mother and I said so!" when Joey asks to visit Paul. Eventually, the truth is going to come out, but Paul should hear it from his mother. DEAR ABBY: I've been married for eight years. I love my wife with my heart and soul. The problem is, although I'm in love with her, I still love my ex-wife. I never actually expressed these feelings toward my ex until recently. I write to her and call her, hoping she will answer. I don't want to leave my wife because she's a good woman. But so was my ex. What can I do? Every time my wife and I have a disagreement, I start thinking about my ex and what life would've been like if I had stayed with her. I find myself thinking about her more and more often each day. I know my ex still loves me, although she won't come



## ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

out and say it. Is it OK to be in love with one and still love the other? -- LOTS OF LOVE IN FLORIDA DEAR LOTS: May I inject a sliver of reality into your fantasy? You say you "know" your ex-wife still loves you although she won't come out and say it, nor does she answer your passionate letters. I'd say her refusal to communicate sends a pretty strong message that she doesn't feel the way you do. I don't know what is wrong in your current marriage, but if you don't stop pining over the wife you dumped, you are going to lose this one, too. Counseling may help you accomplish this, and it is what I strongly recommend. Start now.

# Lifestyle

## Colorado air quality bills call for summer fracking pause, 'repeat violator' crackdown

**By CHASE WOODRUFF**  
*Colorado Newswire*

A pair of bills backed by Colorado Democrats aims to crack down on polluters to improve the state's long-running air quality problem, but opposition from powerful business groups could force significant revisions as the proposals make their way through the Legislature.

Senate Bills 24-165 and 24-166 both had their origins in the Interim Committee on Ozone Air Quality, which was convened last year as a compromise measure after a group of Democratic lawmakers dramatically scaled back a previous proposal to more strictly regulate sources of pollution.

For decades, a nine-county region in and around the Denver metro area has failed to meet federal health standards for ozone set by the Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Air Act. Significant local contributors to the region's ozone problem, which peaks in the summer months, include oil and gas operations, gas-powered vehicles, lawn equipment and other industrial sources.

State officials have publicly set a target of bringing the state into compliance with the EPA's ozone standards by 2027. In an executive order issued last year, Democratic Gov. Jared Polis directed state regulators to require deep cuts in the emission of so-called ozone precursors from oil and gas operations.

SB-165 would codify those requirements in state law. But it would also go a step further, prohibiting oil and gas operators from conducting "pre-production" operations such as drilling and fracking during the summer, unless they use electric-powered equipment.

"There's still the ability for pre-production if electric rigs are used, because they will not add the (nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds) that create the ozone that is so detrimental," state Sen. Kevin Priola, an Adams County Democrat and bill sponsor, told lawmakers during a March 20 hearing before the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee.

Colorado's oil and gas industry has decried SB-165 and a slate of other environmental legislation pending in the General Assembly this session. Kait Schwartz, director of the Colorado chapter of the American Petroleum Institute said the bill's seasonal drilling pause would lead to decreased production.

"Businesses don't want to come in and work for two months, and then go to Texas, and then come back for two months," Schwartz said. "It would make it more difficult for operators to operate here if an entire portion of the year is no longer feasible."

But Mike Foote, a former Democratic state legislator and the chair of the Regional Air Quality Council, pointed to similar claims made by the industry more than a decade ago, when regulators enacted a seasonal drilling pause for natural gas producers on the Western Slope to protect wildlife in certain sensitive habitats. He provided committee members with copies of a Colorado Oil and Gas Association flyer from 2008 that decried the "job-killing rules" proposed by then-Gov. Bill Ritter's administration.

"The industry has adapted. Drilling hasn't stopped," Foote said. "In the context of the ozone seasonal pause, we're hearing the same thing. I'll just submit to you that the industry will continue to adapt. It'll be OK, and they'll still be able to drill and thrive."

Democrats on the committee approved SB-165 in a 5-2 vote along party lines, but sponsors amended the bill to shrink the ozone-season pause from five months to three, and to remove a section requiring the Colorado Department of Transportation to set targets to reduce vehicle miles traveled within the ozone non-attainment area.

**'Repeat violators'**  
The other bill heard during Wednesday's 10-hour committee hearing, SB-166, aims to crack down on polluters who repeatedly violate air quality laws, including what it calls "high-priority repeat violators," which would face much stiffer prescribed penalties.

Though it's not specifically singled out in the bill's text, there's little mystery about the polluter that would likely be atop that list of violators.

"You should call this the anti-Suncor bill," Edward Ingve, the owner of a small oil and gas company, told the committee in testimony opposing SB-166.

The Suncor oil refinery in Commerce City — the only such facility in the state — has been hit with millions of dollars in fines as part of enforcement actions and settlements with state regulators over the years. The latest was a record \$10.5 million penalty announced by Colorado's health department last month, for a series of violations between 2019 and 2021.

But critics say that such fines are viewed merely as the cost of doing business for giant corporations like the Canada-based Suncor, which reported \$2 billion in profits in the fourth quarter of 2023 alone.

"We know that just one facility, Suncor, has had over a thousand violations in the last five years," said

Ramesh Bhatt, an activist with the Colorado Sierra Club. "Clearly, under the current system, fines are not a great deterrent to these massive companies."

But SB-166 is opposed by business groups and companies who operate other large industrial facilities, like the EVRAZ steel mill in Pueblo, who worry that they could fall under the bill's repeat-violator provisions. Annie Stefanec, director of government affairs for EVRAZ North America, said the proposal "would put the mill out of

business."

That comment received strong pushback from state Sen. Faith Winter, a Thornton Democrat and bill sponsor, who said it's belied by the mill's good track record and lack of emissions violations.

"How? I haven't actually heard how you're going to be caught in the crosshairs," Winter asked Stefanec. "You've had zero violations. ... I don't actually know how this is going to specifically add you to the violator list, because everyone I've been working with, and all the lawyers I've

been working with, have given me the exact opposite information."

After committee members passed several amendments, including a provision excluding paperwork problems and "other non-emission-related violations" from the bill's scope, SB-166 passed on a 4-3 vote.

State Sen. Nick Hinrichsen, a Pueblo Democrat, voted against advancing the bill, saying that despite the amendments the proposal hadn't yet "got the enforcement formula right." But he also criticized what

he called "flippant and unserious comments" by opponents who dismissed the state's air quality problems.

"One of those comments was that this should be called the 'let's punish Suncor bill' — and to that I say, heck yeah," Hinrichsen said. "There are some egregious violators in this state, who don't seem to have any regard for the health of the people of this state, and especially when that harm disproportionately falls on the most vulnerable Coloradans. And this is unacceptable."



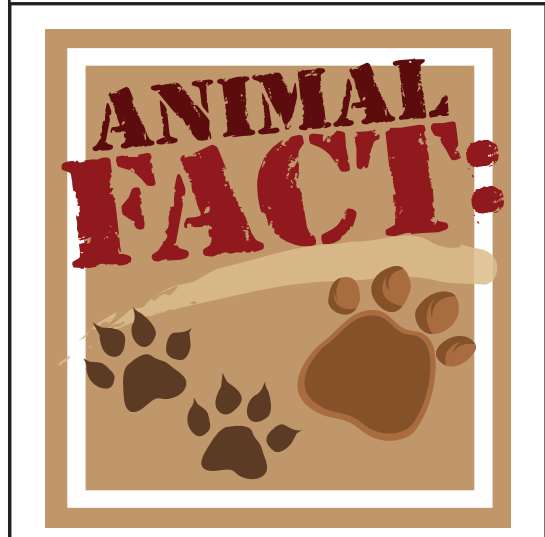
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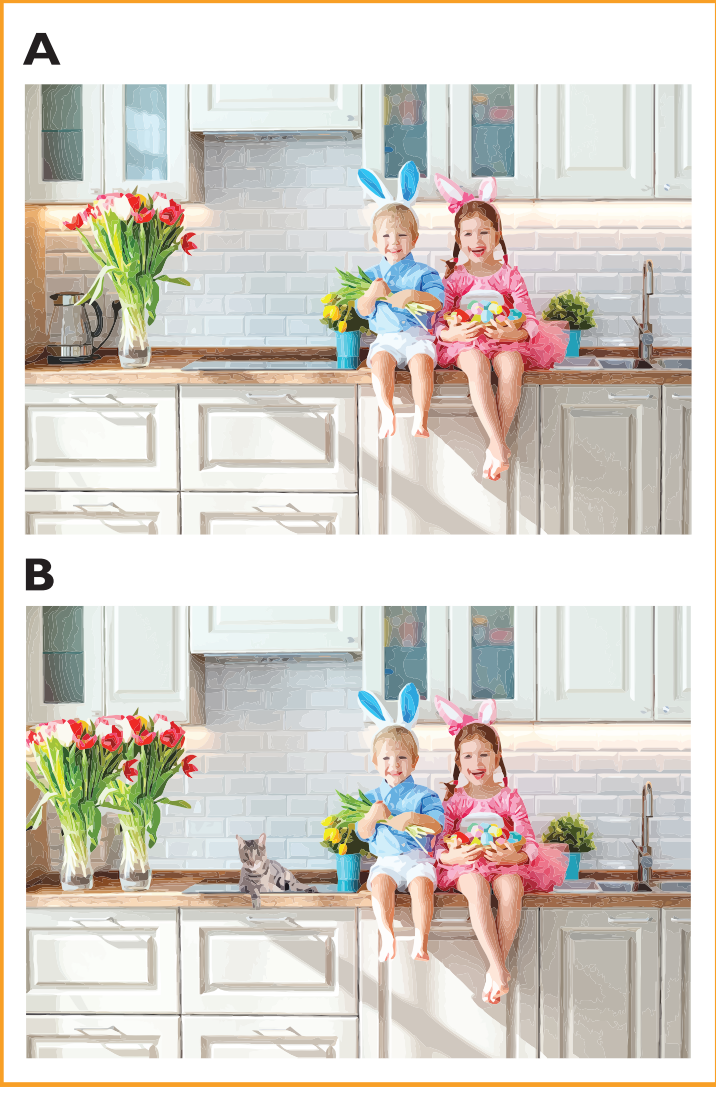
**ANIMAL FACT:**

THIS SEASON IS A NOTABLE PERIOD FOR ANIMAL BIRTHS.

ANSWER: SPRING

### What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Missing tea kettle 2. Extra vase 3. Cat on counter 4. Left cabinet's wood

### THIS DAY IN...



### HISTORY

- 1806: CONSTRUCTION IS AUTHORIZED ON THE GREAT NATIONAL PIKE, BECOMING THE UNITED STATES' FIRST FEDERAL HIGHWAY.
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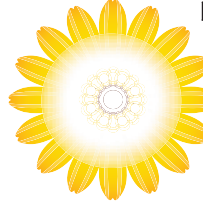
a date when day and night are almost of equal length

*How they SAY that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Bud  
**SPANISH:** Capullo  
**ITALIAN:** Bocciole  
**FRENCH:** Bourgeon  
**GERMAN:** Knospe

**Did you know?**

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ANSWER: ASPARAGUS



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