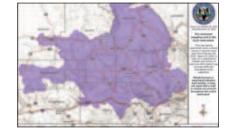


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## SLV Today

#### **Free dirt from** the Blanca Vista Pond dredging project

**ALAMOSA** — The City of Alamosa has a large supply of dredged material that the public is welcome to take as needed for dirt and or soil projects.

By taking any of the material, one assumes all liability associated with it, and the City makes no claims as to the actual profile of the contents. Interested parties are responsible for loadingand haulingany material from the site.

**Thematerialisonthe Alamosa** Ranch near the Disc Golf Course entrance on Maddux Lane. just North of the Cattails Golf Course. The material may be accessed during daylight hours and the existing ground may not be taken or disturbed in any meaningful fashion.

Formoreinformation, contact Parks, Recreation and Library Director Andy Rice at 719-587-

#### Fire district calls work session

**ALAMOSA**—Aspecialwork session will be held Tuesday, April 2, by the Alamosa County Fire Protection District (ACFPD)for a public consulting group to present their staffing operational analysis. The work session will be held at 6:30 p.m. at 8900 Independence Way here.

The work session, called by the ACFPD board of directors. is open to the public but is not a meeting and no decisions will be made. There will be no opportunity for public comment and there is no meeting agenda.

#### **Boys and Girls Clubs Youth of** Year Breakfast

**ALAMOSA** — The Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley will honor its 2024 Youth of the Year at 7 a.m. on April 2. The annual breakfast celebration fundraiser will take place at the Alamosa Club site, 1115 Tenth St. Register on line at Eventbrite — www.eventbrite. com/o/boys-girls-clubs-of-thesan-luis-valley-18595308322.

#### **SLV WEATHER**

Sunny, Gusty Wind 55/28

Sat: Sunny, Gusty Wind 59/32

**Sun:** Slight Chance of Showers, Gusty Wind 57/29

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## **Alamosa County non-sanctuary resolution** dies after extensive public comment

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mark with the wording of this resolution' — Alamosa Countv Commissioner Vern Heersink

'We missed the

By JOHN WATERS, Courier News Editor, and PRISCILLA WAGGONER, Courier Reporter

ing more than an hour of rated Alamosa County." public comments largely in opposition, a contro-

versial "Resolution Declaring Alamosa County a Non-Sanctuary County" crafted by Alamosa County commissioners died when none of the three commissioners made a motion to take it to a vote.

The resolution was created to "send the message" that, due to a lack of resources, the county "will not open shelters or emergency services to uninvited migrants and or illegal immigrants that ALAMOSA — Follow- may arrive in unincorpo-

> About 90 members of ■ See COUNTY page 3



Father Carlos Alvarez with Sacred Heart Church in Alamosa addressed the Alamosa County Board of Supervisors on March 27 about a proposed resolution to declare the

## 'We're just like everybody else'



Members of People First, starting in the foreground and going clockwise. Susan, Sharon, Willie, Robert, LaVern (advisor), Karie (president), Sonya, Amanda (secretary), Mike (sergeant at arms), Elvira (vice-president) and Cesar.

People First organization in Alamosa

> By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

Courier Reporter ALAMOSA — Once every month on a Thursday afternoon, an organization called "People First," meets in the Alamosa Public Library. The group is comprised of thirteen adults with developmental disabilities who are, at the

very least, interesting and ■ See FIRST page 3

## Second fatal fire reported at same location

STAFF REPORT

fatal fire in a vehicle at the of the victim is not known same address in the past at this time, he said. three months was reported Wednesday morning.

of Alamosa Avenue about 9:15 a.m. and found the

found in the passenger its investigation, but the **ALAMOSA** — A second seat of the cab. The gender

A camper fire on Dec. 31, 2023 at the same loca-Fire Captain Zach Cerny tion resulted in the death said Alamosa and Colora- of Justin Armijo, 35, of do Division of Fire Preven- Alamosa. It was detertion and Control (DFPC) mined that a make-shift firefighters responded to a fireplace in the trailer was property in the 1300 block the likely cause of that fatal blaze.

The cause of Wedneson fire. Once extinguished, this time, Cerny said. Ala-

case is still under investigation by the Alamosa Police Department (APD).

An APD officer saw the fire from a distance and called it in, according to Cerny. Eight DFPC firefighters and six from AFD responded, both with two units, and were on scene for three hours.

The Alamosa County Coroner's office removed have a positive identifica-



A second fatal fire in a vehicle at the same Alamosa address in the past three months was reported Wednesday cab of a small box truck day's fire is not known at the victim but may not morning. A body was found in the passenger seat of the small box truck. A Colorado DFPC firefighter attempts to

### an unidentified body was mosa Fire has completed tion for several weeks. Center's Roger Mix honored as 2023 **CFVGA Member of the Year**

#### CONTRIBUTED WESTMINSTER

The 2023-24 Colorado GA Board to serve as its and Growers (CFVGA) President Roger Mix was recognized being term-limited. as CFVGA's 2023 Robert Sakata Member of the the first award was pre-Year, during the CFVGA 10th Annual Conference, Feb. 28 in Westminster. Mix and his wife, Ro-

salie, operate Mix Farms in Center, growing potatoes and barley. Roger Mix was first appointed to the CFVGA Board in 2015 and later elected by the membership, ultimately serving as a board member for three terms.

In February 2023, Mix was elected by the CFV-Vegetable president for 12 months, Association ending after the Feb. 27-28 conference, due to his

> Established in 2017, sented to then CFVGA President Robert Sakata and is named after him ■ See MIX page 3

Roger Mix and his wife, Rosalie, operate Mix Farms in Center, growing potatoes and barley. Roger Mix was honored as the 2023 CFVGA Member of the Year. Courtesy photo



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## Record

#### **OBITUARIES**

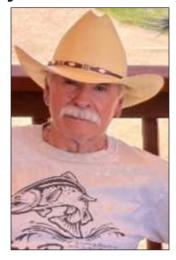
#### **Jerry Chacon Obituary**

Jerry Chacon, 73, of Berthoud, Colo., passed away on March 14, 2024. He was born on March 26, 1950, in Alamosa, Colo.

Jerry retired from Anheuser-Busch after 30 years of service. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and cherished member of the community.

Jerry's loves were the mountains, fishing, hiking, and all sports.

He is survived by his



wife, Pamela, daughters, Amy Moody (Ross) and Amanda Jordan, granddaughters, Ellie and Kiara, grandson, Jacob, four sisters and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Planet Bluegrass in Lyons, Colo., 500 W. Main St., on May 19, 2024, from 2-4 p.m.

Complete obituary is on legacy.com.

#### Augustine John Cisneros

Augustine John Cisneros, 57, born on March 9, 1966, in La Jara, peacefully passed away on Cisneros of Portsmouth, Dec. 28, 2023, in Portsmouth, Va. He was a be- ros of Hampton, Va., and loved husband, father, Dally (Harvest) Cisneros

grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Augustine, known for his love of fishing, camping, and the beach.

He cherished spending time with his two sons, three grandchildren, and his extended family.

His passion for travel took him to nu-

merous states, creating memories that will be treasured forever. A vet-Augustine's and service to his coundina.

try were unwavering.

Augustine is survived by his wife Shannon Va.; sons David Cisneof Hampton, Va.; sisters Kathy (Jimmy) Duran of Guadalupe, Colo., Monica (Steve) Espinoza of La Jara, Colo., Barbara (Andy) Marquez of La Jara, Colo.; cousin Jason Walden of Capulin, Colo., who was like a brother; and grandchildren Liam, neros of Hampton, Va. He is also survived by ews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Augustine was preceded in death by his par-Cisneros, his paternal grandparents Gilbert



A Vigil Service with Aubree, and Khaza Cis- Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. numerous nieces, neph- at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Jara, followed by a Mass of the Resurrection.

Contributions can be ents David and Priscilla made to the GoFundMe page set up on Facebook in memory of Augustine eran of the US Army who and Eufela Cisneros, and John Cisneros. May his served in Desert Storm, maternal grandparents memory live on in the dedication Jose and Virginia Me- hearts of all who knew and loved him.

#### Darlene Hilderman Gunther



Darlene Hilderman Gunther, 73, passed away at home with her husband Jerry and stepdaughter Tracie (Gunther) Meister at her side.

Darlene grew up in Park City, Mont., the daughter of Harry and Lucille Hilderman. In 2003, Darlene was happily married to Jerry Gunther who was her partner for almost 21 years at the time of her

death. Darlene has had several battles with cancer throughout her life. Darlene stayed strong and positive through it all. Darlene was always very thoughtful and never forgot a birthday or special occasion. Upon going into hospice, she made sure her two living sisters had a necklace from her.

Darlene and her hus- understand. band Jerry enjoyed their with wide open spaces me by the hand. surrounded by farmland. They enjoyed the many card games they played with friends, she especialwas also an avid Broncos dearly love.

wonderful husband Jer- I felt so much at home. ry who was always by her side, her daughter and smiled at me, and Becky Raiha; her stepson Brian (Nikki) Gunther, her stepdaughter Tracie (Dave) Meister, her grandsons Hadly, Brennan, and Brady; her granddaughters Baylee, Katelyn, Sheridan, and Karissa; as well as two great-grandchildren Brinley and Rhett; her sister Roberta (Scott) Marquez, her sister Becky (Dennis) O'Reilly; her brother Harry (Sue) Hilderman and many nieces and neph-

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Lucille Hilderman, her sister Kay Stewart and her nephew Gar-

Without Me.

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to

That an angel came and home in Center, Colo., called my name, and took

> The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above.

And that I'd have to ly enjoyed poker. Darlene leave behind all those I But when I walk

Survivors include her through Heaven's Gates, For God looked down

told me welcome home. when tomorrow

starts without me, don't think we're far apart.

For every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.'

There will be no service at this time. In lieu of flowers, please consider making contributions to Hospice del Valle at 514 Main St., Alamosa, CO 81101 or to the American Cancer Society at www. cancer.org/donate/donate-

by-mail-or-phone.html. Rogers family Mortuary is in care of arrangements. To leave online condolences, tributes and words of comfort for Darlene's family, please visit "When Tomorrow Starts www.Rogers Funerals.

#### **PENDING OBITUARY**

#### Michael Robert Brenner

Alamosa resident Michael Robert Brenner, 60, was called home March 27, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home

#### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS**

Luis Valley offers many Anonymous Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous groups.

of Alamosa.

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NA 12-Step Meetings ules for friends and famthroughout the valley. ily. For information, call A.A. and N.A members The 6th Tradition states 719-937-5083 or see our primary purpose is to that we are not affili- website:slvaa.org

VALLEY — The San stay sober and help oth- ated with any outside er alcoholics/addicts to organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we There are AA and list these meeting sched-

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## **MVPD** arrests two people on evading, drug charges

MONTE VISTA

Two people were jailed on several drug charges by the Monte Vista Police Department on March 26.

On Tuesday, MVPD officers attempted to stop a vehicle driven by Austin Villagomez, 30, Alamosa. Officers were aware that Villagomez had two outstanding felony warrants and was a suspect in a robbery, MVPD reported.

Villagomez refused to stop the vehicle, resulting in a pursuit. During the pursuit, Villagomez never drove above 40 mph and eventually stopped where he was taken into custody, MVPD reported. At the time of the stop, his passenger, Delydia Naranjo, 49, Monte Vista, was questioned and released.

Investigation by detectives resulted in a search warrant being executed in the 600 block of Morchild had access to them, unlawful



Illegal drugs and guns were found in a home in the 600 block of Morton Street. An investigation by the Monte Vista Police Department led to a search warrant being executed at the residence. Two people were jailed on various drug charges.

MVPD reported.

rested on numerous offender, obstructing a charges, including suspi- peace officer, eluding a cion of special offender, peace officer and driving unlawful distribution of under restraint. meth, unlawful distribution of fentanyl, child Naranjo were booked abuse and unlawful storage of a firearm.

Villagomez was arton Street where officers rested on the original lice Department was aslocated fentanyl, meth- two outstanding war- sisted by the Rio Grande amphetamine and two rants and other charges, Sheriff's Office in the weapons. The drugs and including suspicion of apprehension of Villagoweapons were stored in special offender, unlaw- mez and by the Colorado an area where a young ful distribution of meth, State Patrol with the distribution search warrant.

of fentanyl, possession Naranjo was also ar- of weapon by previous

> Both Villagomez and into the Rio Grande County Jail.

The Monte Vista Po-

## GoFundMe to help with Moffat fire loss



On March 20, a fire started on the back porch of Melinda Myers historic home in Moffat, where she has lived for the past 30 years. Tragically, the home burnt down with all her possessions. She was able to get out in her stocking feet with no time to grab personal possessions, purse or anything else and all was lost including three beloved cats. All other animals including her best friends KarLee, Max, and Duece are fine. A GoFundMe account to help Myers has been set up and is at https://gofund.me/2f80d4d7

## Elks, MVPD organizing **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday**

By MARIE MCOLM MONTE VISTA

On Saturday, March 30, at 11 a.m. at Chapman Vista Police Department are having an Easter Egg

According to Monte Vista Elks Officer Joy Werner, the free event will be held at 11 a.m. in hopes that the weather will be nicer around mid-morning for the children. The Easter Bunny is expected to

The hunt will be divided into age groups. There will be several age group scrambles for children up to 12 years of age. There will be candy and prized filled plastic-colored eggs, along with colored hardboiled eggs for the children to gather.

"We will be giving out some books as prizes," Werner said. "We also have a hunt for the little

ones who can't walk yet. We do have some prizes for them, too." Werner explained that with the Monte Vista Po-

there are vendors invited lice Department, too."

to come out to the hunt.

"We have invited venlittle later than previ-Park, the Monte Vista ous times because we are 852-2456, for more infor-Elks Lodge and the Monte trying to work with the mation on the event, or was later than the year before. This year we are trying it at 11. We are hoping the kids will not have to hunt Easter Eggs in the snow. There will be lots of traditional dyed eggs, and plastic eggs with prizes. There is going to be something for everyone."

Werner, who is the officer and chair for the youth activities of the Elks, is excited about the egg hunt.

"The Elks have traditionally always tried to put on community events like this," she said. "We like to help support and provide activities for the youth and the Veterans in the community, that is something that is very important to us. We enjoy it and are happy to be doing it again this year. We are excited about doing this

Vendors who would like to participate in the event dors to come out. It is a are encouraged to contact the Elks Lodge at 719weather for the kids. Last to reserve a space. In the year, we did it at 10, which event of harsh weather, other entertainment may be available.



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## **SLV Women's March this Saturday**



The SLV Women's March will gather at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, at the corner of Highway 160 and Richardson Avenue in Alamosa. The march is sponsored by SLV Women ACT (Alliance for Change Together).

#### First

■ Continued from Page 1 inspiring and, if the March 21 meeting was any indication, very committed to developing skills that are crucial to who they are as individuals and the lives they choose to lead.

According to information provided by Larry Zaragoza, the organization's advisor, "People First," is a "self-advocacy," and "selfhelp" organization whose purpose is to create a selfdirected, supportive community of adults who have developmental disabilities.

The club has been in existence since 2000, with some members having been a part of the community for "a very long time." That Thursday, thirteen members were present, including two married couples, with another married consensus that helping of being a member of this community.

When asked what that looks like, Robert, one of important to us.' the members, says, "We get together and talk about things. Things with each other and things in the world. Sometimes, we go out to lunch."

"Three or four times a year, we go out to celebrate our birthdays," adds Karie, Alamosa.

Reaching out to others is also a key element. "We talk to people in the community about the club," says Elvira, People First vice-president. "We talk about what we do and what it means to us."

"I was so excited to find couple and a few others out there was a People who weren't able to make First club here," says it. There was a general Amanda, club secretary. Amanda and her husband, each other is a key part Mike, recently joined the club after moving to Alamosa from California. "This community is very

Encouraging each other is also crucial. "We encourage our members to get outside jobs, if they want to," adds Karie. That prompted a response from the group where a number of the members said they had jobs, some at fast People First's president in food restaurants, such as Sonic and Taco Bell, and others at Blue Peaks Development Services. One member was working at two jobs.

> Being part of People First also helps to teach its members to be advocates for themselves.

#### Mix

 $\blacksquare$  Continued from Page 1 for his excellence in Colorado produce production and his tireless work to start CFVGA. "I am honored to be

named winner of the Sakata award. It is amazing to see how far CFVGA has come since it was founded in 2014," said Roger Mix. "We currently serve our members through political advocacy, by exploring automated and other options to the ag labor challenges we face, and by putting potential buyers in front of grower members. In addition, CFVGA voting members get free membership in Western Growers and have representation in Washington, D.C. on the issues impacting our operations. I also mention the many avenues CFVGA uses to promote Colorado produce to everyone from consumers to commercial buyers. I couldn't be prouder of what we have accom-

"We need to be good, self-advocates," "That Amanda. means speaking up for ourselves. We don't let our

"Feeling strong" self," were other answers that were offered.

We have disabilities," says Elvira, vice-president of the club. "But that doesn't mean we're different from other people." The members of the club have the same interests, talents, strengths and desires that others have. "We're just like everybody else, we just have a disability."

That comment drew a doesn't just sit around do-

plished the last decade as a unified organization."

Mix was born and raised in the San Luis Valley and grew up on his family farm. He has represented CFVGA and helped strengthen its partnership with Western Growers. He also is a valued member of the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee and has served as chair of its Industry and Community Committee.

On a national level, Mix has served in multiple leadership roles on the National Potato Council including serving as its president. He is active in many capacities at the regional and local levels and has represented the San Luis Valley on numerous water and labor issues.

According to one of the people nominating him, Mix "has been instruthe San Luis Valley and has helped unify and direct the shared interests of the potato industry and other produce sectors. He is a clear and conscientious voice

chorus of agreement from

to the pandemic, members

spoke to the Elks, Rotary

Club and other groups in

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cate other members of the

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"We want to show people

that [SLV] People First

technology," says Karie.

mental disabilities.

on their horizon.

level yet.



Roger Mix

agriculture. His sense of friendliness, humor, and thoughtfulness has made the organization more effective and welcoming for all those around him."

The CFVGA is comprised of some 280 members, including growers of all sizes and types of production throughout the state, as well as representatives of allied industries. The Colorado fruit and vegetable growing sector contributes nearly \$485 mental in representing million to Colorado at the farm gate and is multiplied as it goes through the distribution chain. Over 90,000 Colorado acres are in fruit and vegetable production. Learn more at coloradoproduce.org.

> ing nothing," says Amanda. "And we're also hoping to walk in the Pioneer Days parade to maybe recruit new members and do fundraisers."

As stated in the information shared by Zaragoza, "The members of People Alamosa, experiences that First want to show people not only helped them gain who don't know about disabilities that people with developmental disabilities, "are able to live and work among them. They contribute a lot to the communities and enrich those

Since the pandemic, she areas where they live." says the group has not The members are also quite gotten back to that clear that they want to have direction in their own However, that does not lives. As the back of their mean they don't have goals t-shirt says, "Don't talk

about us without us!"

People First meets on the second Thursday of every month at the Alamosa Public Library. Meetings begin at 1 p.m.

the group. Lavern Valdez, another People First advisor, says the pandemic was very difficult on the group. Prior disabilities stop us."

"feeling good about my-When asked if, as a

group, they have felt the Alamosa community was welcoming, most agreed they felt "somewhat" welcome. But others felt people still needed education.

I think of the people who

are here who are desper-

people who are here who need help. I think of the people who are asking for public assistance who can't survive without it.

ate for help in our com-

munity." At the conclusion of public comment. Heersink said, "Our intent of this resolution was not received as we thought it would be. Our intent was strictly financial and resources position. We missed the mark with the wording of this resolution. Our intent was certainly not received as we had hoped.'

Laske said, "I can tell you from my heart, my intent was to be good to this community and to take care of the community and make sure we could do for all of our people who are here right now as opposed to increasing that and maybe not being able to take care of anybody. That did not come through in the resolution."

Shortly before voting on the matter, Commissioner Heersink said, "It is my feeling that no matter what we do to this resolution, the intent is not going to be received as we want that we have gotten that we wanted to send to other communities, that we are non-sanctuary, we don't have resources to facilitate folks and an influx. That message has been sent and I would encourage us ley Emergency Managers to just let it lie."

Commissioner Van Ry offered, "I think the statement has been made that we are financially unable to take an influx, a few people here and there, we can definitely take, and we welcome all people to the San Luis Valley.'

Lakse then proceeded to call for a motion to approve Resolution, amended Resolution 24-G-3. Not hearing a motion, it dies."

The audience responded to the motion dying with applause.

After the meeting, Alatold the Valley Courier, "I'm glad the commissioners decided to do the right thing and appreciate that what they heard from the community,'

Flora Archuleta said, "I am pleased and so happy with the commissioners' decision. I'm thankful that the community came out in support of immigrants and I was happy

intent as we've heard is workers from Guatemala the statistics that have it. I feel the voices here to hear lots of people there is the potential for who are in the San Luis been given, I think of the and some of the coverage sharing their thoughts. I'm very glad the commis-

> sioners were listening." Commissioner Laske told the Valley Courier there are no plans to reintroduce the motion.

"We, the San Luis Valfrom the San Luis Valley, Arlan have been working on a emergency response plan for refugees/South West Boarder Migrants influx. The major points to the plan is this is a very temporary response to assist in the life sustaining needs to help the individuals continue to find their final destination. The intent is to make a very temporary shelter, 24-48 hours so they will not freeze, get them set up with resources and help assist them to travel to their final destination.

'We do not have the admosa resident Lia Carpio equate resources, staffing or finances to have a sustained response.

"The plan is in final development with a meetthey took into account ing with our local partners on Monday and we hope to have a presentation to each of our local Commissioners in the next two weeks according to a statement from Alamosa County Emergency Manager Eric Treinen,"

## County

■ Continued from Page 1 the community attended the meeting on Wednesday morning, either in person or on Zoom. Members of the public were allowed 3 minutes to state their opinion. Some became emotional, and nearly all took the entire amount of time allowed. Over 20 people spoke against the resolution

and two spoke in favor. At the beginning of the meeting, Commissioner Vern Heersink recommended deletion of two points in the current resolution: one, citing "significant public health and safety risk to the community posed by illegal immigrants," and, the second, "the cascading impacts relocation of migrants from Denver," that "pose a risk to Alamosa County."

Heersink also advocated for a significantly shorter resolution.

"I would also be in favor of a very short resolution that basically says, 'Alamosa County does not have resources and therefore we are not a sanctuary county," he said. Heersink further asked that the reference to unreimbursed care by SLV Regional Hospital be removed.

Commissioner Lori Laske said, "The purpose of this is to notify other entities in the state of Colorado that we do not have the additional resources for the overflow to provide. The title [of the resolution is a little misleading because that is not the intent of it, the

overflow from Arapaho, Denver, Aurora, Boulder, Jefferson County and they're looking for places we're struggling with re-

When, per protocol, the public was allowed to he continued, "the intent comment, there was frequent mention of the resolution being "divisive", "racist", "unwelcoming" and contrary to what Alamosa aspires to be.

Former Alamosa City Council Member Charlie Griego told the commissioners, "To turn people away is wrong. This week we are celebrating Holy Week, and our Lord Jesus Christ, tells us to love each other and take care of each other and not to

fight each other." spoke of his family history, "a story unfortunately of racism and discrimination that led to the disunity of the family." Alvarez continued, "We have to look at the law of unintended consequences by making this resolution and joining other counties and cities. I think the unintended consequences would say to our community of workers from Mexico, our community of

Valley, You are here, but you are not really welcome. When we needed you and your work, you and we want to just be were fine, but now that very transparent that things are difficult you

are not welcome.

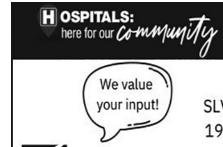
"I know that is not the intent of the resolution," of the resolution is to protect all of us taxpayers and all of us who live here and love the San Luis Valley... as Charlie [Griego] mentioned, this is Holy Week and I think of Saint Matthew's gospel, 'when I was hungry you fed me, when I was naked, you clothed me."

"Why," asked Dr. Helen Sigmond, former Alamosa County Commissioner. "What are you doing this for? This is unnecessary."

"I have lived in Ala-Father Carlos Alverez mosa for 45 years," said Flora Archuleta, executive director of SLV Immigrant Resource Services. "I am angry and embarrassed to witness that Alamosa County is declaring on paper that they are no longer a welcoming county,'

> Rev. Kim Nipple, who spoke in favor of the motion said, "I am here in support of this resolution...when I look at this resolution and listen to

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## **Easter** bonnet

**Trout** 

Republic

by Kevin Kirkpatrick

Looks like this year is really on a roll of late and time is flying by like a goose headed North in the Spring migration. And for those of you not familiar with geese, that's

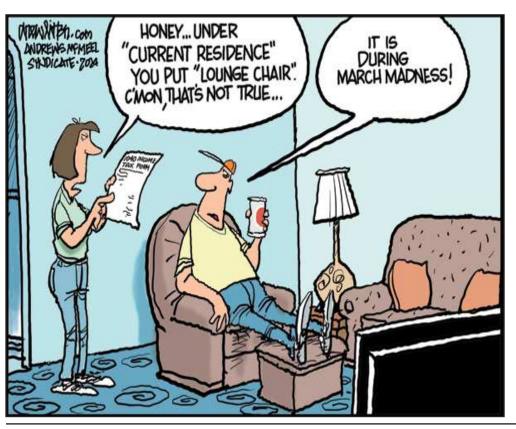
It seems like we get done with one Holiday or special time and another is sprung

upon us. Of course, we all know that most of the Holidays are probably an invention of the retailers out there looking to turn a buck on decorations and such. And no small part of that is The Plan to keep us all distracted while the wheelers and dealers deal us out of our money. Regardless of the reason for having so many holidays, we all line up like pigs at a trough to get the bounty that each special day pres-

So, get ready, Ol' Dutch wants to give you the heads up that Easter is around the corner, like literally this weekend.

Of course, most people celebrate Easter for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb, so they dress up and head off to church even if that is not normally a part of their Sunday routine. Nothing like a little fire insurance that they think they're getting by attending church once a year. And heck, I guess once is double of nothing – unless you're a mathematician and a stickler for accuracy.

I can remember how our home church attendance would swell on Easter Sunday with people all duded out in their best clothes. All the kids were wound up like a nine-day clock and out of control from sugar ingestion of the candy they got that morning in some funky straw



Solemnly they sat until the preacher got Christ out of the tomb for the year and then off they'd go to the lake or golf course enjoying life. One thing that did happen ever so slowly over time was the tendency of people to drop any attempt at dressing up for such a celebration. When I was a kid — which Trixie said

was long before fire was invented — everyone got new clothes to wear to church. The women all had their hair done special, the men got out the "good" suit and they all came into the building in a fine display of Americana family picturesque perfection. There was even a song written about

such doins, called "Easter Parade." Written by Irving Berlin in 1933, it became very popular and such stars as Bing Crosby, Judy Garland and Fred Astaire covered it in records and a movie.

Sing along with me to the tune of "Easter Parade" of course.

frills upon it,

You'll be the grandest lady in the easter parade.

I'll be all in clover and when they look vou over.

I'll be the proudest fellow in the easter

On the avenue, fifth avenue, the photographers will snap us,

And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure. Oh, I could write a sonnet about your

easter bonnet, And of the girl I'm taking to the easter

So, I guess people used to stroll up and down the street showing off the first

non-winter hat they purchased and for some reason they decided to call that hat a bonnet. Who knows, right? As I was saying, over time people be-

gan to dress more shabbily on Easter Cooper, fish, hunt, ATV or hike daily. and soon you had blue jeans-wearing His email is Kevin@TroutRepublic.com. dads, women in culottes and kids in Additional news can be found at www. In your easter bonnet, with all the their school rags and tennis shoes. Peo-troutrepublic.com.

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ple stopped doing the traditional things and now no one even dyes Easter Eggs, with a whole generation of kids missing out on that vinegar-laden concoction that emanates from the dye we used.

Plastic eggs and plastic bunnies have taken the place of chocolate ones all in the name of convenience, less mess and slowing down Johnny's sugar fit tantrums. What fun is that?

The Grands will want Ol' Dutch and Miss Trixie to make the drive over to attend church with them on Easter Sunday. And, of course, they usually get whatever they want out of Grandpa and Trisis so we will probably wind our way over there, bonnet-less and blue jeans clad and hopefully be inspired to keep the faith for one more year.

Kevin Kirkpatrick and his Yorkie,

## Trump lawfare: The next stage begins

Donald Trump was first indicted nearly a year ago, on April 4, 2023, when Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg announced charges against the former president over a nondisclosure agreement Trump used to buy the silence of porn



actress Stormy Daniels, with whom he had apparently had a brief sexual encounter. Bragg, an elected Democrat, won office by promising to go after Trump, and go after Trump he did.

Resurrecting an allegation that more responsible law enforcement agencies had declined to prosecute, Bragg came up with 34 felony counts against Trump, each of which carried a maximum sentence of four years in prison, which theoretically would result in 134 years behind bars for the former president. On Monday, Judge Juan Merchan announced that the trial will begin April 15.

The indictment was weak in a variety of ways. First, the main charge, that Trump falsified business records in 2016, was a misdemeanor with a two-year statute of limitations. Even if Bragg could somehow jack the charges into a felony, which carries a five-year statute of limitations, the time in which Trump could be charged had passed.

But wait — during the pandemic, when courts virtually shut down, New York, in a one-time-only move, extended its statute of limitations to six years, which allowed Bragg to get the Trump charges in right under the wire.

But only if he could charge Trump

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Trump committed the misdemeanor of falsifying records in the act of committing another crime, which elevated the falsification charge to a felony. The problem was, Bragg has never clearly said what the other crime was. He appears to be relying on a dubious theory that Trump violated federal election law — a theory that didn't work when the feds used it against John Edwards From a campaign standpoint, that is the spondent for The Washington Exam-— which Bragg, as a local prosecutor, great promise of the Bragg indictment. iner. does not have the authority to enforce.

case. Then there is its political import, which is heading into a new phase.

Before April 4, 2023, nobody knew being indicted might affect Trump's candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination. Back then, Trump led GOP challenger Ron DeSantis by around 15 points. After Bragg's indictment, Trump's support shot up and DeSantis' support trended downward. A 15-point lead became a 30-point lead.

Subsequent indictments have either further increased Trump's support among Republican primary voters or had no effect at all. Those voters have processed the whole indictment issue, and many have come to the conclusion that the charges are politically motivated attacks by elected Democrats, like Bragg or Fulton County, Georgia, District Attorney Fani Willis, or by the special counsel chosen by the Biden administration, Jack Smith. In all, Trump, now the presumptive Republican nominee, is in a stronger place politically than he was before he was first indicted. As he said in an interview recently, "Who would have thought that?" Now the indictments, or at least one

with a felony. So Bragg contended that indictment, will turn into a trial. A I am saying that so far, the Demodeep-blue Manhattan jury is likely to cratic lawfare campaign against convict Trump on at least some of the Trump has had some unintended concharges. What might happen then? sequences, and there is no reason to That is the prospect that raises Democratic hopes, at least for now. They have erything will finally start going acseen a number of polls that show some cording to the Democratic plan. There portion of voters who are now open to could be more surprises to come. voting for Trump say that they would not vote for him if he were a convicted felon. It can turn Trump into a convicted fel-Those are the legal defects of the on before the election, even as the other criminal cases against Trump sputter with delay after delay. Bragg, some Democrats believe, could have the power to turn voters in Biden's direction. Or perhaps not. There is another Trump conviction political scenario. Back when Bragg indicted the former president, some Democrats were uncomfortable with the fact that the first of several anticipated indictments against Trump was also the weakest case. Democrats know as well as anyone else that Bragg's case is a bad one, and some worried that by going first, the weakest case would cause some voters to dismiss all the Trump prosecutions as weak and politically motivated. Now, what if the effect of a conviction in the Bragg case is to diminish the prosecution, and not the defendant? And then, by extension, to diminish all of the prosecutions against Trump? Not in the eyes of the Democratic base or many in the media, of course -- nothing would diminish their opposition to Trump -- but in the eyes of voters who might seriously be considering voting for Trump as the better of the binary choice with Biden. I am not saying that will happen. But

believe that, once a trial begins, ev-

Byron York is chief political corre-

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#### Sports Bulletin

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#### SCOREBOARD TUESDAY

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Prep girls soccer Durango 10, Ala-

#### THURSDAY Prep baseball

Sierra Grande 17, Sargent 7, 5 inn.

#### College men's

Adams State at Westminster (Utah) – late

#### College women's softball

Metropolitan State-Denver 6, Adams State 5

Metropolitan State-Denver 22, Adams State 7

#### SCHEDULE FRIDAY Prep baseball

Alamosa vs. Sterling (Jim Sullivan Invitational at La Junta), 10 a.m.

Swink at Centauri,

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

## (at Mosca), 9 a.m. College women's softball

Memorial Invitational

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

## **SATURDAY Prep baseball**Del Norteat Ignacio

(2), 11 a.m. Rocky Ford at Cen-

tauri, 11 a.m. Sargent at Monte Vista (2), 11 a.m.

Sierra Grande at Cotopaxi (2), 1 p.m. Alamosa at Jim Sul-

livan Invitational (at La Junta), TBA **Prep girls soccer** 

Trinidad at Del Norte, 11 a.m.

Harrison at Alamosa, 1 p.m.

Prep track and field Centauri, Del Norte, Sargent at Pine River Invitational (at Bayfield), 9 a.m.

Sangre de Cristo at Salida Invitational, 9 a.m.

#### College men's lacrosse

Adams State at Colorado Mesa, noon College outdoor track and field

Adams State at Stanford Invitational, TBA

#### MONDAY Prep baseball

Centauri at Walsenburg, 3 p.m.

#### TUESDAY Prep baseball

Alamosa at Gunnison, 3 p.m. Center at Sanford (2), 3 p.m.

Centauri JV at Sierra Grande, 4:30 p.m. Centennial at Custer County, 4:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY College men's lacrosse

Concordia-Irvine (Calif.) at Adams State, 3 p.m.

## Panthers defeat Farmers in season opener

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor SARGENT\_SCHOOL

SARGENT SCHOOL – The Sierra Grande High School baseball team won its season opener on Thursday as it defeated Sargent 17-7 at the Farmers' field.

The Panthers took the early lead by scoring four runs in the top of the first. Brian Ontiveros drew a leadoff walk and he stole second. He took third and scored on wild pitches for a 1-0 lead.

Derek Martinez also walked and Patrick Sanchez singled. Martinez scored on a passed ball, and Adrian Casados and Bryant Tijerina both walked to load the bases. Rolando Najera also walked to drive home Sanchez, and Eugene Allaart also walked to plate Casados.

The Farmers scored three runs in their half of the first. Trenton Paskett walked and he stole second and took third on an error. Corbin Castillo also walked, and Paskett scored as Sargent successfully executed the double steal. Castillo went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a balk

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Kade Temple also walked and he too scored on a wild nitch

too scored on a wild pitch.
Sierra Grande scored one run in
the second. Kobe Mizokami reached
on an error and he stole second. He
went to third and scored on wild
pitches.

Sargent scored a run in the bottom of the third. Trenton Lovelace received a leadoff walk and stole second. Jaycien Sierra and Mitchell Peterson both walked to load the bases, and Lovelace scored on Cadyn Wright's infield single.

The Panthers blew the game open with an 11-run fourth. Ontiveros led off with a single and stole second. Mizokami also singled to plate Ontiveros and an error in the outfield put him on second. Luis Roybal was hit by a pitch and Sanchez walked to fill the sacks.

to fill the sacks.

Casados singled to bring home Mizokami, and another outfield error allowed Roybal to come home. Tijerina's single plated Sanchez, and after Najera walked, Giovanni Jacquez was safe on an error to drive in Casados.

Carlos Lopez received a base on ball to score Tijerina, and Ontiveros cleared the bases with a triple for a 14-4 advantage. Mizokami singled home Ontiveros,

and Mizokami stole second and third and scored on a wild pitch. Sierra Grande added a run in the fifth. Jaydn Martinez walked and stole second. He went to third on a wild pitch and scored on another

wild pitch for a 17-4 lead. The Farmers attempted a



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Sierra Grande High School's Rolando Najera throws out a Sargent batter in Thursday's game. The Panthers won 17-7.

comeback in the bottom of the fifth. Sierra, Peterson and Wright all walked to load the bases with nobody out. Castillo doubled to score Sierra and Peterson, and after Temple walked to load the bases, Lovelace also walked to drive home Wright. Sargent was unable to score any

Sargent was unable to score any more runs and the game ended on the 10-run rule.

Casados started on the mound for the Panthers and he allowed three runs and no hits with four walks. Mizokami relieved Casados in the first and he gave up one run and one hit with nine strikeouts and six walks to earn the win. Najera finished the game and he surrendered three runs and one hit and he struck out three

and walked five.

Temple was the Farmers' starting pitcher and he allowed four runs and one hit and he struck out two and walked six and he was dealt the loss. Paskett went to the mound later in the first inning and he gave up five runs and two hits and he struck out seven, walked one and hit one

batter. Castillo relieved Paskett in the fourth and surrendered seven runs and two hits and he had two strikeouts and four walks. Peterson finished the game and allowed one run and no hits with one strikeout and three walks.

Sierra Grande had eight hits and was led by Ontiveros who went 2-3 with a triple and three RBIs, Sanchez who went 2-4, and Mizokami who went 2-5 with two RBIs. Sargent was led offensively by

Sargent was led offensively by Wright who went 1-1 with one RBI, and Castillo who went 1-3 with a double and two RBIs.

Sierra Grande (1-0) will travel to Cotopaxi on Saturday for a doubleheader. Sargent (0-2) will play a doubleheader at Monte Vista also on Saturday.

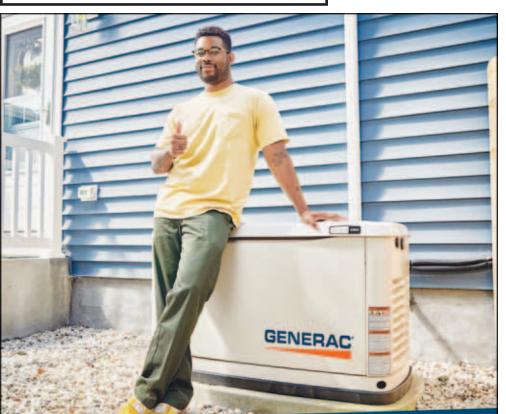
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## Lifestyles

## CPW releases updated collared gray wolf activity map

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

**DENVER** — An updated map was published today on Colorado Parks and Wildlife's website to

recreationists, have been in the past ery month. month. CPW will update this map with new infor-

continue informing the mation monthly to reflect ing GPS data from all func- of four locations is then CPW staff can learn data for the past 30 days and livestock producers or so, produced on the on where collared wolves fourth Wednesday of ev-

**Notable Updates** 

This map was created us-

One of the collars placed on a wolf translocated from Oregon is no longer providing signals to CPW biologists. The animal with the failed collar is traveling with another animal with a functional collar, which currently allows CPW to monitor that animal. CPW has confirmed that the animal with the malfunctioning collar is still alive based on visual confirmation

tioning collars in Colorado.

from an airplane. A collar on another wolf has been identified as partially functional and may not be fully functional soon.

There have been no wolf mortalities in Colorado and no reported livestock depredation in the last 30 days.

About the GPS collar

Currently, the collars are programmed to record a position every four hours.

Once four locations are recorded, the packet transmitted via satellite where wolves have been, to CPW biologists.

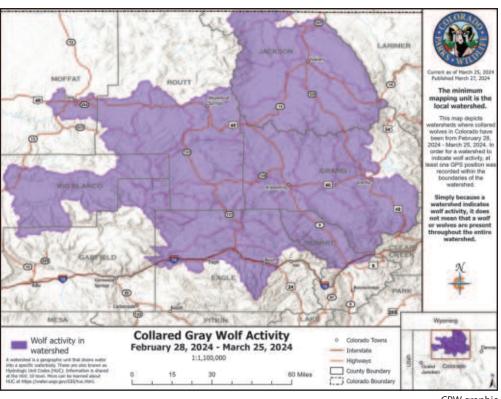
dense cloud cover and current point in time, nor closed terrain, can delay can they predict where the frequency of position the wolves will go. recording and data transmission.

By looking at the data, be shared.

but they cannot tell Some factors, such as where wolves are at a

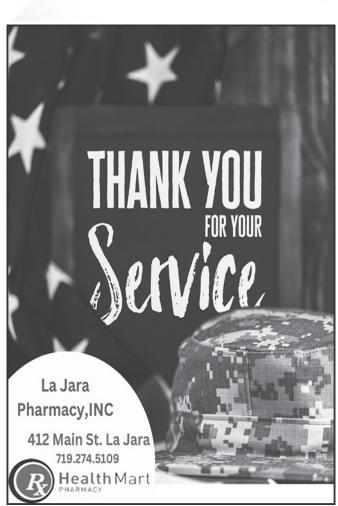
To protect the wolves, specific GPS data will not





Collared gray wolf activity recorded by Colorado Parks and Wildlife from Feb. 28 to March 25. A larger map is linked below and available at cpw.state.co.us.











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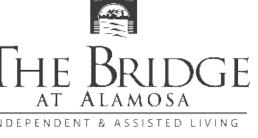
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 25, 2023, a Writ of Execution was issued out of the District Court for the County of Cone jos directing the Sheriff of the County of Conejos, State of Colorado to levy upon and seize certain property of Darlene Letey, the above named Defendant, and the Sheriff of the County of Conejos did levy

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

Witness, Garth Crowther, Sheriff of Conejos County, Colorado, this 30

day of November, 2023. GARTH CROWTHER CONEJOS COUNTY SHERIFF

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COSTILLA COUNTY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

GUADALUPE SANCHEZ DITCH PROJECT General Notice

Costilla County Conservancy District (District) in conjunction with the landowner, ditch, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project. These bids will be reviewed and approved by the District as a special district and the financial agent for the project.:

Guadalupe Sanchez Ditch Project

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Costilla County Conservancy District located at 324 Main Street, PO Box 42, San Luis, Colorado 81152 until \_12\_, of \_\_\_April\_\_\_\_2024 at 4:00 PM local time. On \_\_\_April 17\_\_\_\_ \_, 2024, at noon the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.
The Project includes the following Work:

Construction of the Guadalupe Sanchez Ditch Works of Improvement The District anticipates that the Project's total bid price will be approximately \$300,000. The Project has an expected duration of approximately 6 months with a goal deadline of completion of October, 2024. Obtaining the Bidding Documents

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Costilla County Conservancy District Office on Monday through Friday between the hours

Costilla County Conservancy District 324 Main Street, San Luis, CO 81154

Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Tuesday, April

16th at 1pm at Costilla County Conservancy District, 324 Main Street, San Luis CO 81152. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. This Advertisement is issued by:

Costilla County Conservancy District Owner:

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Be it resolved that the Board of Education of South Conejos School District accepts the

regular School Board

meeting effective March 12, 2024, and Be it further resolved that, in accordance with state law, the Board

this school director's office that will be filled by appointment by the Board within 60 days in accordance with the following procedure:

1. Interested persons are invited to send a letter to the Board with a

interest and qualifications by April 15, 2024. Letters can be submitted to vlopez@southconejos.com.

2. The Board will interview prospective candidates on April 16, 2024,

3. To be eligible for appointment, a candidate must be a registered

The appointee will serve the remainder of the unexpired term

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The Conejos County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 6:00 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 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

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 regula-

tions, 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.coneios.co.us

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#### ALAMOSA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Alamosa Planning Commission on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM and again before the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 8:30 AM, in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Major Site Plan submitted by Preston Porter of Alamosa Storage, LLC. on property currently addressed as 5929 S Rd 106. The applicant is proposing to develop and operate a self-storage fa-

cility, pursuant to Section 3.4.8 of the LUDC. This property is in the Industrial (I) zone district.
The legal description of the property is: Tract 3, Barrier Replat of the

Alamosa Power Plant Site, according to the plat filed July 6, 2012 under Reception No. 349605, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado. Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land

Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours or at (719) 589-3812. Richard Hubler

ниспаго Hubler Land Use Administrator Alamosa County No. 3862. Published in the Valley Courier on March 29, 2024.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CO Grocers Group LLC, d/b/a Rainbow Grocery has applied for a Retail Liquor License. The Liquor License Application is for the premises located at 30279 West Highway 160, South Fork, Colorado, 81154. A Public Hearing on this application is scheduled for April 23rd, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. This hearing will be held at the South Fork Community Building located at 0254 Highway 149, South Fork, Colorado, 81154 Comments and Petitions can be filed at the South Fork Town Hall lo-cated at 0100 Silver Thread Lane, mailed to P.O. Box 369, or emailed to townadministrator@southfork.org

Dated this 27th day of March, 2024. Hank Weber, Town Manager Town of South Fork

Published in the Valley Courier on April 2, 2024.

TRUSTEE OPENING

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email at townadministrator@southfork.org Published in the Valley Courier on March 29, 2024.

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pital.net or call 719-657-4111. (4/17/24) **NORTH CONEJOS** SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applica-HIGH SCHOOL HEAD GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH and (1) CHS HEAD CROSS COUN-TRY COACH. Application can be downloaded at www.northconejos. com or may be picked up at the administration office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO, 719-274-5174. For questions call Jesse Shawcroft at 719-274-5178. Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. Application dead-line is until filled. EOE.

paulap@riograndehos-

ALAMOSA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE is seeking a DATA EN-TRY CLERK. This job requires data entry skills and working knowledge of the Assessor's Office to ensure accurate property data is generated to maintain complex records. Responsibilities include: Working independently or in a team setting, entering deed transfers (land splits/ combination and replats of parcels into database), entering address changes into the computer system, answering phones and assisting the public at the front counter, coping maps, daily mail runs, participating in professional training, and perform all other duties as required by the County Assessor. \$17.00-\$19.00 per hour, full time, full benefits. Background check and drug screening required. Applications may be obtained online at www. alamosacounty.org. Inquiries may be directed to humanresources@ alamosacounty.org.

## **HELP WANTED**

LEYBALL COACH needed at DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL. Experience as a coach or assistant coach at the MIDDLE SCHOOL and or HIGH SCHOOL level is preferred. Must possess: effective coaching techniques and a thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport; and have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gibbs Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@urtigers.co 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers.co ,719-657-4020. (5/1/24)

**CAFETERIA STAFF** NEEDED at UP-PER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or RIO GRANDE HOSemail her at lmartinez@ urtigers.co. (5/1/24)

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CSU-SAN LUIS VAL-LEY RESEARCH CENTER is seeking temporary hourly employees to work M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm, 30 to 40 hours per week. Aids in the preparation of research field experiments and crops. Provides planting, irrigating, cultivating, harvesting, storing crops and various tasks important to the research initiatives at this station. Please apply at https://jobs.colostate. edu/postings/141377 or contact Sharon at (719) 754-3594 x17. (4/17/24)

TOWN OF HOOPER is accepting applica-tions for the PARK AND TOWN MAIN-TENANCE POSITION. Job begins in April September, up to 30 hours per month. The job duties include maintainmowing equipment etc and town weed control and various other duties. Job description available upon request. Send re-sume or letter of interest including experience, to PO Box 1, Hooper, CO 81136 or tclerk.hooper@ gmail.com, include in the subject line, Hooper Maintenance Position. For more information call 719-937-3683. Application deadline, April 15, 2024. (4/6/24)

LA PUENTE IS seeking a self-starting individual for the po-sition of EMPLOY-MENT NAVIGA-TOR as the front line worker in our Employment Readiness program. This program engages clients experiencing barriers to employment to support their journey from unemployed or underemployed to stability and independence. The Navigator will work with La Puente's Shelter, Street Outreach, and Adelante programs, as well as local employers and employment programs to help clients overcome barriers and obtain employment. The Navigator also works to build trust, conduct assessments, make referrals, identify resources, and collect data. Ability to problem-solve and collaborate with other agencies is a must. 36k-40k DOE. Send resume: La Puente, P.O. Box 1235, ALAMOSA, CO 81101, 719 589-5909. www. lapuente.net Email: hr@ lapuente.net. (4/17/24)



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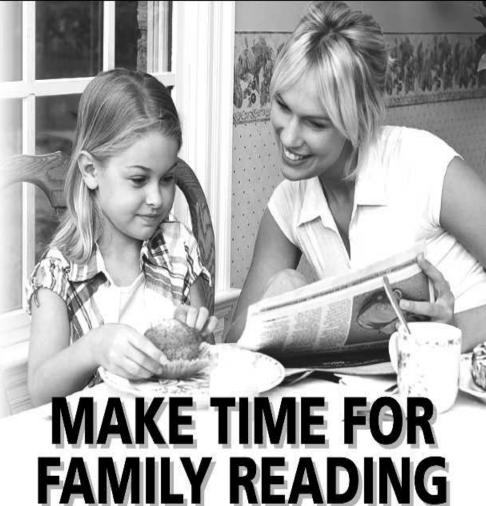
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#### 221 -**HELP WANTED**

WORKER I. This is an entry-level position pay is hourly, 32 hours a week. QUALIFICA-TIONS: 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 strenu-ous 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. EDU-CATION: 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 educa-tion and experience is required. SPECIAL RE-QUIREMENTS: 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) 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.

#### 221 -**HELP WANTED**

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 Li-cense. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: 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 applica-tion at the Town Hall office during business hours. (4/8/24)

LOCAL DRIVER -METZ POTATO COM-PANY 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 MONTE VISTA.

(3/30/24)

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and small businesses.

For details and to apply, visit fswb.bank/about/ careers. EOE. (4/10/24) THE CITY OF MON-TE 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 TELL-ER 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 by April 12, 2024. Application is available at TrueLocalBank.com/ careers or call 719-657-

3376 and ask for Dawn. EOE. (4/12/24)

#### 221 -HELP WANTED

SKYLINE POTATO
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CO is looking for a
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must be Bilingual
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Margaret Limon @ 719754-2043. (4/30/24)

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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. (4/5/24)

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SDEC SCHOOL
DISTRICT is seeking a HIGH
SCHOOL VOLLEY-BALL 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)

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

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½ TIME TIGER CON-NECTION COACH (attendance & family connection) needed at DEL NORTE ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL. This will be a 2-year part time classified position paid for with the Stronger Connections Grant. For more information please contact Principal Amy Duda at 719-657-4050 or aduda@urtigers.co. Applications may be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (4/17/24)

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ALAMOSA MOS-QUITO CONTROL DISTRICT is now hiring for SEASONAL STAFF. Please go to their website www. mosquitobytes.org. Click on EMPLOY-MENT for job descriptions and applications. Alamosa Mosquito Control District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Must be 18+ to apply. (4/3/24)

#### 221 -HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a HS HEAD BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Extra Duty Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website – Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities, by March 28, 2024 or until the position is filled. For questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (4/3/24)

HOSPICE DEL VALLE is currently seeking an ADMIN-ISTRATIVE ASSIS-TANT. A part time to full time position available. Knowledge in payroll and QuickBooks preferred but not necessary. Please call or stop by Hospice del Valle for further information: 514 Main Street, ALA-MOSA, Colo 81101 or 719-589-9019. (4/17/24) HOSPICE DEL VAL-

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SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education is seeking applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year. ELEMENTARY READING INTER-VENTIONIST: Fulltime position, starting salary Step 0 \$35,845.00, placement on the salary schedule will be based on years of experience up to 10 years. Benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, optional \$1,200 a year toward an HSA, and life insurance coverage. 4-day week, professional learning opportunities, free admission to all home athletic events, mentor program for new teachers, staff wellness room, discount rates to Monte Vista Athletic Club. Sand Dunes Swimming Golf Course. Elementary Teaching License and Reading Specialist K-12 required; please complete the certified application and submit with unofficial transcripts, three letters of recommendation and resume. More information concerning job requirements, qualifications, and application process can be found at www.sargent.k12.co.us. EOE. (3/30/24)

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education is seeking applications for the folapplications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Salary/Benefits: \$90,000 to \$110,000/Full family medical insurance coverage Negotiable. The Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for the general management of the schools of the district under the requirements of the state and the policies of the Board. The superintendent is responsible for guiding the development of the educational objectives and programs of the school district to fulfill the educational needs of all students. The super-intendent shall provide overall direction to the activities of the school district and its personnel toward the accomplishment of district goals, administer the policies of the Board. conserve the school district's assets and resources, and maintain and enhance the school district's standing in all its internal and external relationships. The management responsibilities of the superintendent shall extend to all activities of the district, to all phases of the educational program and to all parts of the physical plant. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Professional Administrator License or Master of Arts degree

in School Administra-

tion. More information

concerning job require-

ments, qualifications, and application process can be found at www.

sargent.k12.co.us. EOE. (3/30/24)

#### 221 -HELP WANTED

**MAINTENANCE** ASSOCIATE (FT). Skilled multipurpose person needed to support on-going repairs/ maintenance of facilities, appliances, vehi-cles etc. Skills needed: (moderate) plumbing/electric, carpentry, general construction, auto maintenance/repairs, appliances. Salary: \$40-42K DOE / full benefit package. Requirements: initiative, good people skills, references. Training and support provided. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Send cover letter, resume/ request job description to Emily: hr@lapu-ente.net, 719 589-5909, ext238. www.lapuente. net (3/29/24)

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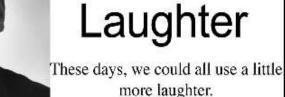
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#### **NEA Crossword Puzzle**

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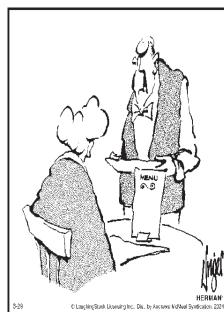
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

#### **HERMAN**



"I strongly recommend the only thing we've got left."

## Relationship with friend flows only one direction

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who talks nonstop. Honestly, I can put the phone down and go make a cup of tea, and she'll still be talking when I get back. I don't think she even takes a breath. I want to tell her she sometimes needs to ask questions or seek the opinions of others. How can I do this without hurting her feelings?

She has many good qualities. She's knowledgeable on many topics, she's artistic and she's a good cook. She is just exhausting to be around. I feel bad for her and her husband. Her children are good, productive citizens. But man, oh man, I dread getting a call from her. Advice? -- OVERWHELMED IN GEORGIA

DEAR OVER-WHELMED: There's a reason why you are drained after those phone calls. Your friend is a compulsive talker and a "sapper." (A sapper is someone who gains energy by draining it from others.) The next time she calls, have a stopwatch handy and make a note of the length of time she

rambles on and on. Then point out that although

she may be unaware of

it, she talked at you for

(insert number) minutes.

Then suggest she dial

it back and consider asking an occasional question and including you in the conversation, because what she has been doing is exhausting. She may not like what you are saying, but she really needs to hear it.

P.S. Consider screening your calls so that if vou don't have the energy to talk with the woman, you can avoid listening to her.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are planning a cruise to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary as well as his retirement next year. We invited my brother and his wife, "Rita," to join us. Because my brother has always wanted to visit our cruise destination, they accepted. Rita then shared

our cruise plans with her brother and his wife, "Jewel." Jewel expressed interest in the destination and said she wouldn't mind going. In response, Rita welcomed them to join us! When I was told this, Rita said her brother doesn't like cruises and probably wouldn't want to go, so I just let it go. Still, I am annoyed at her presump-

tuousness. Am I wrong to feel the way I do about her inviting her family without

first asking if it was OK



#### ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

with me and my husband? Rita did say she was sorry for inviting them, but I'm still annoyed. I love my brother and sister-in-law, and I'd hate to cause family drama. I'd welcome your thoughts. -- CRUISING IN HAWAII

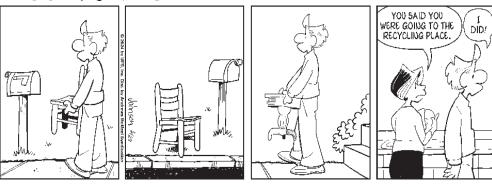
DEAR CRUISING: I agree that what Rita did was presumptuous. It was also thoughtless. She did not have the right to invite anyone along on your holiday. IF Jewel tells Rita that she and her husband HAVE decided to come, it will then be Rita's responsibility to straighten the matter out by rescinding the invitation, and you should "sweetly" make

that clear to her.

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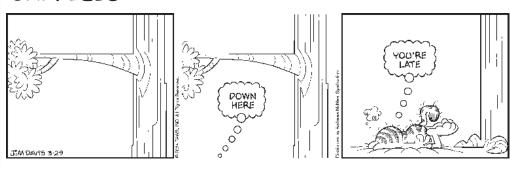
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