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SLV Today

Del Norte Easter Egg Hunt set for March 30

DEL NORTE — Del Norte Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 30, at 1 p.m. at the Del Norte City Park. This is a community event sponsored by the Del Norte Christian Association (DNCA). All are invited to the Easter egg stuffing on Friday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at the DNCA building lower floor at 595 Pine St.

DNCA is seeking volunteers to help load the plastic eggs and donations of small "wrapped" candy.

For more information on the event or participation, call or text Greg Porter at 719-849-8415.

Del Norte sponsoring latest Adventure Walk

DEL NORTE — The Town of Del Norte is the newest sponsor for the Del Norte Public Library Adventure Walk. The book used for the walk is titled "Total Solar Eclipse, A Stellar Friendship Story."

SLVREC board meeting is March 28

MONTE VISTA — SLVREC will have the regular meeting of the board of directors on Thursday, March 28, at 9:30 a.m. located at 3625 US Highway 160 W, Monte Vista. This is a change from the regular meeting day. Advance notice is required to attend the meeting, call Michelle Trujillo 719-852-3538.

SLV WEATHER



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New law calls for aggressive action in limiting water usage on non-functional turf

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

DENVER — Stretches of newly planted irrigated grass created for strictly aesthetic purposes will be a not-so-common sight in the future following the enactment of a bill signed into law by Governor Jared Polis on March 15. SB24-005, "Prohibit Landscaping Practices for Water Conservation" does exactly as the name of the bill implies.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2025, the installation, planting, or placement of nonfunctional turf, artificial turf, or invasive plant species as part of a project for the construction or renovation of a state facility is prohibited. The bill does not ap-

ply to residential properties.

In 2026, local entities will be prohibited from planting or allowing the planting of non-functional turf and prohibit

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'The choices that we have in these spaces can result in beautiful, Western drought-tolerant grasses and bushes and flowers,' said Rep. McCormack in her comments at the signing of SB24-005 'Prohibit Landscaping Practices for Water Conservation.' McCormack along with Senators Roberts and Simpson and Rep. McCloughlin were sponsors of the bill. Photo taken outside of Alta Offices on State Avenue in Alamosa.

Courtesy of Beata Ramza, City of Alamosa



GOCO awards \$100,000 to staff new CCALT office in Del Norte

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

DENVER — As part of the largest-ever cycle of funding totaling over \$117 million in grants, the board of GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado) has awarded \$100,000 to the Colorado Cattleman's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) to support the employment of a new regionally located staff member. The funding was allocated as part of GOCO's Planning and Capacity program, which invests

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Jocelyn Catterson, conservation and outreach manager, stands on the steps of Colorado Cattleman's Agricultural Land Trust's office that opened in Del Norte last fall. Great Outdoors Colorado recently awarded the group \$100,000 in grant funding to support the new staff position.

Photo by Karina Puikonen, CCALT



McDaniel Collection installed at ASU

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — Adams State University and the Adams State Foundation honored the late Dr. John McDaniel with an installation ceremony commemorating The McDaniel Collection, Jan. 24. The collection includes some 260 volumes of the nearly 50,000 that comprised McDaniel's personal library.

"This collection is a tribute to the mind and heart of a splendid professor and generous benefactor of Adams State University," said Ed Crowther, Ph.D., presi-

dent of the Foundation Board and emeritus professor of history. McDaniel joined the Adams State faculty in 1967 and remained excited about history, politics, and teaching his stu-

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The McDaniel Collection was welcomed into Adams State's McDaniel Hall in a January 24 ceremony. From left: Ed Crowther, Ph.D., president of the ASU Foundation Board; Adams State President David Tandberg, Ph.D.; and Adams State Board of Trustees Chair Duane Bussey.

Courtesy of Adams State University



Med/surg nurse honored with DAISY award

By DONNA WEHE
Director of

Communications SLVH ALAMOSA — Kathleen (Kat) Cummins, BSN, RN, is the SLVH DAISY Recipient. She works on the med/surg floor at the Regional Medical Center in Alamosa along with a great team of caregivers.

Kathleen admitted a patient who had emotionally shut down due to her prior negative experience. When this patient arrived, Kathleen noticed this patient had not established any rap-

port with her transport team.

The patient was hypoxic and was fluid overloaded with other symptoms that flagged the EMT's attention, such as ashen in color. The EMT immediately instructed the transfer team to stop the fluid bolus and to sit the patient up. This patient is morbidly obese and has difficulty breathing in a supine position. This patient was not talking to anyone on the care team on arrival. These interventions quite pos-

sibly saved her life.

Once the patient arrived on the floor under Kathleen's care, she took the time to talk to the patient and gain the patient's trust. Kathleen was asking the patient questions and initially, the patient did not respond. Eventually, the patient responded with the comment, "Why should I talk when no one listens?" Kathleen could see that this patient had just experienced something traumatic. She

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DAISY recipient Kat Cummins, BSN, RN, is congratulated by her supervisor, Amber Marquez, RN.



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Record

Weekend storms bump up Colorado's mountain snowpack to above-average levels

By SHANNON MULLANE

The Colorado Sun

All major river basins in Colorado are at or above their normal snowpack for this time of year thanks in part to recent storms that dumped 2 to 5 feet of snow on parts of the state.

This winter got off to a slow start, but as of Monday, the state's snowpack is above average at 109% of historic norm. The accumulation of snow in the mountains provides a vital source of water for Colorado and other Western states as it melts. The recent storms also cov-

ered this season's dust-on-snow events, which can hasten that snowmelt and leave water users and rivers in short supply in late summer.

"As far as snowfall: Really healthy totals, especially everywhere essentially east of the (Continental) Divide and into the I-25 corridor," said Bruno Rodriguez, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service station in Boulder.

The storms dumped 3 feet to 4 feet — in some cases 5 feet — on the Front Range foothills. In the Denver metro area, snowfall varied signifi-

cantly. Denver International Airport saw almost 6 inches and canceled more than 800 flights.

In areas west of Denver, such as Boulder, Golden and Morrison, the snow reached 20 inches to 25 inches, Rodriguez said. Eldora Mountain Ski Resort, west of Boulder, counted 4 feet of snow, so much that it closed Thursday and most of Friday. The snow piles turned into overflowing gutters as snow melted over the weekend. The snowfall between March 13 and 18 equaled about 2.4 inches of water in the South Platte River basin,

according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The basin had 114% of its median snowpack as of Monday, and it was at 92% of the typical peak snow accumulation.

The storm system, which started in earnest Thursday and continued into the weekend, was the heaviest snow for most areas since a mid-March blizzard in 2021, Rodriguez said.

"East of the divide, it was ... significantly more impactful and significantly more snowfall than any of the previous storms this season," he said.

Another significant storm system carrying moisture from the Pacific Ocean swept up from Arizona into southwestern Colorado last week.

About 3 inches to 8 inches of snow fell across most of western Colorado's mountains between March 12 and 14, according to Matthew Aleksa, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Grand Junction.

The San Juan mountain range received the most with an average of about 1 foot to 2 feet. Some areas saw 3 feet to 4 feet of snow accumulation. Red Mountain Pass ended up with 26.5 inches of snow, and Coal Bank Pass had 30 inches.

The San Miguel-Dolores-Animas-San Juan combined basin, which includes the San Juan mountains, was 103% of

its historical median as of Monday. Other Western Slope river basins were between 103% and 113% of their 30-year medians. The Colorado Headwaters basin, which covers Rocky Mountain National Park down to the Grand Junction area, was at 107% of the median snowpack for this time of year.

Colorado has less than a month left before April 7, when snow accumulation typically peaks before snowmelt begins. Although Colorado is above average for this point of the year, it still needs more snow to match the historic snowpack levels at its seasonal peak.

"We're definitely trending positively overall," Rodriguez said. "We can conceivably dry out from here out until April, May. But it doesn't really look, at least in the short term in the next few weeks, like we're going to be completely dry ... so I would expect that positive trend to continue and hold strong through the next month."

The recent snowfall also helped cover what can best be described as the season's first "major dust wallop," according to Jeff Derry, executive director of the Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies.

Dust can lead to faster snowmelt and higher runoff. When that snow is bright and white, it re-

flects the sun's radiation back into the atmosphere. But when dust settles on the snow, then by the time the surface darker and, like a dark T-shirt, it absorbs more light and heat.

If the snowpack melts faster and earlier in the year, then by the time late summer rolls around, streams and rivers are low, and farmers, fishers and rafters are watching their water dwindle.

Colorado's first dust-on-snow event rolled through Feb. 26 and 27, dropping a lighter load of fine soils on the snow. Heavier winds brought a major dose of dust through March 2 and 3.

The March 2 event will be a big factor during the snowmelt season, Derry said. When the snow melts and the dust layer rises to the surface, it will drastically lower the snow's reflectivity and quicken the snowmelt significantly.

Good news? There are opportunities in the forecast for more snow starting around March 31, which would not only help the snowpack — and the state's water supply — but bury dust layers further below the surface.

"Nothing set in stone, but there is potential for another winter system," Rodriguez said. "That could bring snow to the mountains ... but also potentially some pretty impactful accumulations for areas further east."

OBITUARIES

Edith Jacqueline Wilson (Larsen)

Edith Jacqueline Wilson (Larsen) of Del Norte, Colo., passed away peacefully on March 9, 2024.

Edie was born on April 28, 1932, in Scranton, Pa. After relocating to upstate NY at a very young age, her family lived in a 3-room converted chicken coop in Youngs Station, NY, where she assumed cooking responsibilities for the family by age 11. She earned her BS degree from Hartwick college in Oneonta, followed by a master's degree in nursing from Syracuse University.

Shortly after graduating with her first degree, her brother John bought a car from a dealership owned by Ralph Larsen in Oneonta. John quickly realized that Ralph might be a good pairing for Edith, so he introduced them. We do not know if the car was a lemon, but Edith most certainly was not. After a courtship of only three months, including many meals at The Old Mill near Mount Upton, they were married in 1954.

They lived in Oneonta for several years, where Edie worked nights to support the family while Ralph worked on his graduate degree. They



later moved to Cazenovia, where she taught nursing at Morrisville College.

In 1972 the family moved to Norwich to be more centrally located to Ralph's property development projects. Again, she worked nights while keeping the house clean and home-cooked meals on the table. She became head nurse of ICU at Chenango Memorial Hospital and in charge of infection control. In the 1980's, she taught nursing in poor regions of Peru via the Institute of Cultural Affairs. She was also a hospice nurse and volunteered at a clinic in San Diego for underprivileged people.

Animals held a special place in Edith's heart. At one time, she was fostering 14 dogs and several horses, gently rehabilitating, and socializing them for adoption. She was also a big contributor to local projects in

Del Norte as well as international charities. She was known as a kind and generous spirit.

Edith was predeceased by her husband Ralph, her parents John Wilson and Edith Wilson (Waldron), and her two brothers John and Bob.

She is survived by her four children Eric Larsen (Pam) of Norwich, Cristi Larsen of Del Norte, Colo., Mark Larsen (Lekkie) of Norwich, and Curt Larsen of Del Norte. Her grandchildren are Carrie Larsen, Lindsey Miles (Eric), Rachel Flanagan (Michael), Jessica Santos, Alexander Larsen, and Emma Larsen. There are also five great-grandchildren.

Edith requested no calling hours or funeral service, but a celebration of life will take place in Del Norte, Colo., on March 23. A Norwich area celebration of life will take place on a date to be determined in Norwich, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: The Conour dog shelter, 2825 Sherman Avenue, Monte Vista, CO 8114719-852-3366.

Arrangements in care of Strohmayr's Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Joann C. Sutcliffe

Joann C. Sutcliffe, a pillar of love and creativity, passed away peacefully on March 7, 2024, at the age of 87, in Alamosa, Colo. Born on Aug. 21, 1936, in Massillon, Ohio, she was the cherished daughter of Frank J. and Stella T. Letcavits. Joann grew up in a close-knit community, attending St. Mary's Catholic School and later graduating from Washington High School. Her early years were marked by a strong sense of faith and community, as she was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

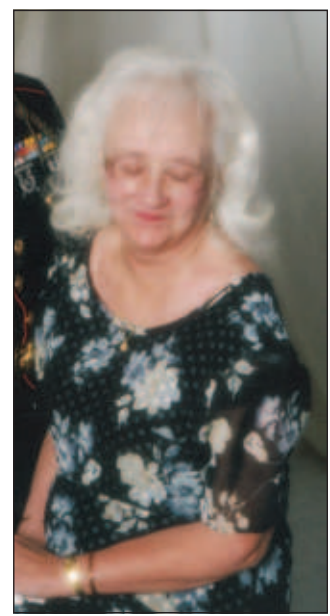
After completing her education, Joann began working at the Ideal Company, where she dedicated many years of service. The early 1960s brought change as she moved to Phoenix, Arizona, to join her sister, Agnes Kane. This move was a significant period in her life, as she would later be joined by her mother following the passing of her father. It was in Phoenix that Joann's life took a romantic turn when she married Hall Sutcliffe on June 25, 1966. Fulfilling her childhood dream, she found her partner in Hall, who was both a Marine and a police officer.

Joann's life was enriched by the love and companionship of her

husband, Hall, who survives her. Together, they shared a life full of joy and adventure. Joann is also lovingly remembered by her nephew, niece, and her dear friend Nancy Griffin, along with Griffin's family from Aurora, Colorado. She was predeceased by her parents, her sister Agnes Kane, her nephew Frank Joe, and the many beloved poodles that brought her immense joy throughout her life.

A woman of boundless generosity and warmth, Joann's legacy is one of selfless giving. Her hands were rarely still, as she crocheted over 20,000 Afghans, a testament to her dedication to bringing comfort and joy to others. These beautiful creations were donated to the VA Hospital, nursing homes, and various other places in need. When asked why she devoted so much time to this endeavor, her response was simple yet profound: "I like to put a smile on people's faces." This sentiment perfectly encapsulates Joann's loving and thoughtful nature.

Beyond her creative pursuits, Joann was a steadfast partner in life's practicalities, assisting her husband with firewood and reveling in their shared passion for travel. The couple's adventures in their motorhome were



among their most treasured experiences, exploring new places and making memories together.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 10 a.m. at College Heights Baptist Church. Visitation will be held from 9:30-10 a.m. at the church. Joann will be laid to rest at Alamosa Cemetery following services at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to College Heights Baptist Church.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in the care of the arrangements. To leave online words of comfort, tributes and condolences for Joann's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com

OBITUARY

June McDaniel

June McDaniel, a beacon of love and intelligence, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2024, in Buda, Texas, at the age of 89. Born on Nov. 18, 1934, in Pueblo, Colo., to Howard Wallace McIlvaine and Margaret Dolores Schulte, June's life was a testament to her passionate spirit and enduring strength.

June's journey began in the vibrant landscapes of Colorado, where she grew up to be a woman of remarkable intellect and grace. After being crowned Homecoming Queen at Adams State University in 1955, she pursued a path in education, dedicating over 34 years to teaching in the La Jara School District. Her commitment to nurturing young minds was recognized in 2017 when she received the prestigious Adams State University Outstanding Educator Award. June's passion for teaching was only matched by her love for her family and her zest for life.

Survived by her loving family, June leaves behind a legacy of warmth and devotion. She is cherished by her daughters, Jill (Ben) Sutterfield of Buda, TX, Penne (David) Hamilton of Pagosa Springs, CO, Jane Wakefield of River Falls, WI, and Pam (Mark) Loose of Gilbert, AZ; and her son, Patrick McDaniel of Fort Collins, CO. Her sister, JoAnne James of Boise, ID, also survives her. June's ten grandchildren and fifteen

great-grandchildren will forever hold her memory in their hearts. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James Alfred McDaniel III, her parents, her sister Betty Kay Drake, and her son-in-law Michael Wakefield.

June's interests were as varied as they were deep. An artist at heart, she found joy in quilting, painting, and working with stained glass. Her involvement with the Rio Grande Art Club reflected her commitment to the arts, while her skills as a bridge player were well-known among her circle. A loyal fan of Centauri and Adams State University, she never missed a chance to show her support. June's adventurous spirit shone through her love of cross-country skiing and mountain biking; activities that kept her connected to the beautiful outdoors she so cherished.

One of June's most remarkable achievements was her courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Diagnosed in 2001, she faced the challenge with unwavering strength, becoming a survivor and an inspiration to all who knew her.

June's life was a portrait of love, intelligence, and passion. She approached every day with a heart full of love for her family, a mind eager to learn and teach, and a soul passionate about her many interests. Her influence will continue to be felt through the count-



less lives she touched, both in the classroom and beyond.

A visitation will be held on Friday, March 22, 2024, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Rogers Family Mortuary, 205 State Ave., Alamosa, Colo. Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday March 23, 2024, at the Mortuary.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in the care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, words of comfort and tributes for June's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

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PENDING OBITUARY

Marilyn Eagles

Center resident Marilyn Eagles, 82, died on March 17, 2024, at the Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs. A funeral service will be held on March 23 at Center United Methodist Church at 10 a.m.

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Valley News

CCALT

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in projects that address opportunities, explore issues, engage communities, and examine outdoor trends.

According to Karina Puikkonen, media spokesperson for the organization, a new office was established in Del Norte last fall with a new staff member, Jocelyn Catterson, hired at that time. Puikkonen said Catterson, who is a resident of Del Norte, will serve as the organization's Conservation and Outreach Manager for the area. The GOCO grant will help with "onboarding, orientation and establishing the office".

The position, also made possible with support from the Trinchera Blanca Foundation, was created to help enhance connections and relationships with communities, partners, and landowners in the San Luis Valley and surrounding regions of Southern Colorado. As part of her role, Catterson will also support the organization's existing and future conservation services and easements in the region.

"The addition of a regional position based in the San Luis Valley will enable CCALT to serve our landowner partners better, engage in the communities of southern Colorado, and expand conservation opportunities for farm and ranch families," said Executive Director Erik Glenn.

With this funding, the agricultural land trust expects to be able to significantly expand its conservation work in southern Colorado. The group's Agricultural Resiliency Fund will assist landowners in further leveraging the Natural Resources Conservation



Photo by Karina Puikkonen, CCALT

CCALT holds the conservation easement for Wilson Rio Grande Ranch in Del Norte.

Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program and other resources to advance restoration and enhancement projects and outcomes throughout southern Colorado. CCALT will be better positioned to become actively involved in water issues and other discussions important to southern Colorado communities.

The office complements CCALT's headquarters in Denver and its Northwest Colorado regional office which opened in 2019 in Steamboat Springs. The Del Norte office enables the group to expand its ability to offer services to the southern part of the state where it has had a strong presence since 1998.

"Having a local person to serve the needs of the landowners and conservation community here in the San Luis Valley and Southern Colorado is incredibly important," said Catterson. "I am excited to step into this new role and serve the regional needs of CCALT from a local perspective."

Prior to starting with

the group, Catterson was awarded the Colorado Art, Science + Environment Fellowship and has been working closely with conservation and water-related organizations throughout the San Luis Valley on an artistic and educational outreach project tied to groundwater. Through this fellowship, she developed strong relationships with farmers, ranchers, public agencies, and conservation organizations throughout the area.

The organization, which also has offices in Lakewood, Carbondale and Steamboat Springs, helps farming and ranching families conserve agricultural lands and their associated natural resources. For nearly 30 years, CCALT has partnered with more than 400 landowners to protect over 775,000 acres in Colorado. In southern Colorado, the agricultural land trust holds 251 conservation easements, including 54 in the San Luis Valley, totaling 175,272 acres.

The \$117 million granted in funding reflects investments in

partner-led conservation, recreation, and outdoor access efforts statewide, including \$68 million that will go toward large-scale, once-in-a-generation Centennial Program projects that will create lasting impact for the state's people, places, and wildlife.

As stated on its website, GOCO is funded by Colorado Lottery proceeds and receives zero dollars from general funds or taxpayers. Per the constitution, Lottery net proceeds are allocated according to this breakdown: 10% to Colorado state parks through Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW); 40% to the Colorado Conservation Trust Fund, which allocates funds to eligible local governments on a per capita basis; and up to 50% to GOCO against a constitutionally mandated cap adjusted for inflation each year. Once the cap is met, surplus funds go to Building Excellent Schools Today, the Colorado Department of Education's school capital construction fund, and the Outdoor Equity Fund.

McDaniel

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dents for 40 years. He passed away on May 2, 2023.

Former students of McDaniel attended the ceremony, along with Adams State President David Tandberg, Ph.D., Adams State Board of Trustees Chair Duane Bussey, Foundation staff, and Crowther.

Crowther explained the collection is more a memorial than a research compendium. "These books were selected as representative of McDaniel's various interests, including the history of the Gilded Age, the United States Presidency, the Kennedy Era, literature, and opera."

The collection is housed on the first floor of McDaniel Hall, southeast side.

Award

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comforted the patient and expressed that she has every intention of developing a fresh and caring relationship with her. She listened to this patient with intent and gave autonomy back to this patient. This patient transformed from a hurt and discouraged person into a trusting and delightful woman.

Kathleen and the care team should be recognized for how they transformed this patient's experience and care into what any family member and member of the community deserves.

Why DAISY? Patrick Barnes woke up with some blood blisters in his mouth. A visit to the doctor revealed he had a dangerously low platelet count, and he was admitted to the hospital. The diagnosis was the auto-immune disease ITP (Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura).

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who

died from complications of the autoimmune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) at the age of 33. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. The family wanted to recognize the nurses for providing extraordinary care to their loved ones.

Who can recommend an excellent nurse? Patients, family members of patients, co-workers, and visitors to SLV Health are all welcome to recognize a nurse for their outstanding care.

To recommend a nurse at SLV Health for the DAISY award, go to <https://app.roundsplus.getwell-network.com/SurveyAction/SurveyGo/xjvBd5ceWj6Sz?u=4416>

Which credentials qualify for a DAISY nomination? Registered Nurse (RN), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), Certified Nurse Mid-Wife (CNM), Nurse Practitioner (NP), or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

Visit www.slvh.org/about-us/daisy-nursing-excellence to read about SLVH's other recipients, submit an application, or learn more.

Law

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the installation of ornamental grass, invasive plants and artificial turf on commercial, industrial and institutional property as well as medians, parking lots, right-of-ways, along transportation corridors (roads) and land managed by homeowners associations (HOAs). Local entities are defined as a home rule or statutory city, county, territorial charter city or town, a special district, and unit owners' association.

The bill had four prime sponsors including Senators Roberts (D-D8), Simpson (R-D6), Representatives McCormick (D-D11) and McLaughlin (D-D59).

The legislation was drafted as one step in response to increasing water scarcity in Colorado as a result of prolonged drought and the increasing impact of climate change. Water usage in urban areas was part of the discussion, exacerbated even more by the drive to build more housing in a state where water is simultaneously less abundant and in greater demand.

According to Lindsay Rogers, a policy advisor with Western Resource Advocates, "Nearly half of water used in cities and towns goes to watering lawns — most of which are planted with nonnative turf." Rogers was one of those testifying in favor of the bill.

ly known for his legislative action related to water issues, had this topic already on his mind before the legislative session began in 2024. As he told the Valley Courier ("Simpson previews bills (so far) for 2024 legislative session", Jan. 6, 2024), "I got sensitive to this issue driving around Denver and seeing these big, huge green areas that aren't parks or ball fields or used for anything other than aesthetics. The only time they ever see any activity is when they're mowed."

"They look spectacular, but they're non-functional and consume a lot of water. So, the idea is, if you want a kid's soccer field or a park with grass, knock yourself out. But be more mindful about planting Kentucky Blue Grass."

Kentucky Blue Grass requires twice as much water as other grasses.

When asked if it was referencing all grass, Simpson said, "I'm supportive of using native cover that doesn't require irrigation."

The ban on artificial turf is related to the negative effects that can reportedly come with its installation, including something called the "heat island effect," which raises the temperature of the area because the turf reflects heat instead of absorbing it, as happens with vegetation. Artificial turf is also suspected of releasing chemicals and microplastics into waterways.



Courtesy of Beata Ramza, City of Alamosa

ceremony, Representative Karen McCormick is quoted as reminding people of the aesthetic value to be found in vegetation native to Colorado and less water consumptive. "Coming up with those terms of functional versus non-functional turf was really important so that the people of Colorado understand that the choices that we have in these spaces can result in beautiful, Western drought-tolerant grasses and bushes and flowers," she said.

Water usage is also an issue on the radar of the City of Alamosa. The city has a mandatory watering schedule that dictates which days lawns can be watered (addresses with

odd numbers water on different days than even numbered addresses) and times (no watering from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Also, although there are no current plans to incentivize transitioning from grass lawns to landscaping that requires less water — in part, because there is no funding available for such incentives — the city is focused on educating residents on Water Smart practices, including creation of a website that offers suggestions, tips and resources for conserving this most precious resource in the San Luis Valley.

More information on this will be provided in a future issue of the Valley Courier.

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UPCOMING GRIZZLY ATHLETIC EVENTS

Friday, March 22
Baseball vs New Mexico Highlands University at Alamosa, Colo.
3:00 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse vs Concordia University Irvine at Alamosa, Colo.
3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23
Men & Women's Track at New Mexico Spring Invitational at Albuquerque, N.M.
TBA

Baseball vs New Mexico Highlands University at Alamosa, Colo.
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Softball vs New Mexico Highlands University at Alamosa, Colo.
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24
Baseball vs New Mexico Highlands University at Alamosa, Colo.
12:00 p.m.

Softball vs New Mexico Highlands University at Alamosa, Colo.
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Women's Golf at Southern Colorado Open at Pueblo, Colo.
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Opinion

Let's talk about something sweet

By DAVID M. SHRIBMAN
LINN COUNTY, Iowa — The sap is running in Iowa and New Hampshire. No, not that guy. Besides, the Iowa and New Hampshire presidential contests were two months ago. This is a different kind of sap, and a different kind of March Madness. We're officially in the middle of Maple Sugar Month, when part-time farmers and major producers harvest their crop. It comes in the form of a viscous clear liquid that bears a faint hint of maple aroma. When boiled, it forms a rich, dark syrup that is a staple of breakfast tables and roadside diners.

Why a meditation on maple syrup in the middle of the political season, when the two presidential nominees have been selected and the general election campaign already is underway?

Why? Because the typist of this column is weary of writing about those two and needs a one-week break. Because he believes that you need one, too. Because maple syrup is a North American delicacy that he's loved since he was a boy, and he suspects that you feel the same way. Because there's a tangential relationship between maple syrup and politics: The sap often runs best during town meeting season in New England, which is right about now. (There's some authenticity to these musings, because I'm actually writing this column on the second Tuesday in March, traditionally town meeting day in New Hampshire and parts of Maine.)

One more reason to linger for a moment on maple syrup: Because it provides a rare bright spot in a blighted planet that's teetering on the edge of cataclysmic climate change.

But let's not get carried away with the optimism here. A changing climate does in fact affect sugar maple trees. Global warming brings the threat of droughts, and sugar maples don't flourish in droughts. Climate change brings high winds and ice storms, and they affect the tree canopy in a dangerous way.

But the conditions that allow the sap to run? Well, those don't change, though they may arrive a few weeks before Granite State town meetings — sometimes in February, when parts of



Vermont hold town meetings. "We might be tapping our trees early, but the good news is that the trees are still able to produce sap regardless of the calendar date," said Steven Roberge, the state forester for the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. "Trees don't know what day it is. As long as the conditions are right, the sap will flow."

Now that we've disposed of that bit of business, hop with me onto Joe Golding's John Deere Gator utility vehicle here in eastern Iowa for a bumpy ride.

We're off to visit the maple trees in a picturesque setting, the urban landscape of Cedar Rapids melting into rural Iowa, the horizon going on forever. The farm that Golding and his wife, the food chemist and Iowa Republican state Sen. Cindy Golding — another political tie, for she's in Des Moines on this splendid mid-March sunny morning, tending to her legislative duties — is one of those small centers of the maple sugar art, some of which have operated in North America for centuries.

They're scattered around the country — would you have thought that Michigan has more taps than New Hampshire, though with one-sixth as many taps per capita? Or that Nebraska and Arkansas get into the act each year? And this is a good place to remind readers that 80% of maple syrup worldwide comes from Quebec, where there are 13,000 maple producers and where family visits to a cabane a sucre are a sticky lunchtime tradition. (That springtime

ritual begins with a bowl of yellow pea soup flavored with a ham hock and maple syrup, followed by maple-baked ham, beans baked in maple syrup and pork rinds deep-fried in maple syrup. Don't have your blood test that afternoon.)

Here in Iowa, 1,100 miles southwest of Quebec, there's a small gusher of maple sap in the trees at the Goldings' Sweet Maple Farms — "white gold," Jed Clampett would say, if he tapped sap instead of simply owned land with an oil gusher. It flows from knee-level plastic tubes parallel to the Iowa plain, just the way it does in the big-production states out east. Vermont has the most taps (6,350 last year, according to the agriculture department, accounting for 2,045,000 gallons last year.) New York and Maine were next.

"The big boys up in Vermont ask the same questions we ask," Golding said as he poured the sap into a bucket. "When do we tap? When do we boil?"

These are not idle questions in an industry where the syrup sells for an average price of \$34.70 per gallon. The Goldings know it is a Goldilocks thing: Tap early, when the temperatures are low, and the flow will be slow. The ideal time is when temperatures are below freezing at night and around 40 degrees during the day. In short, about now.

Maple syrup producers are keenly aware of the precarious balance of nature's powers that are part of their craft. Trees are embattled members of the landscape. They fight fungi, pollu-

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We know now that free land wasn't free

There's a place in South Dakota, about 25 miles north of Wall Drug, that some locals still call "Jew Flats."

More than 100 years ago, the United States gave my great-great grandparents and their children, cousins and friends, around 30 Jewish families, free land in the West under the Homestead Act.

All the recently arrived immigrants spoke Yiddish; most escaped Russia with their lives but less so their livelihoods. These federal homesteads of 160-acre parcels were theirs to keep if they could turn wild prairie into farmland.

My family told their children that owning land in South Dakota made them feel like real Americans. Coming from Russia where Jews weren't allowed to own land, their ranch on Jew Flats allowed my ancestors to shake off their suspect immigrant status.

The land also had serious economic impact. Between 1908 and 1970, when my grandmother and her sisters sold the last chunk of Jew Flats, my ancestors took out \$1.1 million in mortgages, in today's value, on their free land. With that money, they were able to start other businesses, buy more land and move away.

Yet this land that paved my family's pathway to the middle class came at great cost to the Lakota. Throughout the second half of the 19th century, the United States signed treaties with the Lakota Nation reserving tens of thousands of acres in the Dakotas — in perpetuity — for the Lakota Nation.

But when the railroad companies, the largest corporations of their time, wanted to connect a line between California and the East Coast, promises made became promises broken. By 1908, when my ancestors were planting their first crop, Congress

had taken or stolen around 98% of the land that an 1851 Treaty said would always be for the Lakota.

To attempt to further eradicate Native American connection to the land, the United States made it illegal for Native Nations like the Lakota to practice their religion, culture and speak their language. Lakota children were taken from their parents, sometimes forcibly or under threat of jail time, to be educated in boarding schools that would convert them to Christianity. These schools taught an "industrial education" training Native children for a trade that didn't rely on land.

None other than Adolf Hitler was inspired by this American model of dispossession. When crafting laws to diminish the rights of European Jews, Nazi lawyers studied U.S. laws. Hitler not only admired American reservations, which he equated to cages, but he publicly praised the efficiency of America's attempts to exterminate

its Indigenous populations.

"Your people and our people went through the same thing," Doug White Bull, a Lakota elder and former teacher told me. "But our people had a holocaust that started 400 years ago. Americans condemn Hitler, which you should... but at the same time, they should condemn themselves."

Unlike Germany, which has grappled (albeit imperfectly) with its genocidal past, the United States has made little efforts to reconcile its thefts from Indigenous people. Yet filling this vacuum of federal leadership are efforts at the local level.

Just recently, the Quaker church paid one Alaska Native community \$93,000 in reparations, the amount the federal government had paid the church to forcibly assimilate their ancestors. Throughout the country, other churches have returned land to Native Nations. And in some cities, residents pay voluntary land taxes to the Native Nations that originally lived there.

Following the guidance of Lakota elders, my family has started a fund at

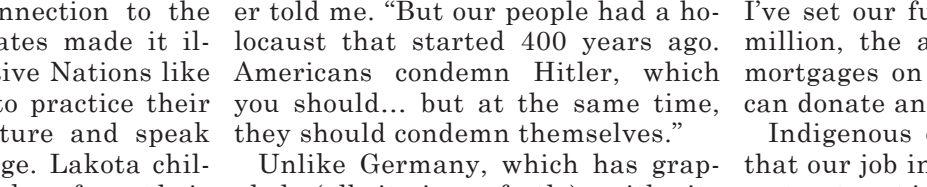
the Indian Land Tenure Foundation, a Native-led nonprofit that has spent decades helping Native Nations buy and reclaim their traditional lands. I've set our fundraising goal at \$1.1 million, the amount we received in mortgages on our free land. Anyone can donate and many people have.

Indigenous elders have taught me that our job in life is to be a good ancestor, to act in a way that doesn't create a mess for our children or grandchildren to clean up. For me, for my family, attempting to acknowledge and own the damage that was done to the Lakota—at great benefit to us — is a small step towards ending this cycle of harm.

Rebecca Clarren is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. An award-winning journalist about the American West, her latest book is "The Cost of Free Land: Jews, Lakota and an American Inheritance" (Viking Penguin).



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Lifestyles

As states, including Colorado, target disavowed 'excited delirium' diagnosis, police groups push back

By RENUKA RAYASAM
KFF Health News

Following a pivotal year in the movement to discard the term "excited delirium," momentum is building in several states to ban the discredited medical diagnosis from death certificates, law enforcement training, police incident reports, and civil court testimony.

In January, California became the first state to prohibit the medical term from many official proceedings. Lawmakers in Colorado passed theirs on Monday. And in Hawaii, Minnesota and New York bills are under consideration that also would rein in how the excited delirium concept is used.

The new spate of state proposals, driven by families who lost relatives after encounters with law enforcement, marks an important step in doing away with a concept that critics say spurs police to overuse lethal force.

"It's the law following the science, which is what we want to see," said Joanna Naples-Mitchell, an attorney who worked on an influential Physicians for Human Rights review of how the term excited delirium evolved into a concept whose legitimacy is largely rejected by the medical community.

But initial momentum in statehouses is being met with fresh resistance from law enforcement agencies and other defenders, including some who agree that excited delirium is a sham diagnosis.

The bills "clearly run afoul of the First Amendment" and violate free speech, said Bill Johnson, executive director of the National Association of Police Organizations. He also argued that law enforcement officers do encounter symptoms and behaviors associated with excited delirium.

Excited delirium is a four-decade-old diagnostic theory that has been used to explain how a person experiencing severe agitation can suddenly die while being restrained. Last year, the American College of Emergency Physicians withdrew a 2009 report that had been the last remaining official medical pillar of support for the theory used increasingly over the prior 15 years to explain away police culpability for many in-custody deaths.

Excited delirium was cited as a legal defense in the 2020 deaths of George Floyd in Minneapolis; Daniel Prude in Rochester, New York; and Angelo Quinto in Antioch, California, among others. The theory proposed that individuals in a mental health crisis, often under the influence of drugs or alcohol, can exhibit superhuman strength as police try to control them, then die suddenly from the condition, not the police response.

The New York City Police Department issued training materials in 2021 and 2022 that tell officers to restrain and stun people they encounter who exhibit signs of excited delirium, such as "elevated body temperatures, increased physical strength and lack of physical fatigue," according to New York Focus, a nonprofit newsroom. The NYPD did not respond to requests for comment on its training or the new state bill. "They still have this on

the books," said Democratic New York state Assembly member Jessica González-Rojas, who introduced the bill that calls for banning the term from death certificates, autopsies, law enforcement training, incident reports, and court proceedings. "And it's pretty concerning the types of restraints they are recommending, given lack of evidence that this is an actual medical syndrome."

The Minneapolis Police Department, which according to the Star Tribune used the term in trainings, declined to comment on its training materials and the pending state legislation. That bill would prohibit excited delirium and similar terms from being cited as a cause of death, used as a medical diagnosis, or included in law enforcement training.

But the theory's presence in training materials may also be starting to change. In Colorado — where the term was used, in part, to justify the 2019 killing of Elijah McClain in Aurora — a state board eliminated the term from law enforcement training starting in January. Law enforcement officers restrained the 23-year-old, and paramedics injected him with a lethal dose of ketamine.

On Monday, Colorado lawmakers sent a measure to Gov. Jared Polis' desk that largely mirrors California's bill but allows the term to remain in civil court proceedings.

At the bill's hearing before the Colorado House Judiciary Committee on Feb. 6, Rebecca De Luna described her family's anguish over the 2017 death of her daughter's father, Alejandro Gutierrez, in Thornton police custody. She said excited delirium was classified as the cause of his death.

"His face was bruised with an imprint of a shoe. His appearance was unrecognizable," De Luna testified. "The term has been used far too long as an excuse for law enforcement to protect themselves when someone dies in their custody, quite frankly, as a result of excessive force and what I consider police brutality resulting in death."

Several medical service providers and educators testified in opposition. John Seward, the University of Denver's emergency medical services program manager, told the committee that he did not object to banning "excited delirium" in death certificates and police training, as police are not health professionals. But banning the term's use from medical personnel training would amount to legislating medicine and impeding academic freedom, he said.

"If we cannot study and learn from the past, even when that past is hurtful, we are now condemning ourselves to repeat it," Seward told lawmakers.

Julia Sherwin, a California civil rights attorney who testified in support of the Colorado bill, was surprised by opponents' arguments that such bills could limit free speech and discussion about the history of the idea.

"That to me felt a little ridiculous," said Sherwin, who co-authored the Physicians for Human Rights report. Such bills keep a discredited theory from being falsely used to respond to a crisis and keep

"junk science" out of official records, she said.

The Colorado bill passed the state's House in a 42-19 vote in mid-February and on Monday cleared the Senate on a 23-12 party line vote. House Bill 1103 was amended to clarify that "excited delirium" may be used when teaching about the history of the term and that EMS courses are allowed on "safe and effective medical interaction with individuals exhibiting an altered mental state" who have symptoms that include agitation, aggression, or violence.

Some of the push for such legislation comes from families whose loved ones' deaths were blamed on excited delirium, rather

than on use of force during a police encounter.

The Hawaii bill was introduced after William and Verdell Haleck learned about California's effort and began contacting lawmakers in Hawaii. Their son Sheldon died there in 2015 after he was pepper-sprayed, shocked and restrained by Honolulu police. In a civil trial that the Halecks lost, officers blamed his death on excited delirium.

The Hawaii bill would ban excited delirium from being used in death certificates, police incident reports and civil cases. It had not been scheduled for a legislative committee hearing as of mid-March, but the Halecks are hopeful it will eventually pass.

"It would give us some sort of closure and justice," said William Haleck.

The Honolulu Police Department is monitoring the bill and hasn't taken a position on it, said Michelle Yu, a spokesperson for the department. And the bill would have little impact on Honolulu's Department of the Medical Examiner, said its director, Masahiko Kobayashi, because doctors there don't use excited delirium as a cause of death.

One reason such bills are still important is because they prevent policies from fluctuating with each new leadership change, said David Siffert, legal director of the Surveillance Technology Oversight Project, which

helped draft model legislation banning excited delirium and is pushing for the New York bill.

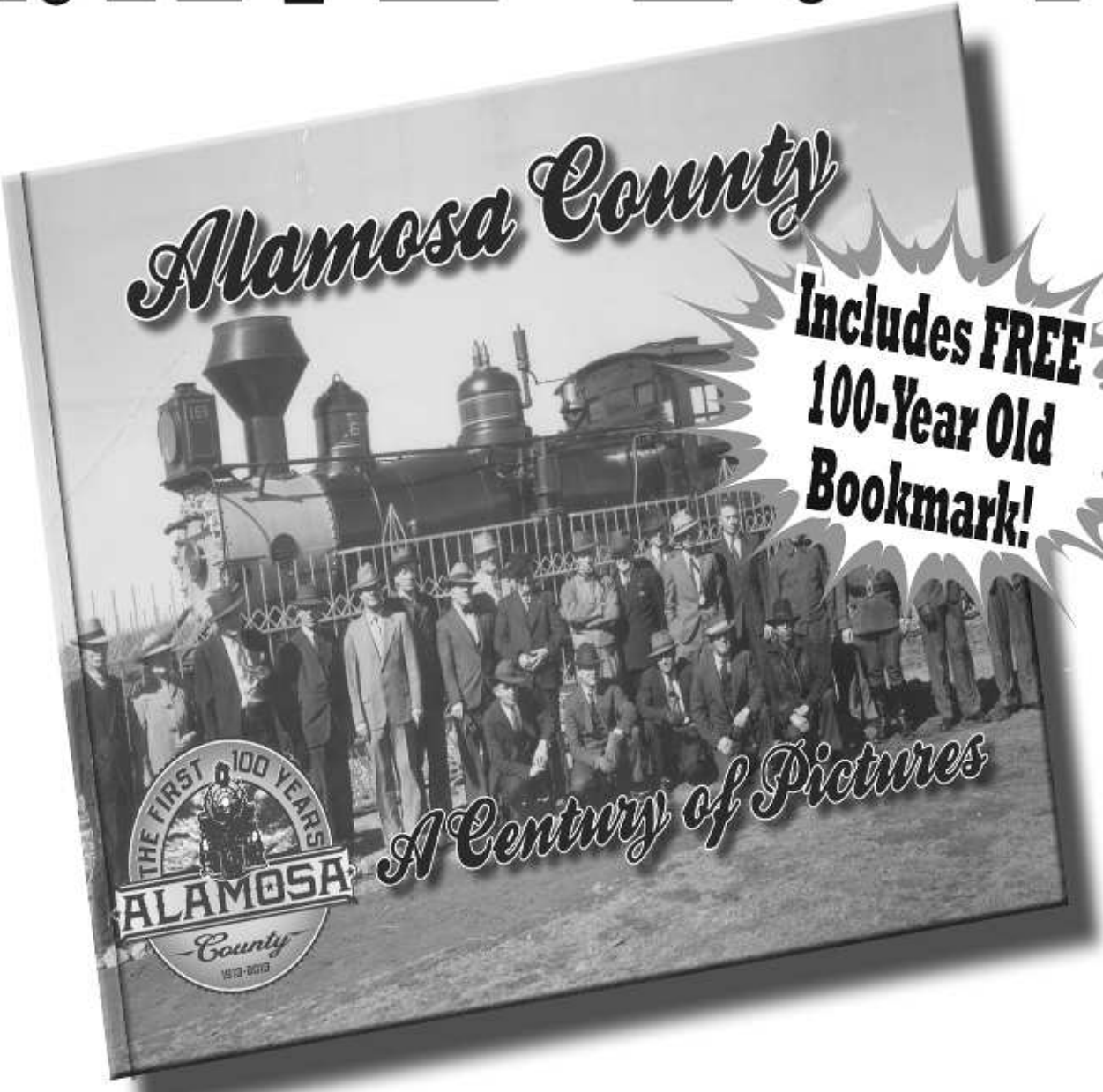
"Even if you are doing everything right, you don't know if your successor will be," Siffert said. "Historically we have seen those ups and downs in our agencies."

Supporters of such state legislation say that banning the term excited delirium is just a first step toward reducing deaths in police custody.

"The underlying context doesn't change with legislation alone," Naples-Mitchell said. "It is going to take a very long time to address the root causes."

Mountain States editor Matt Volz contributed to this article.

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Sports



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Alamosa High School third baseman Xavier Lujan throws out a Pueblo Centennial batter in Tuesday's game against Pueblo Centennial at the Ortega Middle School field. The Mean Moose lost to the Bulldogs 15-12.

Mean Moose rally falls three runs short

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Alamosa High School baseball team was facing a nine-run deficit late in its home opener against Pueblo Centennial Tuesday at the Ortega Middle School field.

The Mean Moose made a rally to get back into the game, but when the dust settled, the late rally was not enough as they lost to the Bulldogs 15-12.

“We just made way too many mistakes early in the game to spot them too many runs from which we could not come back from,” said Alamosa coach Tony Kechter.

Pueblo Centennial took the early lead with two runs in the top of the first inning. Justice Lobato started the inning with a single, and he went to third as Josh Lucero reached on an error. Lobato came home on a wild pitch, and Lucero scored on Robert Garcia's single.

The Bulldogs scored three more runs in the second. Adyn Jara and Alex Navarette both drew walks, and Jara came home on Landon Lenn's double. Jordan Marquez, who was courtesy running for Navarette scored on Lobato's groundout, and Lenn came home on an error for a 5-0 lead.

The Mean Moose tied the score in the bottom of the second. Jo David led off with a walk. He took second on a balk, third on a passed ball, and he scored on Tony Griego's single.

Griego was caught stealing for the first out, but Ryan Higareda continued the inning with a walk. Jaidyn Burciaga doubled to plate Higareda to cut the deficit to 5-2.

Brennan Maez drew a walk and Xavier Lujan was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Burciaga scored on a wild pitch, and Jayden Mizokami singled home Maez. Lujan was retired at home on a ground ball, but Mizokami scored on a wild pitch to deadlock the score at 5-5.

Pueblo Centennial regained the lead with a run in the third. Garcia walked and took second and third on wild pitches. He came home on Jara's sacrifice fly.

The Bulldogs scored three more runs in the fourth on Lucero's three-run home run.

Pueblo Centennial scored once in the top of the fifth. Navarette walked and went all the way to third as Jack Espinoza was safe on an error. Navarette scored as Julian Rincon also reached on an error.

The Bulldogs put four more runs on the board in the sixth. Lucero and Garcia both singled, and Brayden Villegas also singled to plate Lucero. Jara also singled. Garcia and Jordan Marquez, who was courtesy running for Villegas. Jara scored on Espinoza's sacrifice fly for a 14-5 advantage.

The Mean Moose scored six times in their half of the inning. Burciaga drew a leadoff walk, and Maez and Mizokami both singled to fill the sacks with one man out. Gus West and Carlos Garcia both had RBI singles, and David was hit by a pitch to drive in another run. Griego and Higareda both walked in runs, and A.J. Baker, who was courtesy running for David, scored as Burciaga reached on a fielder's choice to cut the deficit to 14-11.

The Bulldogs scored once in the seventh. Rincon led off with a walk and Lucero singled. Rincon scored on Robert Garcia's single.

Alamosa attempted one last rally in the bottom of the seventh. Baker drew a leadoff walk, and he stole second and took third on a wild pitch. He scored on Carlos Garcia's double.

Garcia, however, was left on second as the game ended.

Kiko Ruybal started on the mound for Alamosa and he took the loss. He allowed nine runs on six hits and he struck out three and walked five. Lujan went to the mound in the fifth and he gave up five runs and three hits with two strikeouts and one walk. West finished the game and surrendered one run on two hits. He had one strikeout and one walk.

Alamosa had 10 hits and were led by Maez who went 2-4, Mizokami who went 2-4 with one RBI, and Garcia who went 2-5 with a double and two RBIs.

Alamosa (0-4) will travel to Pueblo on Saturday for a pair of games. It will face Brush at 10 a.m. and Eaton at 12:30 p.m. at the Runyon Sports Complex.

“We know Brush and Eaton are two good teams,” Kechter said. “We just need to get off to better started and not spot our opponents so many runs so much that we're not battling back, but in the game the whole time.”

Pueblo Centennial 15, Alamosa 12

Pueblo Centennial	231	314	1-15	11	0
Alamosa	050	006	1-12	10	6

Navarette, Byrd (2, W), Lucero (6), Espinoza (7, S) and Villegas. Ruybal (L), Lujan (5), West (7) and David. HR – PC: Lucero (4th inn., 2 on, 1 out).

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Standings as of Monday

MEN'S BASKETBALL			WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
Team	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L	Team	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L
Colorado Mesa	21-1	29-4	Colorado Mesa	18-4	26-6
Fort Lewis	20-2	29-4	Colorado Mesa	18-4	25-7
Colorado School of Mines	17-5	24-9	Adams State	18-4	25-9
Black Hills State (S.D.)	14-8	17-12	Colorado Colorado Springs	18-4	23-8
Metropolitan State Denver	13-9	19-10	Colorado School of Mines	16-6	21-9
Regis	12-10	15-14	Black Hills State (S.D.)	14-8	17-10
Colorado State Pueblo	10-12	14-15	Colorado Christian	13-9	17-12
Chadron State (Neb.)	9-13	12-17	Colorado State Pueblo	11-11	17-15
South Dakota Mines	9-13	11-17	Fort Lewis	9-13	12-16
Colorado Colorado Springs	8-14	12-16	Metropolitan State Denver	8-14	9-18
Western Colorado	8-14	11-17	South Dakota Mines	7-15	7-21
Colorado Christian	7-15	10-17	Western Colorado	5-17	7-20
New Mexico Highlands	7-15	10-17	New Mexico Highlands	5-17	6-22
Adams State	6-16	8-20	Chadron State (Neb.)	4-18	6-20
Westminster (Utah)	4-18	8-20	Westminster (Utah)	1-21	3-25

WOMEN'S WRESTLING		
Team	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L
Chadron State (Neb.)	8-0	10-1
Colorado School of Mines	6-2	8-2
Colorado Mesa	5-3	7-3
Western Colorado	5-3	9-5
San Francisco State	4-4	8-5
Adams State	4-4	6-5
Colorado State Pueblo	3-5	7-9
New Mexico Highlands	1-7	3-10

MEN'S LACROSSE		
Team	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L
Westminster (Utah)	1-0	5-1
Colorado Mesa	1-0	3-2
Adams State	1-0	1-4
Colorado State Pueblo	0-1	0-6
Concordia-Irvine	0-2	1-5

BASEBALL		
Team	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L
Colorado Mesa	7-1	14-8-0
Regis	3-1	12-9-1
Colorado State Pueblo	5-3	16-8-0
Adams State	5-3	10-16-0
Colorado School of Mines	4-4	11-11-0
Metropolitan State Denver	4-4	13-13-0
New Mexico Highlands	2-2	6-16-0
Colorado Colorado Springs	2-6	5-19-0
Colorado Christian	0-8	2-23-0

SOFTBALL		
Team	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L
Metropolitan State Denver	18-2	25-7
Colorado Christian	17-3	25-4
Colorado Mesa	17-3	19-7
Regis	12-8	16-14
Black Hills State (S.D.)	9-9	10-13
Colorado School of Mines	9-11	12-14
Colorado State Pueblo	9-11	11-20
Colorado Colorado Springs	8-12	11-18
Fort Lewis	5-11	7-18
Chadron State (Neb.)	5-11	5-21
New Mexico Highlands	4-14	8-15
Adams State	1-19	3-26



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TUESDAY
Prep baseball
 Pueblo Centennial 15, Alamosa 12

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY
Prep baseball
 Questa (N.M.) at Antonito (2), 3 p.m.

FRIDAY

Prep baseball
 Centauri vs. Center (Las Animas Tournament), 9 a.m.
 Sargent at Sierra Grande (2), 11 a.m.
 South Park at Sanford (2), 11 a.m.

Prep track and field

Alamosa at Chandler (Ariz.) Rotary Invitational, 9 a.m.

College baseball

New Mexico Highlands at Adams State, 3 p.m.

College men's lacrosse

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

College outdoor track and field

Adams State at Spank Blasing Invitational (at Pueblo), TBA

SATURDAY

Prep baseball

Alamosa vs. Brush (at Runyon Sports Complex, Pueblo), 10 a.m.
 Centauri, Center at Las Animas Invitational, noon

Alamosa vs. Eaton (at Runyon Sports Complex, Pueblo), 12:30 p.m.

Prep girls soccer

Del Norte at Ridgeway, noon

Prep track and field

Alamosa at Chandler (Ariz.) Rotary Invitational, TBA

College baseball

New Mexico Highlands at Adams State (2), noon

College women's softball

New Mexico Highlands at Adams State (2), noon

College outdoor track and field

Adams State at Spank Blasing Invitational (at Pueblo), TBA

SUNDAY

College baseball

New Mexico Highlands at Adams State, noon

College women's softball

New Mexico Highlands at Adams State (2), 11 a.m.

Lifestyle

Mount Blanca lit up after storm



Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

Mount Blanca lit up after a recent snowstorm that brought much-needed moisture to the Valley.



Photo by Marie Mccolm

Coffee and Business is a new networking event for businesses in the Valley. It was started by Randy Ellis of Randy Ellis Photography and is held Tuesday mornings at Bobolicious Gourmet Coffee at 139 Adams St., Monte Vista.

Business owner starts Coffee and Business networking event

By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA — On March 5, Randy Ellis, of Randy Ellis Photography hosted Coffee and Business at Bobolicious Gourmet Coffee. Approximately 11 people attended the event at 139 Adams St. will be ongoing every Tuesday morning for local businesses to network.

“Sandra Perez of SBDC (Small Business Development Center), and I were having a conversation,” Ellis said. “She mentioned to me about wanting to get to the Rio Grande County area. I live in Monte, in Rio Grande County. I have been wanting to start networking with more businesses. My thought was having Sandra as a resource, a person I could refer others to, and making a way to get to know others, and other businesses. Not only what products we have to sell, but as friends and a support group. I started this to help other businesses. The Alamosa Chamber has Coffee Connections, I think this is a good idea for Monte Vista, too.”

Ellis said for businesses to thrive, he feels

that networking is necessary. Ellis said that businesses can gain insight by networking and can trade ideas and thoughts.

“We have a variety of businesses here today. Insurance, retail, this is a good start,” he said.

Ellis, who has lived in Monte Vista for a year, said that his background was in heating and air, when he lived in Denver. Ellis started his photography business when he noticed that other businesses had a need for stock photos, and images for their companies.

“I thought about it and thought I can do that,” he said. “Every business has a uniqueness about them. Through our uniqueness we attract the clients we want and the employees we need. When I moved to the Valley, I moved to the Valley to offer my services to see what I could do. I love the community here. I had been coming this way for a while. In Denver, I felt like it was always how much we can get versus, what do others really need. I want to work with businesses that want to look good, I want to help

them.”

Ellis said when he lived in Denver, he was into business networking. He had a good friend there, who did a lot of business networking and that was also what gave him the idea.

“I am blessed this morning. I didn’t know how many people would show up this morning. I thought even if it’s just a small group, it can grow,” he said.

Ellis said that it doesn’t have to necessarily be businesses just from Monte, that people from all over the Valley are welcome.

“It’s a coffee connection group for small businesses to meet other businesses and attend and speak with each other about different ideas and network together,” he said. “We will be doing this every Tuesday, so I am really hoping people will start coming out and networking together. I think there is a need for this, and we can help each other.”

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221 - HELP WANTED

JR. HIGH CHEER COACH needed at DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL. Experience as a coach is preferred. Please contact Gilbert "Gibbs" Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@urtigers.co, 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers.co, 719-657-4020. Applications may be found on our website; www.urtigers.co. (4/17/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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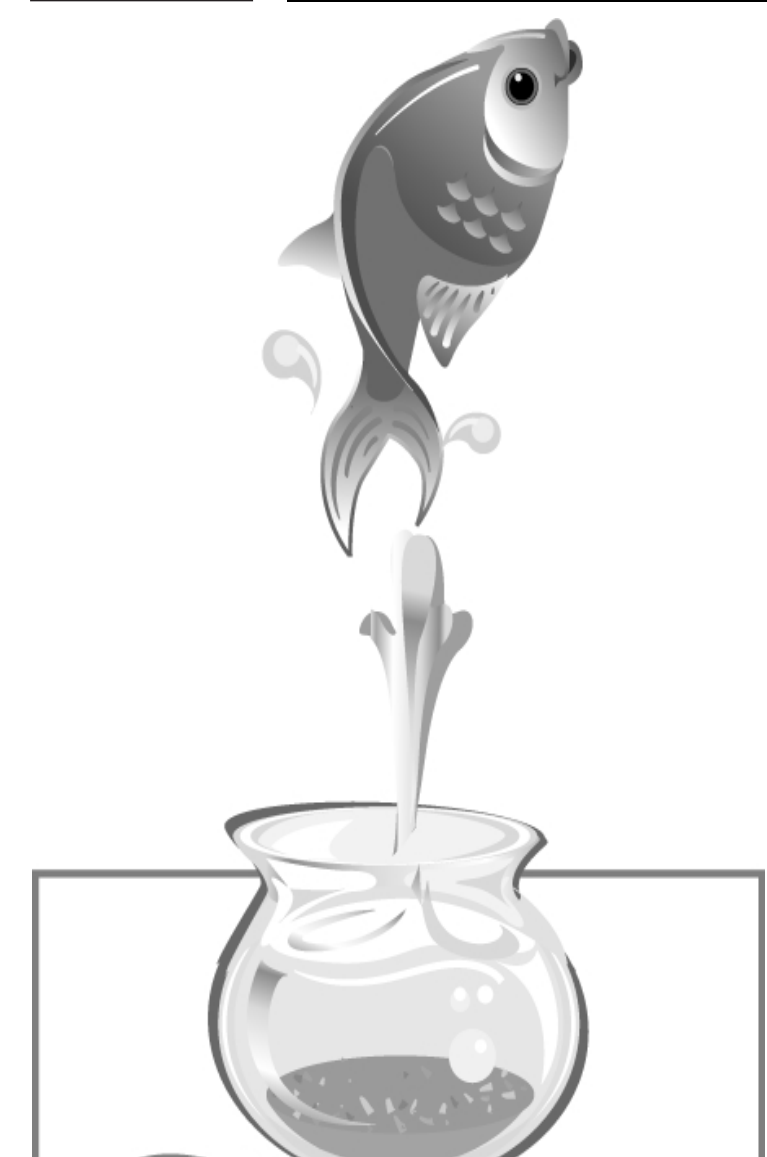
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Seat for parishioners
 - 4 Zeus' wife
 - 8 Brink
 - 12 Lyricist — Gershwin
 - 13 Camera part
 - 14 Put cargo aboard
 - 15 Nest item
 - 16 Bag
 - 17 Elaborate song
 - 18 Cake decoration
 - 20 Biblical hymn
 - 21 Moo — gai pan
 - 22 Rent
 - 23 Barber's blade
 - 26 Wise
 - 30 "Much — About Nothing"
 - 31 Himalayan legend
 - 33 Satiated
 - 34 Colorize
 - 36 Nasty habit
 - 38 Bribe
 - 39 Soft-shell clam
 - 41 Landscape
 - 43 — sequitur
- 44 PreCheck org.**
- 45 Bit of snow
 - 48 Kelp
 - 52 Italia's capital city
 - 53 Make music
 - 54 Altar constellation
 - 55 Again
 - 56 Flexible tube
 - 57 — Isaac Newton
 - 58 Patch
 - 59 Proof of ownership
 - 60 Cable channel
- DOWN**
- 1 Jetty
 - 2 Therefore
 - 3 Moves back and forth
 - 4 Past events
 - 5 Clio's sister
 - 6 Paddy plant
 - 7 "I thought you'd never —"
 - 8 Springy
 - 9 "— the Explorer"

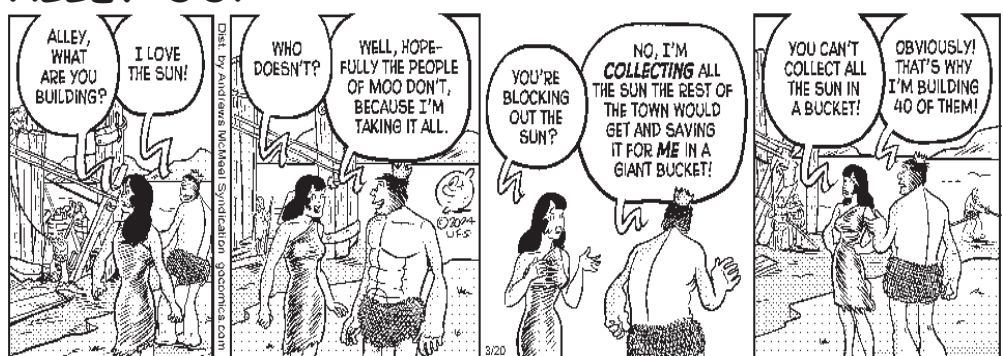
Answer to Previous Puzzle

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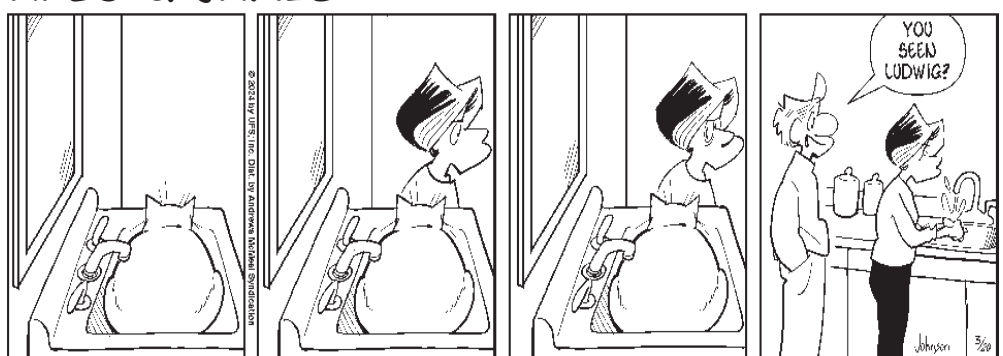
- 10 Oprah's bestie
- 11 Dutch cheese
- 19 Swell-head's problem
- 20 Vitality
- 22 Secular
- 23 "Darn it!"
- 24 Mine entrance
- 25 Postal area
- 26 To-do
- 27 If not
- 28 Time for lunch
- 29 Hunt and peck
- 32 Symmetrical
- 35 Mug
- 37 Endeavored
- 40 Eeny, meeny, miny, —
- 42 Crow's cry
- 44 Pester in fun
- 45 Gift tag word
- 46 Adoration
- 47 Word of agreement
- 48 Gin flavoring
- 49 Sunrise direction
- 50 "— go Bragh!"
- 51 Pointed missile
- 53 Advanced deg.

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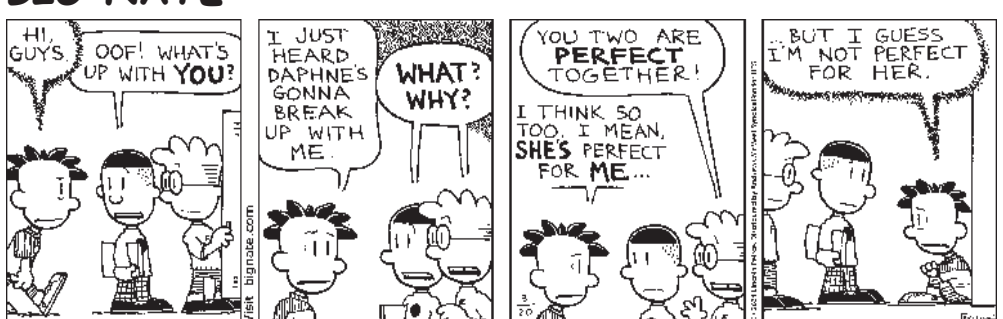
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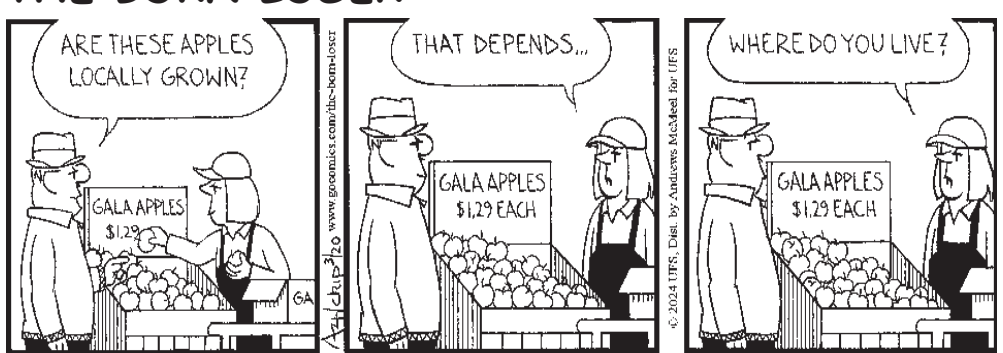
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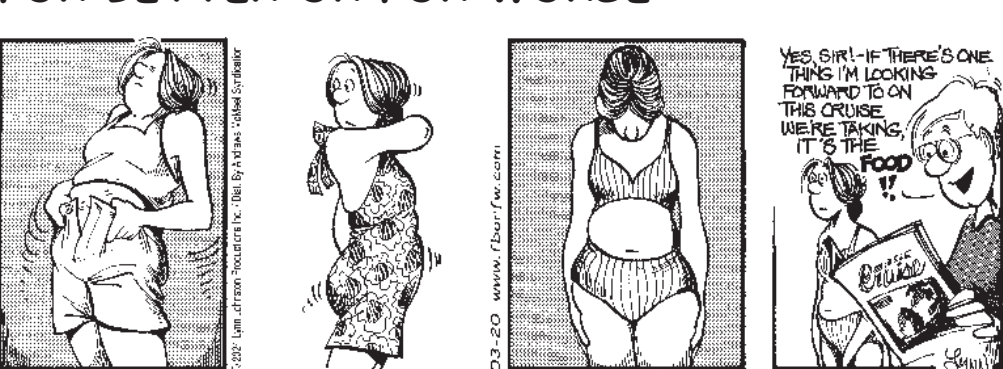
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THE BORN LOSER



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



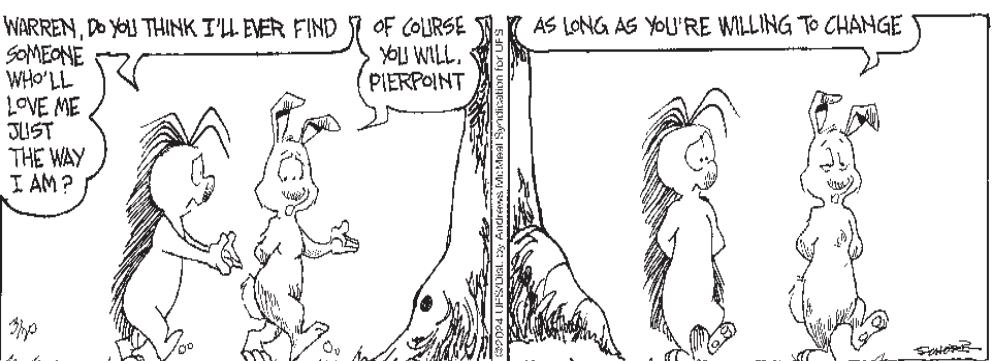
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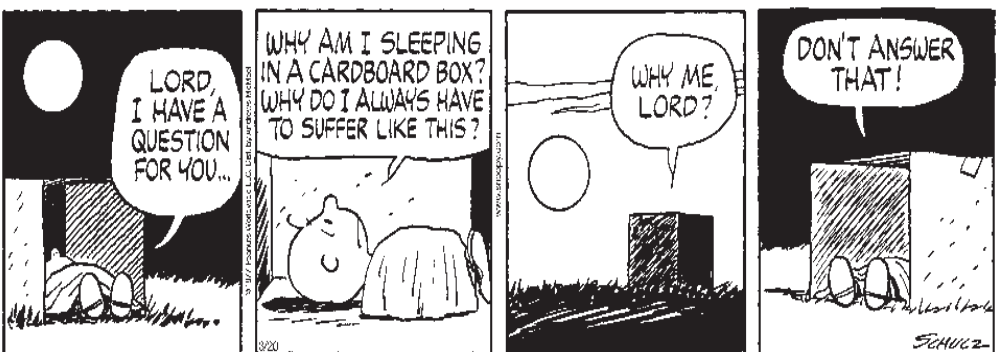
GARFIELD



THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

HERMAN



Bride-to-be walks a fine line for her bridesmaids

DEARABBY: I recently started planning my wedding. Half the friends I want as bridesmaids are very conservative. They think sex is sacred and should be talked about only discreetly, not joked about, mentioned on TV, etc. I used to hold similar views, but I no longer do. Neither do the other half of the girls I want as bridesmaids.

My dream bachelorette party is the kind you see in movies, a group of girls going out on the town getting tipsy -- maybe being a little stupid -- nothing dangerous, with sexy games/favors, and casually swapping sex tips and double entendres. That may not be possible with my straight-laced friends, whom I really like and would like to include.

I pick up on others' feelings easily, so I can't ignore when someone around me is unhappy. I want all my girlfriends to enjoy the party, but two or three of them won't appreciate the humor of drinking from a phallus-shaped straw. Should I split the guest list and have one prudish party and one sexy one? -- GOOD/BAD GIRL IN THE EAST

DEAR GIRL: That's an excellent idea! And we all know which one you are going to enjoy.

DEAR ABBY: I just found out my husband has

been texting with his high school sweetheart for the last three years. He contacted her and shares all day-to-day activities, like our vacations, new dog, etc. She lives 2,500 miles away. She's divorced, retired like us and has children and grandchildren. I snooped and read his email. I can tell by her responses that she is being polite.

I don't understand why he contacted her after so many years and why he shares everything with her, as we have a close relationship and share everything. He did mention a year ago that he was in touch with her. I didn't think much about it then, but now that I know how long this has been going on, I'm wondering why. Should I be concerned about this? -- PUZZLED IN MAINE

DEAR PUZZLED: What is happening could be innocent, or it could be crossing a line. You will never know until you discuss this with your husband. You MAY not have to disclose that you read the texts if you say you recalled him mentioning that they were in touch "a while back" and let the conversation evolve from there.

DEARABBY: I recently received an Evite to a surrogate baby shower. I was happy to attend. Each



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

guest was asked to bring a box of diapers, our favorite children's book and a donation to help cover the surrogate expenses. A written explanation of how expensive the surrogate process is was also included.

In my opinion, when the couple started the surrogacy process, they were aware of how expensive it would be, and to ask the shower attendees to contribute to it is a little nifty. Was this proper etiquette? -- WONDERING IN NEVADA

DEAR WONDERING: No. Soliciting the donation was over the top. I can't help but wonder how many invitees declined the invitation because of it. To ask for money was tacky.

Lifestyle

Governor Polis, Colorado Parks and Wildlife expand youth outdoor education opportunities

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE
DENVER — Governor Jared Polis and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) on Monday announced an additional \$200,000 in annual awards for groups providing outdoor recreation and conservation opportunities for youth throughout the Outdoor Equity Grant Program.

“Now more Colorado kids can explore our great outdoors, have healthy fun, and develop that shared sense of stewardship we all feel for these lands we love. I’m excited to support even more organizations who are working in Colorado communities to connect underserved young Coloradans with outdoor recreation opportunities,” said Governor Polis.

In December 2023, CPW’s Outdoor Equity Grant Program (OEGP) announced \$2.2 million in grant awards to 35 organizations across the state. Since 2021, the OEGP has invested over \$5.5 million in environmental learning opportunities, outdoor education, exposure to career pathways, public health, and outdoor fun for underserved youth and families through funding from the Colorado Lottery. However, grant applications have well exceeded available funds for this impactful program. In recognition of this, CPW’s Executive Management Team is committing an additional \$200,000 each year from CPW Cash Funds to fund requests for support.

This additional funding will support:
 Access Unbound with \$35,000 to provide scholarships and ski passes for participation in adaptive snowsports lessons through partner programs at ski resorts.

Mile High Youth Corps with \$40,000 to deliver conservation career pathway training for 40 youth across 4 Land Conservation program affinity crews in Denver and Colorado Springs.

The Center for Rural Outreach and Public Services, operating as the Ute Mountain Ute, with an additional \$50,000 to bolster their outdoor hiking, skiing, and mountain biking programs alongside a career fair.

The African American Leadership Group with an additional \$75,000 to support the launch of their Outdoor Equity Program.

“We know there are profound benefits to connecting with nature, and all youth, especially those who have been traditionally excluded, should get the opportunity to experience Colorado’s outdoor wonders. Increasing funding for the Outdoor Equity Grant Program is a priority of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and this additional investment is our commitment to expanding opportunities to meaningful outdoor experiences that nurture a love for the outdoors that will last a lifetime,” said Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director Jeff Davis.

In 2023, the program received nearly 240 grant applications totaling over \$17 million in requests. The additional investment from CPW will fund two additional grant requests from the last application cycle, and increase the amount awarded to two previously-awarded grant recipients, bringing the total amount awarded in the 2023 grant cycle to over

\$2.4 million. Starting this December, the additional investment will ensure that the full Lottery transfer of up to \$3 million will be awarded to fulfill the large amount of requests the program receives each year.

The Outdoor Equity Grant Board accepted applications in the late summer and selected 35 organizations to receive grants this December. Outdoor Equity Grants support organizations across the state who provide outdoor recreation, education, and conservation opportunities for youth ages 0-25 who are racially and ethnically diverse, low-income, LGBTQ+, American Indian or Native, and for youth with disabilities.

The Outdoor Equity Grant Board is the deliberative body that awards Outdoor Equity Grants. Last July, they finalized the following two Board values to help guide the direction of the board and program:

We value opportunities that respect the community’s ability to define their own priorities so they can obtain the resources to achieve their goals.

We value opportunities that instill a sense of wonder, excitement, and responsibility for the environment in Colorado youth and families.

The announcement of an increased investment for the OEGP supports the Board’s ability to accomplish these goals.

“These extra funds are going to provide transformative experiences for hundreds of Colorado kids and put them on a path to a lifetime of love for the

outdoors,” said Michal Rosenoer, Outdoor Equity Grant Board member. “I’m so glad CPW decided to expand the program’s funding now and into the future; as a Board Member for the Outdoor Equity Grant Program, I can tell you that there are so many passionate people with great ideas all over the state. Getting to fund even more of their work is an honor.”

“Expanding the Outdoor Equity Grant Program re-

flects the Department of Natural Resources’ dedication to fostering inclusivity and accessibility in outdoor recreation and conservation,” said Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. “By investing in the Outdoor Equity Grant Program, we are investing in diverse organizations from across the state of Colorado who serve thousands of youth and families each year and foster a sense of belonging

and stewardship toward our natural world. I am excited to see this program’s continued success.”
 The Department of Natural Resources and Colorado Parks and Wildlife take great pride in supporting the Outdoor Equity Grant Program and remain dedicated to investing in organizations across the state that serve low-income, racially and ethnically diverse, LGBTQ+, and Indigenous youth, and youth with disabilities.

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THIS PROCESS OF PRESERVING FOOD AT AN EXTREMELY LOW TEMPERATURE WITH COLD, CIRCULATING AIR CAN KEEP IT FRESH LONGER.

ANSWER: FLASH-FREEZING

Crossword Puzzle

1			2		3	
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7						

ACROSS

1. New; not old
3. Internet technology (abbr.)
4. To seep out
6. The first time
7. They keep items frozen


DOWN

1. Having turned into ice
2. Waste produced by rotten item
3. Frozen water
5. Units or articles

Down
1. Frozen 2. Spoilage 3. Ice 5. Items


Across
1. Fresh 3. IT 4. Ooze 6. Earliest 7. Freezers

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1854: THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES IS ESTABLISHED.
- 1923: THE ARTS CLUB OF CHICAGO HOSTS THE OPENING OF PABLO PICASSO'S FIRST UNITED STATES SHOWING.
- 2015: A SOLAR ECLIPSE, SUPERMOON AND EQUINOX ALL OCCUR ON THE SAME DAY.



PRESERVE

to maintain something in its original state

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Cold

SPANISH: Frío


ITALIAN: Freddo

FRENCH: Froid

GERMAN: Kalt

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