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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

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



Mostly Sunny 55/21

Thurs: Sunny, Breezy 58/24

Fri: Mostly Sunny, **Breezy 59/26**

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

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Courier Reporter

Stretches of newly planted irrigated grass created for strictly aesthetic purposes will be a notso-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 ex-

actly 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 apply to residential properties.

In 2026, local entities will be prohibited from planting or allowing the planting of non-functional turf and prohibit ■ See LAW page 3

'The choices that we have in these spaces can result in beautiful, Western droughttolerant 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. McClaughliln 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



Courier Reporter

DENVER — As part of the largestever 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 Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust's office that opened in Del Norte last fall. Great Outdoors Colorado recently awarded the group \$100,000 in grant

Photo by Karina Puikkonen, 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-■ See McDANIEL page 3

The McDaniel Collection was welcomed into Adams State's McDaniel Hall in a January 24 ceremony. From left: Ed Crowther, Ph.D., presi-

dent of the ASU Foundation Board; **Adams State President David Tand**berg, Ph.D.; and Adams State Board of Trustees Chair Duane Bussey.

Courtesy of Adams State University



nurse honored with DAISY award Med/surg

By DONNA WEHE Director of

Communications SLVH

BSN, RN, is the SLVH works on the med/surg floor at the Regional Medical Center in Alamosa along with a great team of caregivers.

patient who had emo- morbidly obese and has tionally shut down due difficulty breathing in no one listens?" to her prior negative ex- a supine position. This perience. When this paparient was not talking tient arrived, Kathleen to anyone on the care noticed this patient had team on arrival. These not established any rap- interventions quite pos-

port with her transport sibly saved her life.

team. The EMT immediately instructed the transfer team to stop the fluid bolus and to sit the pa-Kathleen admitted a tient up. This patient is

Once the patient ar-The patient was hy- rived on the floor un-ALAMOSA — Kath- poxic and was fluid der Kathleen's care, she leen (Kat) Cummins, overloaded with other took the time to talk to symptoms that flagged the patient and gain the DAISY Recipient. She the EMT's attention, patient's trust. Kathsuch as ashen in color. leen was asking the patient questions and initially, the patient did not respond. Eventually, the patient responded with the comment, "Why should I talk when Kathleen could see

that this patient had just experienced something traumatic. She DAISY recipient Kat Cummins, BSN, RN, is congratulated

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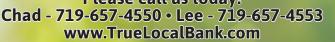


Photo courtesy SLV Health

by her supervisor, Amber Marquez, RN.



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Record

Weekend storms bump up Colorado's mountain snowpack to above-average levels ered this season's dust- cantly. Denver Interna- according to the Natural its historical median as flects the sun's radiation

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

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 covon-snow events, which tional Airport saw almost can hasten that snowmelt 6 inches and canceled and leave water users more than 800 flights. and rivers in short supply in late summer.

especially essentially east of the station in Boulder.

The storms dumped 3 the Denver metro area, 2.4 inches of water in the

In areas west of Denver. such as Boulder, Golden "As far as snowfall: and Morrison, the snow Really healthy totals, reached 20 inches to 25 everywhere inches, Rodriguez said. Eldora Mountain Ski (Continental) Divide and Resort, west of Boulder, into the I-25 corridor," counted 4 feet of snow, said Bruno Rodriguez, a so much that it closed meteorologist at the Na- Thursday and most of tional Weather Service Friday. The snow piles turned into overflowing gutters as snow melted feet to 4 feet — in some over the weekend. The cases 5 feet — on the snowfall between March Front Range foothills. In 13 and 18 equaled about snowfall varied signifi- South Platte River basin,

114% of its median snowwas 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

range received the most with an average of about 1 feet 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

Resources Conservation of Monday. Other West- back into the atmosphere. Service. The basin had ern Slope river basins But when dust settles on were between 103% and the snow, it makes the pack as of Monday, and it 113% of their 30-year surface darker and, like medians. The Colorado Headwaters basin, which covers Rocky Mountain the Grand Junction area, was at 107% of the metime of year.

a month left before April 7, when snow accumulation typically peaks before snowmelt begins. Alhistoric snowpack levels at its seasonal peak.

"We're definitely trending positively overall," 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 The San Juan mountain hold strong through the next month.'

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

Dust can lead to faster mountains, was 103% of is bright and white, it re- areas further east."

a dark T-shirt, it absorbs more light and heat.

If the snowpack melts National Park down to faster and earlier in the year, then by the time late summer rolls around, dian snowpack for this streams and rivers are low, and farmers, fishers Colorado has less than and rafters are watching their water dwindle.

Colorado's first dust-onsnow event rolled through Feb. 26 and 27, dropping though Colorado is above a lighter load of fine soils average for this point of on the snow. Heavier the year, it still needs winds brought a mamore snow to match the jor dose of dust through March 2 and 3.

The March 2 event will be a big factor during the snowmelt season, Derry Rodriguez said. "We can 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.

news? Good would expect that posi- are opportunities in the tive trend to continue and forecast for more snow starting around March 31, which would not only The recent snowfall 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 pocombined basin, which snowmelt and higher tentially some pretty imincludes the San Juan runoff. When that snow pactful accumulations for

less lives she touched,

both in the classroom and

on Friday, March 22,

2024, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

at Rogers Family Mortu-

mosa, Colo. Funeral Ser-

vices will be held at 10

a.m. on Saturday March

23, 2024, at the Mortu-

Rogers Family Mortu-

ary is in the care of the

arrangements. To leave

online condolences, words

of comfort and tributes

for June's family, please

visit www.RogersFuner-

A visitation will be held

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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

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 in 1954.

University.

graduate degree. They tor to local projects in Home of Monte Vista.

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 1980's, she taught nurs-San Diego for underprivitermined in Norwich, NY. leged people.

place in Edith's heart. At one time, she was foster-They lived in Oneonta ing 14 dogs and several man Avenue, Monte for several years, where horses, gently rehabili-Edie worked nights to tating, and socializing support the family while them for adoption. She

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-grandchil-

Edith requested no callinfection control. In the ing hours or funeral service, but a celebration of ing in poor regions of life will take place in Del Peru via the Institute of Norte, Colo., on March Cultural Affairs. She was 23. A Norwich area celalso a hospice nurse and ebration of life will take volunteered at a clinic in place on a date to be de-

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Ralph worked on his was also a big contribu- of Strohmayer's Funeral

Joann C. Sutcliffe

Joann C. Sutcliffe, a pi- husband, Hall, who surlar of love and creativity, passed away peacefully on March 7, 2024, at the adventure. Joann is also age of 87, in Alamosa, Colo. Born on Aug. 21, her nephew, niece, and 1936, in Massillon, Ohio, her dear friend Nancy she was the cherished daughter of Frank J. and fin's family from Aurora, 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 ac-

Catholic Church. After completing her education, be-Joann gan 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

and a police officer. Joann's life was enriched by the love and companionship ofher in their motorhome were

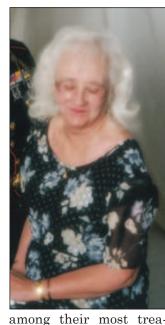
found her partner in Hall,

who was both a Marine

vives her. Together, they shared a life full of joy and lovingly remembered by Griffin, along with Grif-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 tive member of St. Mary's selfless giving. Her hands were rarely still, as she among their most treacrocheted over 20,000 Afghans, a testament to her dedication to bringing comfort and joy to others. These beautiful creations were donated to the VA be held on Wednesday, Hospital, nursing homes, and various other places a.m. at College Heights in need. When asked why Baptist Church. Visitashe devoted so much time tion will be held from 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 Baptist Church. pursuits, Joann was a steadfast partner in life's her husband with firewood and reveling in their shared passion for travel. The couple's adventures



sured experiences, exploring new places and making memories togeth-

A funeral service will March 27, 2024, at 10 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

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

OBITUARY

June McDaniel

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 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 Wakechildren and

June McDaniel, a bea- great-grandchildren will con of love and intel- forever hold her memory ligence, passed away in their hearts. She was peacefully on March 5, preceded in death by her 2024, in Buda, Texas, at beloved husband, James the age of 89. Born on Alfred McDaniel III, her Animals held a special morial contributions can Nov. 18, 1934, in Pueblo, parents, her sister Betty Colo., to Howard Wallace Kay Drake, and her son dog shelter, 2825 Sher- McIlvaine and Margaret in-law Michael Wake-

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 wellknown among her circle. A loyal fan of Centauri and Adams State University, she never missed a ary, 205 State Ave., Alachance 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 becoming a survivor and an inspiration to all who knew her.

June's life was a portrait of love, intelligence, field of River Falls, WI, and passion. She apand Pam (Mark) Loose proached every day with of Gilbert, AZ; and her a heart full of love for son, Patrick McDaniel her family, a mind eager of Fort Collins, CO. Her to learn and teach, and sister, JoAnne James of a soul passionate about Boise, ID, also survives her many interests. Her her. June's ten grand- influence will continue to fifteen be felt through the count-

PENDING OBITUARY

Marilyn Eagles

United Methodist Church at 10 a.m.

Spring Break!

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

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School Menu Wednesday March-20,-2024-

Valley News

CCALT

■ Continued from Page 1 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, Jocelvn 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".

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.

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gional 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.

"The addition of a re-

With this funding, the agricultural land trust expects to be able to significantly expand its conservation work in southern Colorado. The group's Agricultural Relandowners in further leveraging the Natural spective."

Resources Conservation



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

Service's Environmental the group, throughout communities. The office

its Northwest Colorado organizations regional office which opened in 2019 in Steamboat Springs. The which also has offices in Del Norte office enables Lakewood, Carbondale the group to expand its and Steamboat Springs, ability to offer services helps to the southern part of ranching families conthe state where it has serve agricultural lands had a strong presence and their associated since 1998.

to serve the needs of the has partnered with more landowners and conser- than 400 landowners vation community here to protect over 775,000 in the San Luis Valley acres in Colorado. In and Southern Colorado, southern Colorado, the is tant," said Catterson. "I holds 251 conservation am excited to step into easements, including 54 this new role and serve in the San Luis Valley, siliency Fund will assist the regional needs of totaling 175,272 acres. CCALT from a local per-

Catterson Quality Incentives Pro- was awarded the Cologram and other resourc- rado Art, Science + Envies to advance restora- ronment Fellowship and tion and enhancement has been working closely projects and outcomes with conservation and southern water-related Colorado. CCALT will zations throughout the be better positioned to San Luis Valley on an become actively involved artistic and educational in water issues and oth- outreach project tied to er discussions important groundwater. Through to southern Colorado this fellowship, she developed strong relacomple- tionships with farmers, ments CCALT's head-ranchers, public agenquarters in Denver and cies, and conservation throughout the area.

The organization, farming natural resources. For "Having a local person nearly 30 years, CCALT incredibly impor- agricultural land trust

million The \$117 granted in funding re-Prior to starting with flects investments in door Equity Fund.

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

As stated on its web-

site, 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 Out-

McDaniel

■ Continued from Page 1 dents for 40 years. He passed away on May 2, 2023.

Former students of Mc-Daniel 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 "These compendium. 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 Mc-Daniel Hall, southeast side.

Award

■ Continued from Page 1 caring relationship with her. She listened to this patient with intent and gave autonomy back to this patient. This paand delightful woman.

team should be rec- to recognize a nurse for ognized for how they their outstanding care. transformed this patient's experience and SLV Health for the DAIcare into what any family member and member app.roundsplus.getwellof the community de-

Barnes woke up with disease ITP (Idiopathic Practical Nurse (LPN). Thrombocytopenic Purpura).

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died from complications of the autoimmune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura comforted the patient (ITP) at the age of 33. and expressed that she DAISY is an acronym has every intention of for Diseases Attacking developing a fresh and the Immune System. The family wanted to recognize the nurses for providing extraordinary care to their loved ones.

Who can recommend tient transformed from an excellent nurse? Paa hurt and discouraged tients, family members person into a trusting of patients, co-workers, and visitors to SLV Kathleen and the care Health are all welcome To recommend a nurse at SY award, go to https:// network.com/SurveyAction/SurveyGo/ Why DAISY? Patrick xjvBd5ceWj6Sz?u=4416

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Visit www.slvh.org/ about-us/daisy-nursing-The DAISY Founda- excellence to read about



Law

■ Continued from Page 1 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 Sena-Roberts (D-D8), tors Simpson (R-D6), Repre-McCormick sentatives (D-D11) and McClaughlin (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

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 fa-

abundant and in greater

vor of the bill. Senator Simpson, wide-

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 has a mandatory watermicroplastics into water-

ways. During the signing watered (addresses with



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 beautiful, Western in 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 ing schedule that dictates which days lawns can be 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

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

at Alamosa, Colo.

Friday, March 22

3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

Baseball vs New Mexico Highlands

Invitational at Albuquerque, N.M.

Baseball vs New Mexico Highlands

University at Alamosa, Colo.

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse vs Concordia University

Men & Women's Track at New Mexico Spring

Softball vs New Mexico Highlands University

University at Alamosa, Colo.

Irvine at Alamosa, Colo.

Saturday, March 23

Softball vs New Mexico Highlands University at Alamosa, Colo.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

/{//)}Wome<u>n's Golf at So</u>uthern Colorado Open at Pueblo, Colo.

TBA



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 af-

fect 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 —



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 centu-

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 sometimes in February, when parts of 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 after-

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

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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tions in soil moisture and the browsing of deer. Here in Iowa's Linn County, the Goldings lost an enormous portion of their sugar bush when a derecho, which is kind of like an inland hurricane, wiped out a substantial number of their trees. We're allowing the trees to regener-

tion, ice, insects, poor drainage, varia-

ate," said Mrs. Golding, whose nonlegislative duties include testing the syrup for density, viscosity and sugar content. "That means we won't be able to tap most of them for the next couple of A few weeks ago, Roberge explained

to an audience at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center in Albany, New Hampshire, that snowfall is an efficient insulator for the sensitive root systems that sugar maple trees possess — and that the alternation of freezes and thaws that are essential for the production of maple sap won't be eliminated by climate change. This, too, won't change: Maple syrup is gluten-free. No cholesterol, either. Good for you. Leaves you with a good taste. In that regard, better than the campaign.

There. I've just written, and presumably you've just read, more than 1,000 words of an op-ed column without the appearance (so far) of the words "Joe Biden" or "Donald Trump." That may be a world record. Is there a prize for

David M. Shribman is the former executive editor of the Pittsburgh Post-

We know now that free land wasn't free

about 25 miles north of Wall Drug, that some locals still call "Jew Flats."

More than 100 years ago, the Unit-

and friends, around 30 Jewish families, free land in the West under the Homestead

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

By Rebecca

Clarren

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

There's a place in South Dakota, had taken or stolen around 98% of its Indigenous populations. the land that an 1851 Treaty said would always be for the Lakota.

To attempt to further eradicate ed States gave my great-great grand- Native American connection to the parents and their children, cousins land, the United States made it il-

> legal 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

"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.'

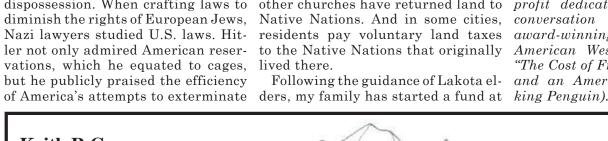
Unlike Germany, which has grappled (albeit imperfectly) with its genocidal past, the United States has made little efforts to reconcile its thefts from Indigenous people. Yet filling this vacuum of federal leadership are efforts at the local level.

Just recently, the Quaker church paid one Alaska Native community \$93,000 in reparations, the amount the federal government had paid the 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

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 church to forcibly assimilate their 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" (Vi-



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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 vear 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 diag-

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 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.

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, 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 re-"They still have this on spond to a crisis and keep

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"junk science" out of offi- er than on use of force cial 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 given lack of evidence that 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, rath

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.

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, ning the term excited debecause doctors 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 new leadership each change, said David Siffert, legal director of the Surveillance Technology Oversight Project, which this article.

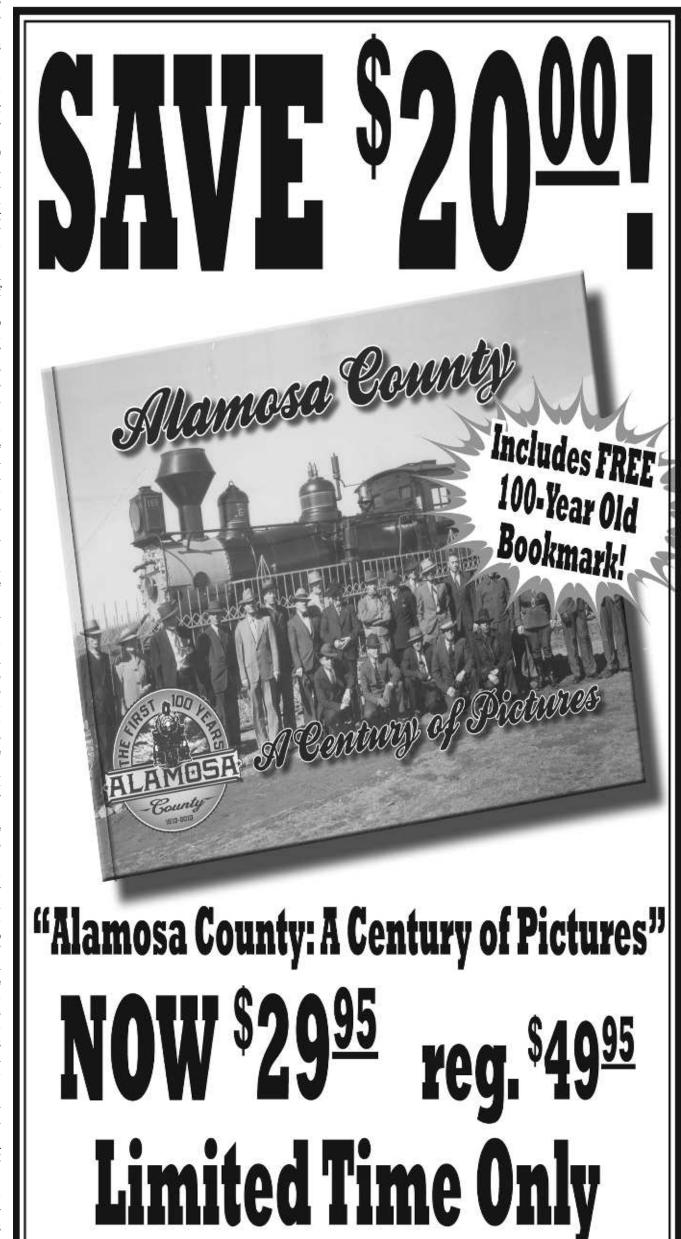
"It would give us some helped draft model legissort of closure and jus- lation banning excited detice," said William Haleck. lirium and is pushing for the New York bill.

"Even if vou 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 banthere lirium 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



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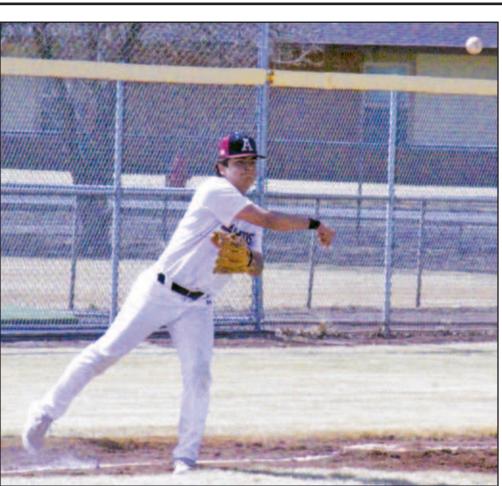
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Alamosa High School third baseman Xavier Lujan throws out a Pueblo Centennial batter in Tuesday's game against Pueblo Centennial at the Ortega Middle School field. The Mean Moose lost to the Bulldogs 15-12.

Mean Moose rally falls three runs short

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

- The Alamosa High ALAMOSA -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 ball 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

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 team," 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

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

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hadron State (Neb.)	8-0	10-1
olorado School of Mines	6-2	8-2
olorado Mesa	5-3	7-3
estern Colorado	5-3	9-5
in Francisco State	4-4	8-5
dams State	4-4	6-5

WOMEN'S V	WRESTLING	
	Conf.	Overall
Team	W-L	W-L
Simon Fraser (B.C.)	4-0	6-1
Colorado Mesa	3-1	11-5
Texas Woman's	2-2	2-7
Chadron State (Neb.)	1-3	5-5
Adams State	0-4	1-8
BASE	BALL	
	Conf.	Overall
Team	W-L	W-L-T
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 New Mexico Highlands Colorado Colorado Springs

Colorado Christian

13-13-0

5-19-0

Overall

W-L	W-L
1-0	5-1
1-0	3-2
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0-1	0-6
0-2	1-5
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Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD TUESDAY

Prep baseball Pueblo Centennial 15, Alamosa 12

SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY Prep baseball

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

FRIDAY Prep baseball

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Prep track and field Alamosa at Chandler (Ariz.) Rotary Invita-

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College men's lacrosse

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College outdoor track and field Adams State at

Spank Blasing Invitational (at Pueblo), TBA

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

Lifestyle

Valley Courier

Mount Blanca lit up after storm



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 30 Adams St

Business owner starts Coffee and Business networking event

Business at Bobolicious thoughts. Gourmet Coffee. Ap-139 Adams St. will be a good start," he said. ongoing every Tuesday nesses to network.

area. I live in Monte, their companies. in Rio Grande County. thought was having them. Through

nesses to thrive, he feels good, I want to help 139 Adams.

By MARIE MCCOLM that networking is nec- them." MONTE VISTA — On essary. Ellis said that March 5. Randy Ellis, of businesses can gain lived in Denver, he Randy Ellis Photogra- insight by networking was into business netphy hosted Coffee and and can trade ideas and working. He had a good

proximately 11 people businesses here today, working and that was attended the event at Insurance, retail, this is also what gave him the

Ellis, who has lived morning for local busi- in Monte Vista for a morning. I didn't know year, said that his back- how many people would "Sandra Perez of ground was in heating show up this morning. I SBCD (Small Business and air, when he lived thought even if it's just Development Center), in Denver. Ellis started a small group, it can and I were having a con- his photography busi- grow," he said. versation," Ellis said. ness when he noticed "She mentioned to me that other businesses doesn't have to necesabout wanting to get to had a need for stock sarily be businesses just the Rio Grande County photos, and images for from Monte, that people

"I thought about it and are welcome. I have been wanting to thought I can do that," start networking with he said. "Every business tion group for small more businesses. My has a uniqueness about businesses to meet Sandra as a resource, uniqueness we attract attend and speak with a person I could refer the clients we want and each other about differothers to, and making a the employees we need. ent ideas and network way to get to know oth- When I moved to the together," he said. "We ers, and other business- Valley, I moved to the will be doing this every es. Not only what prod- Valley to offer my ser- Tuesday, so I am reucts we have to sell, but vices to see what I could ally hoping people will as friends and a support do. I love the communi- start coming out and group. I started this to ty here. I had been com- networking help other businesses. ing this way for a while. I think there is a need The Alamosa Chamber In Denver, I felt like it for this, and we can help has Coffee Connections, was always how much each other." I think this is a good we can get versus, what idea for Monte Vista, do others really need. I is on Tuesdays from 9

friend there, who did "We have a variety of a lot of business net-

"I am blessed this

Ellis said that it from all over the Valley "It's a coffee connec-

our other businesses and Coffee and Business

want to work with busi- to 10 a.m. at the Boboli-Ellis said for busi- nesses that want to look cious Gourmet Coffee at





Public Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS

San Luis Valley Regional Airport-Bergman Field Alamosa, Colorado

AIP Project No. 3-08-0002-035-2024

Sealed bids, subject to the conditions contained herein, for improvements to the San Luis Valley Regional Airport-Bergman Field, Alamosa, Colorado, AIP Project No. 3-08-0002-035-2024 will be received by the San Luis Valley Regional Airport-Bergman Field, County Administration Building, Alamosa, Colorado, 81101, until Wednesday, April 17,2024, at 1:00 p.m., and then publicly opened and read aloud

The work involved will include the following:

Schedule I - Replace Runway Distance Remaining Signs, REILs, PAPIs & BEACON

The approximate bid items and estimated quantities for the main items of work involved in the proposed work are:

ISM Item	Description	Unit	Schedule I
C 105a	Mrbitiantie r	1.5	1
L-100a	Remove L-902A Airport Beason, Complete	6.5	1
L-150b	Install LED L 808A Alaport Beacon, Complete	E.A.	J
L-100a	Harrows Hearing Season Towar and Foundation, Complete.	105	1
E-143%	Install New Tip-Down Brazon Pele on New Foundation,	B.5	1
	Complete		
L-108a	Install #6 AWG, XHHW, 600V Wisc	LF	2,000
L 155b	Install #6 AWG, Bare Copper Counterpoise Including	LF	1,300
	Ground Rods and Terrmination		
L-110e	Invall i -2" SGH, 40 PVC Conduit (DCB)	LF	145
11254	Samoos 1-891 PAPI Syram. Complete	104	1
L-125b	Burnove L-849 REIL System, Complete	BA.	2
171250	Bernove L-6365 BDB Sign, Complete	EA	7
1-125:	Install LPD LAND PAPI System, Stale A on Painting	104	1
	Formskiken, Complete		
L-125c	Install LND L849 BEIL featen, Style E, on Bearing	165	1
	Formaktion, Complete		
1.4251	Install 140 L-6886 800 Sign on Driving Connection,	104	7
	Complete		

Construction for this project is expected to take 14 calendar day(s). Contract Documents. The bidding documents are available at https://woolpert.com/bid and/or www.questcdn.com - Reference Quest Number 9029967. To be considered a plan holder for bids, register with QuestCDN.com for a free Regular membership and download the bidding documents in digital form at a cost of Twenty-Two Dollars (\$22.00). Downloading the documents and becoming a plan holder is recommended as plan holder's receive automatic notice of addenda, other bid updates. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or Support@QuestCDN.com for assistance in membership registration or downloading digital bidding documents. Interested parties may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a plan holder. In order to submit a responsive bid as a Prime Contractor and to receive all necessary addendum(s) for this project, you must be on the Planholder's List. It is the planholder's responsibility to review the site for addendums and changes before submitting their propos-

al. This includes review for environmental changes. Environmental changes during construction could take up to three months for aporoval. For additional information, please contact us via email at bid. info@woolpert.com. Pre-Bid Conference. The pre-bid conference for this project will be held on March 27, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., in the Airport Fire Station at the San Luis Valley Regional Airport-Bergman Field, 2500 State Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101. All bidders are required to examine

the site to become familiar with all site conditions prior to submitting Bid Conditions. The bidder is required to provide all information as required within the Contract Documents. The bidder is required to bid on all items of every schedule or as otherwise detailed in the

Bids may be held by Alamosa County for a period not to exceed 120 calendar days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

Instructions to Bidders.

The right is reserved, as Alamosa County may require, to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bids received.

All questions regarding the bid are to be directed to Jon Weeks, PE with Woolpert, Inc., 720 South Colorado Blvd., Suite 1200-S, Glendale, Colorado, 80246, (303) 524-3030, Fax: (303) 524-3031, or email Jon.Weeks@woolpert.com.

Bid Bond. Guarantee will be required with each bid as a certified check on a solvent bank or a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) % of the total amount of the bid, made payable to the Alamosa County

Performance & Payment Bond. The successful bidder will be required to furnish separate performance and payment bonds each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price

Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 as Amended. In accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, the Contractor will be required to comply with the wage and labor requirements and to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedule of wage rates established by the United States Department of Labor. Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Re-

quirement. The proposed contract is under and subject to 41 CFR Part 60-4 and Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and to the equal opportunity clause and the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract specifications including the goals and timetables for minority and female participation. Title VI Solicitation Notice: Alamosa County, in accordance with

the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, select businesses, or disadvantaged business enterprises or airport concession disad-vantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportuity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration. eration for an award.

Proposers are advised that the agreement resulting from this solicitation will include provisions mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration prohibiting discrimination by the contractor and its subcontractors. Alamosa County reserves the right to audit and inspect subcontracts to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Bid Information submitted as a matter of responsibility:

The Owner's award of this contract is conditioned upon Bidder or Offeror satisfying the good faith effort requirements of 49 CFR §26.53. As a condition of responsibility, every Ridder or Offer

the following information on the forms provided herein within five days after bid opening. (1) The names and addresses of Disadvantaged Business Enter-prise (DBE) firms that will participate in the contract;

- (2) A description of the work that each DBE firm will perform;
-)3) The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm listed
- mitment to use the DBE firm(s) listed under (1) to meet the Owner's project goal; (5) Written confirmation from each listed DBE firm that it is partici-
- nating in the contract in the kind and amount of work provided in the prime contractor's commitment; and
- (6)If Bidder or Offeror cannot meet the advertised project DBE goal, evidence of good faith efforts undertaken by the Bidder or Offeror as described in appendix A to 49 CFR part 26. The documentation of good faith efforts must include copies of each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor quote submitted to the bidder when a non-DBE subcontractor was selected over a DBE for work on the contract.

The bidder shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, to subcontract 2.23 % of the dollar value of the prime contract to small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (DBE). In the event that the bidder for this solicitation qualifies as a DBE, the contract goal shall be deemed to have been met. Individuals who are rebuttably presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged include, women, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and Asian-Indian Americans. The apparent successful bidder will be required to submit information concerning the DBE's that will participate in this contract. The information will include the name and address of each DBE, a description of the work to be performed by each named firm, and the dollar value of the contract. If the bidder fails to achieve the contract ooal stated contract to small business concerns owned and controlled by socialof the contract. If the bidder fails to achieve the contract goal stated herein, it will be required to provide documentation demonstrating that it made good faith efforts in attempting to do so. A bid that fails to meet these requirements will be considered non-responsive. Those firms currently certified as DBE's by the Colorado Department of Transportation are eligible to participate as DBE's on this contract. A list of these firms can be obtained from the State, the consulting engineer, or the Sponsor,

FAA Buy American Preference The Contractor certifies that its bid/offer is in compliance with 49

USC § 50101, BABA and other related Made in America Laws, U.S

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DISTRICT COURT, CONEJOS COUNTY, COLORADO

VALERIE MORALES, an Individual, and AMY REGNIER,

DARLENE LETEY, an Individual

Defendant. A COURT USE ONLY A Attorney for Plaintiffs: Samuel J. Scheurich, #46270 BURNHAM LAW

2760 29th Street, Suite #IE Boulder, CO 80301 Phone: 303.990.5308

Fax: 303.200.7330

sam@bumhamlaw.com Case No.: 2022CV30010 Division: C

NOTICE OF LEVY

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

Lot 3, Block 12, Manaassa Parcel No. 2, County of Conejos, State of Colorado Now, therefore, you Darlene Letey, Defendant, take notice, that within

fourteen (14) days from the date of service hereof, exclusive of the day of service, if served within this state, or if served by publication, you may make and file with the Clerk of the above-entitled court a written claim of any exemption which you may have under the statutes of the State of Colorado; and in case of your failure to make and file such written claim of exemption with the Clerk of said Court you shall be deemed to have waived your right of exemption under the statutes of this state. Witness, Garth Crowther, Sheriff of Conejos County, Colorado, this 30

GARTH CROWTHER CONEJOS COUNTY SHERIFF

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statutes, guidance, and FAA policies, which provide that Federal statutes, guidance, and rAA pointes, which provide that rederal funds may not be obligated unless all iron, steel and manufactured goods used in AIP funded projects are produced in the United States, unless the Federal Aviation Administration has issued a waiver for the product; the product is listed as an Excepted Article, Material Or Supply in Federal Acquisition Regulation subpart 25.108; or is included in the FAA Nationwide Buy American Waiv-

The bidder or offeror must complete and submit the certification of compliance with FAA's Buy American Preference, BABA and Made in America laws included herein with their bid or offer. The Airpor Sponsor/Owner will reject as nonresponsive any bid or offer that does not include a completed certification of compliance with FAA's Buy American Preference and BABA. The bidder or offeror certifies that all constructions materials, de-

fined to mean an article, material, or supply other than an item of primarily iron or steel; a manufactured product; cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents or additives that are or consist primarily of: non-ferrous metals; plastic and polymer-based products (including applying blocking agency building applying belief of products). ucts (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables); glass (including optic glass); lumber; or drywall used in the project are manufactured

Per Executive Order 14005 "Made in America Laws" means all statutes, regulations, rules, and Executive Orders relating to federal financial assistance awards or federal procurement, including those that refer to "Buy America" or "Buy American," that require, or provide a preference for, the purchase or acquisition of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States, including iron, steel, and manufactured products offered in the United States.

Trade Restriction Certification

By submission of an offer, the Offeror certifies that with respect to this solicitation and any resultant contract, the Offeror –

- is not owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR); 2) has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for
- this project with a person that is a citizen or national of a for-eign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the USTR; and
- has not entered into any subcontract for any product to be used on the Federal project that is produced in a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR. This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States of America and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18 USC § 1001.

The Offeror/Contractor must provide immediate written notice to the Owner if the Offeror/Contractor learns that its certification or that of a subcontractor was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. The Contractor must require subcontractors provide immediate written notice to the Contractor if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Unless the restrictions of this clause are waived by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR § 30.17, no contract shall be awarded to an Offeror or subcontractor: 1) who is owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals

- of a foreign country included on the list of countries that dis-criminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR; or 2) whose subcontractors are owned or controlled by one or more
- citizens or nationals of a foreign country on such USTR list; or 3) who incorporates in the public works project any product of a
- foreign country on such USTR list.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings. The Offeror agrees that, if awarded a contract resulting from this

on the collector agrees that, it awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation, it will incorporate this provision for certification without modification in all lower tier subcontracts. The Contractor may rely on the certification of a prospective subcontractor that it is not a firm from a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by USTR, unless the Offeror has knowledge that the certification is erroneous This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reli

ance was placed when making an award. If it is later determined that the Contractor or subcontractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may direct through the Owner cancellation of the contract or subcontract for default at no cost to the Owner or the FAA.

Notice Of The Requirement For Affirmative Action To Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity 1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportu

nity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.

The goals and timetables for minority and female participation expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate work-force in each trade on all construction work in the covered area are as follows:

Goals for minority participation for each trade: 19.0%

Goals for female participation in each trade:

These goals are applicable to all of the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and nonfederally involved construction.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of tations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a) and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

3. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcon-

4. As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this licitation, the "covered area" is Colorado, Alamosa County, and Ala-

Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Minimum Wage) All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation in

corporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, et seq. the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and set time well-see.

The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor - Wage and Hour Division. Certification of Offeror/Bidder Regarding Debarment

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or of

feror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction. Other Federal Provisions Award of contract is also subject to the

• Civil Rights - Title VI Assurances

- Lobbying Federal Employees Recovered Materials
- Other Federal Provisions included in Part A of the Special Provi-
- Alamosa County

Alamosa, Colorado

NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: The Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation (Foundation), Farmers Union Canal, and Rio Grande #1 ditch water users are accepting bids for the Farmers Union Canal Multi-Benefit Diversion Infrastructure Improvement Project permitting and environmental/cultural compliance. The Project includes completing all permitting for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and environmental, biological, cultural, and other required NEPA compliance assessments and consultations for the construction of new and improved diversion and headgate structures at the Farmers Union Canal and Rio Grande #1 ditches, streambank restoration and stabilization, and in-channel aquatic habitat enhancement, near Del Norte, CO, Bidding documents will be made available upon request from the Foundation office located at 623 Fourth Street, Alamosa, CO 81101 beginning March 15th, 2024, from 9:00am-5:00pm daily, Bids are due by April 3rd, 2024 @ 4:00pm MST. The Foundation, Farmers Union Canal, and Rio Grande #1 ditch water users reserve the right reject any bids in the best interest of the Project Partners. Requests for Bidding Documents and questions regarding the project may be directed to Daniel Boyes, Phone: 719-589-2230, Email: daniel@riograndehead-No. 3845. Published in the Valley Courier on March 19 & 20, 2024.



CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 956-23

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On December 20, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused

the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records. Original Grantor(s) Samuel G. Burris

Original Beneficiary(ies)
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Gen-

eration Mortgage Company Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

LLACG Community Investment Fund

Date of Deed of Trust April 14, 2011
County of Recording

Alamosa Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 25, 2011

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) Original Principal Amount

\$210,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance

\$208.038.94

\$200,006.94 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: For reasons including, but not limited to, the failure to pay monthly payments of principal and interest together with all other payments provided for in the Deed of Trust and Note.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS

A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 3 ACRES DESCRIBED AS FOL-BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WEST-

BEGINNING AT THE FOIRT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WEST-ERLY R.O.W. LINE FOR S. H. NO. 285 AND THE SOUTH LINE OF THE N.W. 1/4 SEC. 5, T. 36N., R. 10E., OF N.M.P.M., FROM WHICH POINT THE N.W. CORNER OF SAID SEC. 5 BEARS N. 3 DEG. 31'37" W. A DISTANCE OF 2657.11 FT. THENCE S. 89 DEG. 42'45" W. ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE N.W. 1/4 SAID SEC. 5 AND N.E. 1/4 SEC. 6. A DISTANCE OF 325.00 FT. THENCE N. 22 DEG 45° E., PARALLEL TO THE WESTERLY R.O.W. LINE FOR S.H. NO 285, A DISTANCE OF 436.93 FT. THENCE N 89 DEG. 42'45" E., PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE N.W. 1/4 SAID SEC. 5, A DISTANCE OF 325.00 FT. TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY R.O.W. LINE FOR S.H.NO. 285. THENCE S. 22 DEG. 45` W., ALONG SAID WESTERLY R.O.W. LINE FOR S.H.NO. 285, A DISTANCE OF 436.93 FT. TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID N.W. 1/4 SEC. 5, WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGIN-NING, ALL IN ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 12483 US Highway 285 S, Alamosa, CO 81101.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROP-

NOTICE OF SALE The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for

sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/17/2024, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 2/21/2024 Last Publication 3/20/2024

Name of Publication Valley Courier IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State

By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registra-

tion number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the

Taherzadeh, PLLC 15851 N Dallas Parkway, Suite 410, Addison, TX 75001 (469) 729-6800 Attorney File # Burris 190-00165 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur-

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 957-23

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the fol-lowing described Deed of Trust:

On December 27, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused

the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records. Original Grantor(s)

Betty J. Croft Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Uni-

versal Lending Corporation
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

LLACG Community Investment Fund Date of Deed of Trust

County of Recording

Deed of Trust November 29, 2011

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) Original Principal Amount \$262,500.00

Outstanding Principal Balance \$254,043.35

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: For reasons including, but not limited to, the failure to pay monthly payments of principal and interest together with all other payments provided for in the Deed of Trust and Note.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

TRACT 4 NEWTON SUBDIVISION-EXEMPTION THE PLAT OF

201105, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO Also known by street and number as: 202 Northwood Lane, Alamosa, CO 81101. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROP-

ERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED NOTICE OF SALE The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of

Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/24/2024, at County Office Building,

8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 2/28/2024

3/27/2024 Name of Publication Valley Courier

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 12/27/2023 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State

By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registra-

tion number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the

75001 (469) 729-6800 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose. No. 3813.

Taherzadeh, PLLC 15851 N Dallas Parkway, Suite 410, Addison, TX

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: The Center Consolidated School District is seeking proposals for an

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integrated project delivery method utilizing construction management /general contracting (CM/GC) services for a new auxiliary gym and additional classrooms project. The complete RFP can be found on the district website at: https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/rfpintegrat-

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SANGRE DE CRISTO

SCHOOL DISTRICT is looking for a MU-SIC TEACHER for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information and to download an application please see our website at san-greschools.org. (4/5/24) VENDOLA PLUMB-ING & HEATING is accepting applications

com. (3/26/24) DEL NORTE BANK is seeking a candidate to fill a Seasonal posi-tion for a Teller at our Creede Branch. Duties will be to accept deposits, loan payments, and process withdraw-ERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED als 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 fime with a hourly range of \$14.42 to \$17.00. Please send your resume or application to postmaster@truelo-calbank.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)

CONEJOS COUNTY

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CLERK/ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR for their bulk division. Applicants must be Bilingual (English/Spanish) and capable of using Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and able to learn other computer/shipping programs. Work week consists of Monday-Friday and some Saturdays. Responsibilities will be the following: Weigh in and out incoming trucks, ship out trucks with outgoing product and produce paperwork for the truck, coordinate incoming and outgoing trucks with supervisor and shipping/ (4/30/24)

loading crew, help su-pervise employees. For an application please contact Margaret Limon @ 719-754-2043. ARE YOU PASSION-ATE about making a positive impact on people's lives? SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications for BEHAVIOR HEALTH COUNSEL OR/MTSS COORDINATOR for the 2024-2025 School Year. Our school has a reputation as being a great place to work. We currently have a state of the art facility, supportive administration, paid health insurance, free lunches, 4 day school week. A current license/state certification in counseling is highly recommended to apply. Application forms are located at 17523 Hwy 160 BLANCA,

contact the district office at 719-379-3259. (4/5/24)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

THE CITY OF Monte Vista is currently accepting applications for Deputy Clerk. This position will perform administrative and clerical work under the su-pervision 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) for full time HVAC SERVICE TECHS. Please apply at 185 ½ Broadway, ALAMO-SA or send resumes to rhonda@vendola.

NOTICE OF JOB opening for JOUR-NEYMAN LINEMAN. SAN LUIS VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPER ATIVE, Inc., located at 3625 US Hwy 160 W, MONTE VISTA Colorado currently has an opening for a certified Journeyman Lineman. The hourly rate of pay for a certified journeyman is \$50.87 with a very competitive benefit package. Forty hours/week plus additional time as duties require. After hours on-call required. Duties include construction. maintenance and repair of lines. Requirements: high school graduate or equivalent, certified journeyman lineman, must have CDL and be CPR certified. Visit our com to complete the job application. Applications will not be accepted after March 25, 2024. SLVREC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (3/23/24)

SDEC SCHOOL DIS-TRICT is seeking a HIGH SCHOOL VOL-LEYBALL 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 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. (4/2/24)

KENNEL HELP NEEDED: MON-CO. in CENTER, CO is looking for a SHIPPING DAYS & Tuesdays. 8 AM to 2 PM. Must have strong work ethic. Shelter is 45 min. from Alamosa. Must have own reliable transportation. Background check. Tel. 719-588-5560. (3/23/24) CITY OF MONTE VISTA is currently ac-

cepting applications for an EQUIPMENT

OPERATOR I posi-

tion. This position will perform skilled work in equipment operations. maintenance and repair work of streets, etc. This position may be asked to perform work for the Water/Sewer Dept. and the Parks Dept. A valid Colorado Class B CDL License with air brakes is highly desirable. Requires HS diploma or GED equivalent and one-year prior experience as equipment operator. 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 \$16.75 - \$18.00 per hour plus an excellent benefit package. Please visit: https://cityofmontevista. colorado.gov/government/departments/ human-resources for a complete position description and applica-

CITY OF MONTE VISTA is currently seeking a dynamic and experienced individual to fill the role of CHIEF OF POLICE. This position offers an exciting opportunity for a prov-CO. 81123 or on the disen leader with a strong trict's website at www. commitment to comsierragrandeschool. munity safety and efnet. Applications may fective law enforcement be submitted electronipractices. Salary range \$95,000 - \$105,000, plus cally to Mr. Kevin Jones at kjones@sierragrandebenefits. Position open school.net or Mrs. Maria until filled, EOE, Please Atencio at matencio@ visit: https://cityofmonsierragrandeschool.net, tevista.colorado.gov/ or can be turned in at government/departthe district office. For ments/human-resources more information please for a complete position

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221 -**HELP WANTED**

SARGENT EARLY LEARNING CENTER (SELC) in MONTE VISTA, CO is hiring an EXECUTIVE DIREC-TOR for the 2024-2025 school year! The SELC is a nonprofit children is a nonprofit childcare center that offers daycare and preschool programs. The Executive Director is responsible for provid-ing a developmentally appropriate program for children ages 12 months to 5 years old, program accountability, financial management of the SELC, staff development, and parental involvement activities. The successful applicant will have the following qualifications: Large center director level qualification; Minimum of an AA, BA preferred; Knowledge and experi-ence in working in early childhood education; Knowledge and experience in staff development and leadership; Ability to work closely as a team player with staff, parents, and the community; Previous experience with grant writing, grant management, and financial management preferred; Ability to be flexible, open to learning, and to take on new tasks/problems as they occur; Knowledge of State Licensing and Colorado Shines Rating; Must be able to pass CBI/FBI/TRAILS background checks. Salary starts at \$35,000 per year dependent upon qualifications and experiences. Benefits

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ter of interest and resume to sargentearlylearning-

center@gmail.com. Posi-

tion open until filled, but applications received by March 15th will receive priority. (3/23/24)

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. Applica-tions may be found on our website; www.urtigers.co. (4/17/24)

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.

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a HS HEAD BOYS' BAS-KETBALL COACH. The salary for this position will be paid from the cur-rent 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)

HOLIDAY INN EX-PRESS ALAMOSA now hiring Room Attendants, Laundry Attendant, Front Desk and Night houseman. Apply in person. (3/22/24)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

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

½ TIME TIGER CON-NECTION COACH (attendance & family connection) needed at DEL NORTE ELEMENTA-RY 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: ur-tigers.co. (4/17/24)

THE SLV LANDFILL is accepting applica-tions for a Full-Time ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/SCALE OPERATOR. Working in front office by waiting on customers, weighing loads, processing credit card transactions. Fill in for the Office Manager as needed. Must work in all types of weather and be able to work a fluc-tuating schedule alter-ing Saturday's. Position open until filled. \$16.00 per hour, 40 hours week. Applications can be mailed to officemanager@slvlandfill.com or returned at the of-fice. Download the application at slvlandfill. com. (4/3/24)

HOSPICE DEL VAL-LE is currently seeking an ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. A part time to full time position available. Knowledge in payroll and QuickBooks preferred but not neces-sary. 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)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

LE is currently seeking a REGISTERED NURSE PRN or part time with a possibil-ity of full time. We are a great team looking for someone special to fill this position. Competitive wages and among other benefits. Please call or stop by Hospice del Valle for further information. 514 Main Street, ALAMOSA, Colo 81101 or 719-589-9019. (4/17/24)

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education is seeking applications for the folapplications for the 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 includsenent 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 Pool, and Monte Vista 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)

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SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education is seeking applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Salary/Benefits: \$90,000 to \$110,000/Full familv 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 superintendent 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 superinten-

dent 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 Colo-rado Professional Ad-

ministrator 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) MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATE (FT). Skilled multipurpose person needed to support on-going repairs/ maintenance of facilities, appliances, vehicles etc. Skills needed: (moderate) plumbing/electric, carpentry, general construction, auto maintenance/repairs, appliances. Sala-ry: \$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)

EARLY CHILD-HOOD TEACHER needed for the 2024 Teacher qualification preferred. Assistant Director qualified is a bonus. Please pick up an application at TRINITY LUTHER-AN SCHOOL, 52 El Rio Drive, ALAMOSA, CO. (3/27/24)

GUNBARREL STA-**TION IS** hiring a full-time store ASSISTANT MANAGER. Starting pay is \$16/hour. Must be 18 with high school diploma. Must be willing to work some week-ends. Call 719-754-3543 or stop in for an application. (3/27/24)

SLV FEDERAL BANK is now accepting applications for MORTGAGE LOAN PROCESSOR in our ALAMOSA OFFICE. Applications and position descriptions are available ¹at www. slvfed.bank or at each branch location. Equal opportunity Employer, including considering individuals with Disabilities and Veterans/ Affirmative Action Employer. (3/26/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applica-tions for a MAINTE-NANCE TECHNI-CIAN. This is a fulltime position with ben-efits. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience can be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salarv and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Maintenance Technician 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 21, 2024 or until the position is filled. (3/26/24)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

CENTER CONSOL-IDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26Jt is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applica-tions for the positions of ELEMENTARY 3RD GRADE & 5TH GRADE TEACHER, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifi-cations; Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website https:// www.center.k12.co.us/ page/employment-opportunities or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.

(4/5/24)CENTER CONSOL-IDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26Jt is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are namic district as we are now accepting applications for the positions of HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications; Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's of Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website https:// www.center.k12.co.us/ page/employment-opportunities or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.

(4/5/24)CENTER CONSOL-IDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26JT is looking for a MIDDLE SCHOOL HEAD TRACK COACH for the 2024 season. Qualifications: Must be over 18, have a high school diploma/GED and be able to pass a back-ground check, or, such alternative qualifica-tions as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable. Non- Ceracceptable. Non- Certified Applications can be found on the District Website https://www.center.k12.co.us/ page/employment-opportunites or contact the District Office at (719)754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.

MACKEY CON-LLC is looking for a WELDER/FABRICA-TOR with MIG experience and some field stick welding. Salary will be based on skill and experience. Please call 719-852-3222. (4/3/24)

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221 -**HELP WANTED**

CENTER CONSOL-IDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26Jt is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applica-tions for the position of ELEMENTARY SPE-CIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, for the remaining 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications; Special Education Certification as required by the State of Colorado or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable . Ap-plications can be found on the District Website https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employmentopportunities or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.

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BOE OF CENTER SCHOOLS is now accepting applications for an ASSISTANT DI-RECTOR to SUPERIN-TENDENT. Qualifications: Advanced Degree, Administrative License. or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. This position will assist the Superintendent in the professional organization and administration of the School District. Salary commensurate with experience. For information and appli-cation materials please visit the District Website https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employmentopportunities (fill out the licensed employee application) or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: April 1, 2024. EOE. (3/30+1/24)

ELEMENTARY BEHAVIOR IN-TERVENTIONIST / SCHOOL ASSESS-MENT COORDINA-TOR / RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION CO-ORDINATOR needed at DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for the 2024-2025 school year. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Applicants must have a Colorado Teach-ing License. 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. (3/26/24) INSTRUCTIONAL COACH NEEDED AT DEL NORTE ELE-MENTARY SCHOOL. Candidate should be proficient in all areas of teaching and learning, with an emphasis on professional practice and the teaching and learn-ing cycle. The coach will be responsible for consulting with and supporting the instructional teaching staff in using resources that impact student learning. The coach will provide support and professional learning to instructional staff as needed. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers. co. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (3/26/24)

DEL NORTE ELE-MENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teachand enthusiastic teaching professional to join dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal 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. (3/26/24) 304 - LAWN & **GARDEN**

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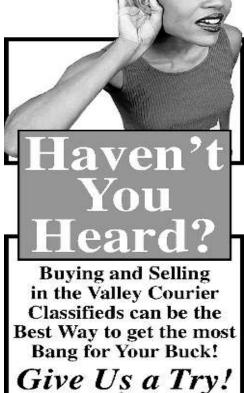
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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- 8 Brink 12 Lyricist -Gershwin 13 Camera
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- 15 Nest item 16 Bag 17 Elaborate 58 Patch song
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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 box- se must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.	

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HERMAN



"Hey, Harry, can I have the key to the sugar?"

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 straightlaced 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

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



${f A}$ BIGAIL 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

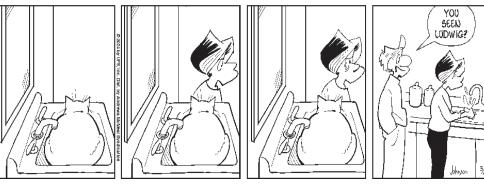
the couple started the surrogacy process, they were aware of how expensive it would be, and to ask the shower attendees to contribute to it is a little nervy. Was this proper etiquette? -- WONDER-INĠ IN NEVADA

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.

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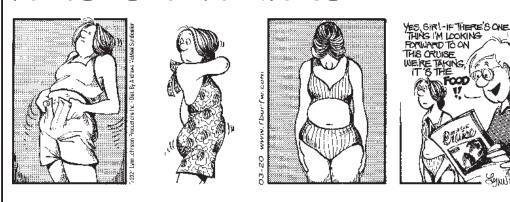
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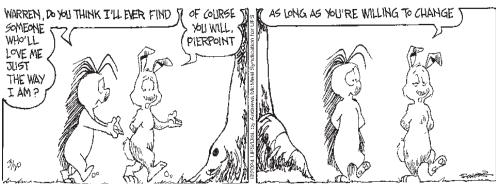
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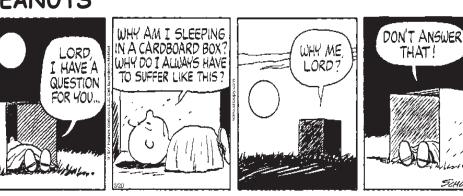
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Governor Polis, Colorado Parks and Wildlife expand youth outdoor education opportunities

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 through 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.

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

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, LG-BTQ+, 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

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

ties 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

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."

Equity Grant Program re-

We value opportuni- outdoors," said Michal es that instill a sense of Rosenoer, Outdoor Equity flects the Department of in and stewardship toward "Expanding the Outdoor

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

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.

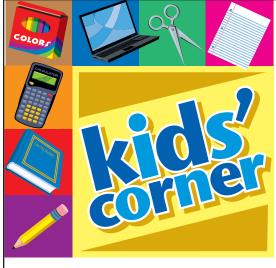


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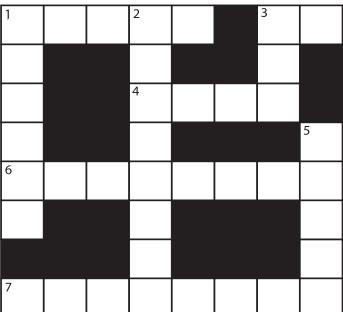




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ANSWER: FLASH-FREEZING

Crossword Puzzle



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

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• **1854:** THE REPUBLICAN

PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES IS ESTABLISHED.

• 1923: THE ARTS CLUB

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PRESERVE

to maintain something in its original state



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ITALIAN: Freddo

FRENCH: Froid

GERMAN: Kalt



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