

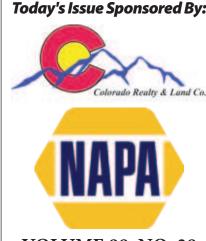
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SLY Today

Second Round 2024 Event Sponsorship Program

ALAMOSA — If you are hosting an event in the City of Alamosa that will be held this July through December, you can apply for the City of Alamosa's Sponsorship Program. Applications will be accepted until April 14.

Visit www.cityofalamosa. org, to find a copy of the application or contact Jasmine Husmann at 719-587-2024 or jhusmann@ ci.alamosa.co.us.

Congreso de **Acequias in** San Luis is March 9

COSTILLA COUNTY-

The annual Congreso de Acequias: Celebrating our Land, Water, and Community will be held on Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Centennial School in San Luis. There will be awards to students, a free lunch and music. Call 719-496 1708, for more information.

Holy Week Remembrance is March 26

SAN LUIS — The Sangre de Cristo Parish in San Luis invites you to a poignant and profound Holy Week Remembrance, depicting the Passion of Christ through scripture and song with "It Is Finished", a Tenebrae Service, on Holy Tuesday, March 26, at 2 p.m., presented by the Sangre de Cristo Vocal Arts

"We are excited for you to join us at the Stations of the Cross Chapel in San Luis for this very special Holy Week Remembrance," organizers

If you wish to walk the Stations of the Cross before the musical presentation, give yourself an extra half hour. If you wish to come just for the musical presentation, you can drive up to the chapel and park, without having to walk up the Stations of the Cross path. Call or text 719-635-3000, for more information.

SLV WEATHER

Chance of Snow, Breezy 44/19

> **Sat:** Mostly Sunny 46/15

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Alamosa City Council initiates a necessary conversation about crime By PRISCILLA WAGGONER addressed by local authorities.



Courier photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa City Council held a workshop Wednesday night related to public perceptions of crime and if city ordinances are adequate to address current challenges. The workshop was held in response to council members receiving multiple comments from constituents who have expressed concerns about illegal activities Members of city council tackle the difficult conversation of crime in Alamosa. they feel aren't being adequately

The first comments were made

by city attorney Erich Schwiesow who briefed the council on a court case in Rifle that may have impact on the power of local municipalities to enact stricter ordinances than the state for similar types of offenses.

In Mobley v City of Rifle, Rifle has an ordinance that provides for up to 6 months in jail and a \$1,000 fine for theft. In this case,

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Just in time for MV Crane Festival A Sandhill Crane lands in

a grain field at the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge on Thursday morning, just in time for the 41st annual Monte Vista Crane Festival on March 8-10. Each year between 20,000 and 30,000 Sandhill Cranes descend on Colorado's scenic San Luis Valley for a six-week stopover to rest and refuel before continuing their northward spring migration. The cranes typically arrive mid-February and leave by early April. **Peak migration usually** occurs in early March. The **Crane Festival has tours** and events planned for all three days, including the Craft and Nature Fair at the **Outcalt Event and Confer**ence at SLV Ski-Hi Complex. For more information, visit online mvcranefest.org.

Photo by Brian Williams



Alamosa County is updating the Comprehensive (Master) Plan

Courier News Editor ALAMOSA COUNTY — The

last time Alamosa County wrote a Comprehensive Plan was in 2008. Currently, the county is in the process of writing a new one.

sive Planning seeks to engage Per statute and our planned apcommunity residents and stake- proach, Alamosa County will

and establish a framework of City of Alamosa, and its overlap to discuss the plan. goals and actions to aid current with infrastructure development and future decision making. paradigms. Most importantly, Such effort assesses the cur- as nothing can happen in the rent physical, social, and eco- SLV without legally and physinomic environments to establish cally adequate water supplies, a a baseline community identity, primary focus of our update will According to the website of builds community capacity, and be a deep dive into water issues, Alamosa County, "Comprehen- informs adaptation/mitigation. building on 2022 Growing Water Smart.'

As part of the process to "enholders in a process of future- include thoughtful analysis and gage community residents and thinking — to determine what conversations around attain- stakeholders," as mentioned values and resources are impor- able housing, economic develop- above, next week Alamosa Countant, determine priorities among ment, social justice, and equity, ty will host public listening sescompeting needs and interests, the planned expansion of the sions and roundtable meetings

The Valley Courier reached out to Alamosa County Land Use and Building Director, Richard Hubler, to discuss in detail what the Comprehensive Plan is.

Hubler on the plan: "The short version of the Comprehensive Plan is a strategic, higher level planning document that helps the county understand the desires and potentials of development across the unincorporated portion of the county."

Hubler: "This is an update to

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Del Norte Town Board votes to send Anzalone case to Colorado Supreme Court

By LYNDSIE **FERRELL DEL NORTE** — The

Del Norte Town Board voted 4-3 to appeal the decision made by the Colorado Court of Appeals in the case of former Trustee Laura Anzalone vs. The Town of Del Norte to the Colorado State Supreme Court during a special meeting on March 6. This is the result of a

two-year battle between

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Local Ownership. Local Commitment.



The Town of del Norte held a special meeting on March 6 at 3 p.m. to decide whether to move the case of former Trustee Laura Anzalone vs. the Town of Del Norte to the Colorado Supreme Court. After a brief discussion it was voted in a 4 to 3 roll call vote to move forward and send the case to the supreme court.



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Record

Spring forest road closures begin soon

Short-term annual closures protect the road

CONTRIBUTED DEL NORTE — The

Rio Grande National Forest announced March 6 that annual spring road closures have begun across the forest. Each year, as temperatures rise and the snow melts, the forest roadbeds are prone to softening and are at an increased risk of damage from vehicle traffic. Road repairs can be costly and may not happen very soon.

Wheels often create ruts in roads, creating a rough road and possibly increasing water run-off velocity which could lead to subsequent erosion. Increased silting into local water sources can damage the waterway and aquatic life within. Vehicles on soft roads can also cause large mud holes. To avoid these mined that the roadbeds 2374

roads problems, closed for short periods of time, to allow for drying and hardening of the roadbed. The closures typically last from three to six weeks.

"These short-term closures help protect your national forest resources," said Dennis Kuhnel, forest supervisor for the Rio Grande National Forest. "They typically don't last long and, by respecting them, we can together provide a damage free roadbed to use the rest of the year." Kuhnel recognized that the restricted access to your favorite locations can be frustrating but encourages the public to help prevent the potential for widespread negative ef-

are will not be damaged by heavy vehicles, the closed roads are opened. It is important to note that some roads may appear to be dry in lower elevations near the closure, but they will remain closed until the higher sections of the roads are also appropriately dry enough for vehicle use.

Current road conditions can be found on the Rio Grande National Forest's home page by navigating to the individual ranger district's "road conditions" link on the right side of the

All travel on the RGNF is regulated by the Motor Vehicle Use Maps found

For information on the Rio Grande National As soon as it is deter- Forest, call 719-850-







Rio Grande Hospital begins thanking the many donors who have helped bring the Wellness Center from a dream to reality. A huge thanks went out to Del Norte bank, RG Bank and San Luis Valley Bank for their contributions.

Health fair in Center will be on April 12

CONTRIBUTED **CENTER** — Center

Head Start, in conjunction with Rio Grande Hospital, is planning to have a health fair again. The health fair will be from 7 to 10 a.m. on Friday, April 12, at the Center Head Start building, 301 E. 3rd St.

Due to the COVID-19 can be done:

pandemic, the health fairs were not held.

People can come and have blood work done at the health fair. There will be free screenings, including height, weight, blood finger sticks.

Chemistry Panel, including TSH for \$30; PSA for \$30; hemoglobin A1C for \$30; blood type for \$25; CBC for \$20 and Vitamin D for \$45.

For more information pressure and blood glucose on screenings, the health fair, or to have a booth at For a free the following the fair, call Center Head Start at 719-759-9259.

Messages from Hidden Lake reception March 15

Friends of the Alamosa

Council Chambers, 301 able for purchase. The Hunt Ave.

Messages Library invites the pub- prose, poetry, art and Weldon, a lifetime Friend lic to the reception for the photography from local of the Library and deditheir literary magazine, final issue includes the Messages from Hidden 2024 entries and a retro- by the Women's Citizen-Lake. The reception will spective of the first-place ship Club. Dawn Krebs take place Friday, March winners from all past is-

The 2024 issue is dedifeatures cated to the late Arvilla

Refreshments provided will be the Master of Cer-15, at 6 p.m., in the City sues. Copies will be avail- emonies.

OBITUARY

Serena Gayle Hard

San Luis Valley resident Serena Gayle Hard, 37, passed away on March 5, 2024, surrounded by her loving family at San Luis Valley Health in Alamosa. Serena was born on June 18, to Donald and Shannon (Wells) Hard in Alamosa, Colo.

While the sadness of

her passing is felt by many, Serena's life was marked by her unwavering love for her children and the immeasurable joy she found in simple pleasures. She was a beacon of creativity, often found sewing, reading, engaging in arts and crafts, capturing life's moments through photography, or crocheting beautiful pieces for her loved ones including beautiful blankets. Serena relished the freedom of swimming, the

new places. Serena's life was a journey of exploration, both of the world around her and of the depths of her own artistic talents. She was a gentle guide to her chil-

thrill of singing, and the

excitement of traveling to



dren, teaching them the importance of embracing life with open arms and a curious mind. As the sixth child in her family, Serena's place was unique, and her siblings will hold onto the memories of their collective adventures and the unity they shared.

Serena is survived by her daughters Emma Anderson-Hard of Blanca, Colo., Eva June Anderson-Hard of Blanca, Colo., son Peytin Riley Anderson-Hard of Blanca, Colo., father and mother Donald and Shannon Hard of Blanca, Colo.; siblings Charity (Lito) Gomez of Blanca,

Colo., Coleasha (Dave) Gonzales of Fort Garland, Colo., Ethan (Elizabeth) Hard of Blanca, Colo., and Evan Hard of Dickin-

Serena was preceded in death by her child Angel Rose Anderson-Hard, and her siblings Amberina Hard, and Douglas Hard; her Grandma and Grandpa Hard and Grandma and Grandpa Wells.

Her passing leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew her, but her spirit continues to inspire those she touched.

A Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2024, followed by a Funeral Service at 11 a.m. both at Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa, Colo. Interment will take place at the Blanca Cemetery with a meal to follow at the Fort Museum.

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

PENDING OBITUARY

Haley Rae Quintana

Alamosa resident Haley Rae Quintana, 39, died March 4, 2024, at the Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs. Funeral Services are pending and will be announced through Rogers Family Mortuary. To leave online condolences, tributes and words of comfort for Haley's family, visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

gives update on Wellness Center, thanks donors

FERRELL

DEL NORTE — Rio Grande Hospital announced recently that the new Wellness Center currently being built near the hospital will be finished by early summer and thanked everyone who has donated to the project.

According to Development and Communications Officer Eva Timberlake, the Wellness Center is on track to open by June and the hospital plans to celebrate the

grand opening in style. "We are on track for the finish of the Wellness Center and our hope is to have a community grand opening by early summer. Construction on the project is nearing completion and we can't wait to share it with the community," she said.

The Wellness Center project began before 2020 to not only offer patients at the hospital and their families a place to stay but also to offer patients a way to learn about how to be healthier living through several different programs.

At the beginning of the planning phase of the project, Rio Grande Hospital CEO Arlene

with the help of several an educational different and people they began to to the nearby trails and form a plan for what the hiking as well as so much Wellness Center would

Blue Zones are in about five or six different countries throughout world and are known for their healthy living lifestyles and longevity of the residents.

look like.

One group here in the US is known for the healthy living habits formed by its members which is group of Seventh-day Adventists. The group is in the Loma Linda area in California. The group has made headlines in certain circles for their residents who live almost a decade longer than the average person and they attribute this fact to their lifestyle.

The Wellness Center will have a community center where members of the community can come host meetings, meet for coffee or utilize resources offered by the center. It will be an intersection for employees who can take their breaks there, there will be games, books and computers to use, and members in the hospital.

help families that have The center will also house a teaching kitchen Harms looked at what so that families can come are termed Blue Zones and learn how to cook throughout the US and healthy meals; a green-

through her research and house and herb garden;

organizations meditation room; access more. For more information, visit the hospital's website at www.riogran-

> dehospital.org. Now, with the project nearing completion, the hospital wanted to begin thanking those who have donated, beginning with local banks who have generously helped the

"A huge thanks goes out to RG Bank, Del Norte Bank and San Luis Valley Bank and to everyone who helped make this dream a reality," hospital officials stated.

project.



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Valley News

Trump, Biden easily win with SLV voters

STAFF REPORT SAN LUIS VALLEY - Mirroring results from

across the state, former President Donald Trump and current President Joe Biden were the clear projected winners of the Colorado presidential primaries on March 5.

Trump was the top vote getter in the Republican presidential primary in all six San Luis Valley Counties with 5,733 votes. Challenger Nikki Halev was second with 1,556. Biden was the winner

in the Democratic presidential primary with San Luis Valley voters with 3,767 votes. The "noncommitted delegate" option on Colorado's Democratic presidential primary ballot was in second with Valley voters at 399.

noncommitted

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the Town of Del Norte

and former Trustee Anza-

lone, who was censured

by the board in 2021. The

state court of appeals

sided with Anzalone and

invalidated the censure,

concluding that the town

board violated Colorado

Open Meetings Law. The

Colorado Open Meetings

Law ensures that govern-

ment bodies conduct the

public's business in pub-

lic, with only a few excep-

Anzalone filed an open-

meetings lawsuit against

the Town of Del Norte in

2022 after being censured

by the board during a

closed executive session

in October of 2021. The

Del Norte Town Board

passed the censure of

Anzalone alleging mis-

conduct related to her in-

volvement in the enforce-

According to Anzalone,

she proposed to begin a re-

quest for proposal to seek

new staff members and

was questioning how the

town follows ordinanc-

es such as performance

evaluation requirements

and public speaking dur-

Anzalone's lawsuit in

2022 was initially dis-

missed by Rio Grande County District Court

Judge Crista Newmyer-

Olsen, who concluded

that the board's opinion

of her "performance as a

trustee, which took the

form of a censure," is not

subject to the law be-

cause a censure does not

concern the "formation of

ing discussion periods.

ment of town codes.

Board



Up for grabs in Colo- threshold is 20%.

be sent to the Democratic and in each congressio-National Convention. nal district. Democrats Colorado was one of require candidates to re-15 states that held their ceive 15% of the vote bepresidential primaries on fore they start receiving

Super Tuesday, March 5.

rado were 86 Democratic

the Colorado Court of Ap-

peals which ruled in her

favor in late February.

The three-judge panel

said that Newmyer-Olsen

the censure was a formal

action and therefore ...

ond-highest court in the

state reversed the judge's

decision, invalidated the

censure, and prompted

meeting by the Del Norte

The Del Norte Town

could accept the ruling or

seek to have it go before

Del Norte Mayor Chris

Trujillo opened the spe-

cial meeting stating that

he would allow only a few

members of the public to

speak on the topic and

then open it to discussion

The first person to

speak was resident Mar-

tha Williamson, who talk-

she sent to the board that

the public to speak, there

was a discussion about

considering the costs as-

sociated with this case to date and then any poten-

forward," said William-

from that conversation

she understood that the

town would use insur-

ance to cover the cost of

the lawsuit. Williamson

then submitted a CORA

request for the financial

document that showed

the state's highest court.

cy-making powers."

Wednesday's

Town Board.

by the board.

morning.

failed to recognize that

Trump It appeared delegates and 37 for Re- would earn all 37 Repubpublicans. Colorado is not lican delegates and Biden a winner-take all state. would receive 69 Demo-

up to date and found that

the insurance capped

at \$25,000 and an addi-

tional \$6,296.05 had been

spent beyond the insur-

Williamson addressed

"My request is the same

this week as it was last

week. Would the town

board please consider and

communicate to the pub-

lic the financial tradeoffs

for pursuing this case to

the Colorado Supreme

Court. What is the finan-

cial impacts going to be

when you consider things

like the town's infrastruc-

ture which the town so

desperately needs," she

Other issues raised by

the public included the

concern for the financial

repercussions and whether pursuing this case to

the Colorado Supreme

Court was in the best in-

Local homeowner Karie

The last person to speak

was resident Pat Thomp-

son who said. "I have

lived in this town for 35-

details, but I look at the

infrastructure of the town

taxpayer, do we really

want to spend money on

something that is not im-

proving our streets or our

water or our sewer? How

will this benefit us? And

if it doesn't? Then why

After the public com-

are we doing it?"

Lichtenfeld said, "Mov-

move forward."

said.

ed about an email that terest of the community.

"Following last week's ing forward with this, the

you allowed members of to our town? We need to

tial financial impacts the plus years. My question,

town may have moving and I don't know all of the

Williamson said that and my question is, as a

the board and asked them

implications this

ance coverage.

involved the Town's poli- to consider the financial

The ruling by the sec- have on the town.

special

delegates, while the GOP

Overall, Biden swept all

64 counties in Colorado on Super Tuesday, grabbing an overwhelming 83.6% of the vote. Trump with 63% of the vote won in 57 counties and Haley (34%) won in seven, including Denver, Boulder, Summit, Pitkin, Routt, San Miguel and San Juan. Colorado's primary elec-

tion for other offices, including the state's eight seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, will be held in June. The 2024 general election is Nov. 5. SAN LUIS VALLEY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMA-

RY RESULTS Results are unofficial until the election is certi-

Alamosa County Democratic

Biden 1,059

votes.

ments, Mayor Trujillo

said, "We have been working on projects that are in the works. COVID caused a pause in some of the things we are doing but we are getting them done. No one knows the

full story. No one knows

what was happening here

at town hall or that there

was harassment of town

staff.'

Trujillo then opened the discussion up to the

Trustee Marty Asplin said, "Not moving forward doesn't stop the money from already being gone. The money has been spent. That ship sailed in the first lawsuit. The second one allowed the ship to sail even further. It's not like we get money back by stopping here. Basically, what we are doing if we stop is leaving other municipalities throughout the state as well as us in a position to have to go through this again and again and again."

Asplin said he felt it was the duty of the board executive session where question is at what cost to move it forward.

call vote and the motion to move the case to the Colorado Supreme Court was passed 4-3. Trustees Brenton Williams, Asplin, Bob Muncy and Mayor Trujillo voted for the motion. Trustees Shelly Burnett, Louie Velasquez and Leigh Anne Lobato

voted against. Lobato, Velasquez, Muncy and Trujillo were also board members when the censure occurred. After the ruling by Newmyer-Olsen. Anzalone decided not to run again once her term had expired.

Noncommitted Delegate cratic 108 votes, 8.24%

Marianne Williamson 46 votes, 3.51%

Alamosa County Repub-1,678 Trump

74.81%Haley 481 votes, 21.44% DeSantis 34

votes,

 Total Alamosa County voter turnout 36.84%

Rio Grande County Democratic Biden 754 votes, 81.25%

Noncommitted Delegate 73 votes, 7.87% Marianne Williamson 58 votes 6.33%

 $36\ votes,\,3.88\%$ Rio Grande County Re-

publican Trump 1,780

75.94%Haley 493 votes 21.03% De Santis 13 votes

Total Rio Grande County voter turnout Voter Turnout 42.46%

Saguache County Democratic Biden 610 votes, 79.32%

Noncommitted delegate 79 votes, 10.27 Marianne Williamson

33 votes, 4.29% Saguache County Re-

publican Trump 681 votes, 3.30%

Haley 209 votes, 22.50% Binkley 11 votes, 1.18%

• Total Saguache County Turnout 39.85

Biden 483 votes, 79.44% Noncommitted Delegate

Costilla County Demo-

68 votes, 11.18%

Perez--Serrato-14 votes 2.30% Costilla County Repub-

lican Trump

76.57%Haley 81 votes, 20.40% Christie 6 votes, 1.51%

 Costilla County Total voter turnout 36.06% Conejos County Demo-

cratic Biden 735 votes, 80.24%

Noncommitted Delegate

Armando Perez-Serrato 40 votes, 4.37%

Conejos County Repub-

Trump 80.79% Haley 215 votes, 16.65%

DeSantis 17votes, Total Conejos County

Mineral County Demo-Biden: 126 votes 77.30% Noncommitted Delegate

voter turnout 43.33 %

13 votes 7.98% Marianne Williamson 10 votes 6.13%

Mineral County Repub-

Trump 247 votes. 73.73%

Haley 77 votes, 22.99% Cristie 5 votes, 1.49%

Total Mineral County

voter turnout 57.90%

Plan

■ Continued from Page 1 the 2008 plan, we've been operating under that and it is called the 2008 Alamosa Master Plan. Comprehensive Plan and Master Plan are used interchangeably in the industry and the state."

Hubler on the public meetings, "We are starting those next week and they will be a combina-They will be semi-formal, Trujillo called for a roll none of them are superformal, and we will have a short presentation and have some guided small we will get feedback on We will also have several Street in Alamosa. drop-in sessions where there will be county staff the county will have a and consultants at several different venues around town. Our goal is to get feedback from people; what they like about the county, what would they like to see different about the county,

and what concerns they have about development in the county. These will be even less formal than the roundtable sessions." "Next week we do have

a county commissioners meeting and a planning commission on Wednesday [March 13] about the process." [The Board of County Commissioner meeting is at 8:30 a.m. and the Planning Commission meeting is at 6 p.m., both are in the Altion of things, we do have amosa County Services scheduled roundtables. Center, 8900 Independence Way in Alamosa.]

On March 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alamosa County will hold a roundtable meeting at group discussions that SLV Federal Bank at 401 Edison Ave. in Alamosa. from the public. We will There will be a listening have particular items we session at 5 p.m. at Spare will want feedback on. Keg Brewerks on Main

> On March 12 at 8 a.m., listening session at the Mosca Pit Stop on Highway 17.

For details, visit the website of the Comprehensive Plan www.imaginealamosa. com/#tab-47987.

Anzalone appealed to the expenses for the case Council

public policy."

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it involved the defendant shoplifting an item costing around \$30.

In contrast, state statutes outline different penalties: for theft of items under \$300, the maximum fine is \$300 with the possibility of ten days in jail. When Mobley's case went to

court, the defense counsel argued that the local ordinance violated "equal protection under the law", outlined in the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, and filed a motion to dismiss the charges. The local judge denied that

motion and said that the city of Rifle, as a home rule municipality, was empowered to set their own fines. The American Civil Liberties Union then joined the defense and filed a petition for the case to be heard by the State Supreme Court. The Supreme Court responded with a ruling that they would take the case under consideration.

At that point, "Rifle backed down," Schwiesow said, "and changed their fines.'

someone who has been convicted of violating a city ordinance four times in two years.

Schwiesow then brought up a prior ordinance passed by the council that empowered the city to notify property owners that their property was being used as a "trap," house - private property used specifically for drug purposes – and they had 30 days to evict the tenants engaging in such practices or prepare for the house to be boarded up for 364 days.

Schwiesow said the ordinance was written based on the assumption that the property owner resided elsewhere, and 30 days would be enough time to evict those using the house, avoiding it being boarded up by the city. However, an Alamosa Police

Department (APD) detective contacted Schwiesow asking what he could do to circumvent that 30-day period as the APD is monitoring a situation where the waiting period is exacerbating the problem. That detective whether it's taking someone to baggies, cash. Fentanyl has

Schwiesow said that the case also shared with Schwiesow may have implications for the that Monte Vista does not have city of Alamosa's ordinances, a grace period; they immediatesuch as the penalty of jail for ly shut down a house confirmed to be a "trap house," resulting in "all those people coming to Alamosa.

Schwiesow indicated to the council that he would look at the ordinance and structure language to remove the 30-day period when the property is being occupied by the owner. The owner doesn't need 30

days to get out. They just need to straighten up and fly right." Schwiesow clarified that involving the court in ordering an eviction is still needed as due process is a legal right of every individual; his suggestion applies to situations where it has been proven that the property is being used for distribution of drugs. "We'll still give notice but something like five days should be enough for the owner to ei-

ther straighten up or move out." When asked what frustrations police officers are experiencing, Interim Police Chief Joey Spangler said, "Our frustrations echo the community's on what we can and can't do, have to prove that with scales,

jail or, in other cases, letting someone go on scene.

"Alamosa is a felony only jail with exceptions for mandatory arrests like restraining order violations warrants, domestic violence and warrant arrests. Most of our frustrations are the repeat offenders. They, for example, shoplift in one store, we give them a citation, release them and they go to the next store and shoplift something else. The perception is that we're not doing our job but our hands are tied because, for example, shoplifting is a misdemeanor and the jail only takes felonies. This goes back years." The decriminalization of cer-

tain crimes at the state level, such as possession of a controlled substance, has also caused problems for the APD since possession is now a misdemeanor.

'When people ask why aren't these people going to jail, our hands are tied. If it's something more serious like distribution of a controlled substance, then we can arrest a person but that's only for distribution. But you

been recriminalized where possession of small amounts is a felony but other drugs, no.'

The Council reiterated the perception that people breaking the law are not being held accountable, including the municipal judge typically delivering sentences that could be viewed as lenient. Schwiesow, who prosecutes for the city, said council could discuss asking for prosecution to include stiffer penalties for repeat offenders. Councilor Carson asked about the efficacy of higher fines versus going to jail or community

service or the possibility or potentially creating a "break point" where, after a number of repeat offenses, consequences increase in severity. Councilor Hensley discussed the need for taking steps to strongly encourage people to address problems that are the cause of them committing a crime. Based on his own experience, Councilor Dominguez said that, if there is not a line drawn somewhere, the criminal behavior will continue.

At the conclusion of the work session, it was clear the topic warranted significantly more

Get the lard out

Anyone that has ever been involved with sports has had a coach yell "get the lead out" usually paired with an anatomical part of your body that is synonymous your neighbor's donkey. That phrase has been used "since Hector was a pup" and generally means to get moving faster.



Many attribute "getting the lead out" to soldiers who had to reload lead balls faster or, more likely, to horse racing where lead was added to the saddles to even up the differences in the jockey's weight and thus even the competition.

But wherever it came from, it's been

used a lot to get slowly moving people into a more generous state of propul-Just the other day Ol' Dutch got to

thinking -- a dangerous proposition according to Miss Trixie – about what he had read on the Internet about lard. Yes, that lowly concoction made from the fat of animals that grandma used to cook everything from grits to fried

Old fashioned lard, just like a lot of things that we were sold a bill of goods for lately, was given a death sentence many years ago in favor of mass-produced oils. We were fed a continuous crock of bull about the dangers of lard and the great things to come from the new oils. We were then given Corn Oil, Canola Oil, Vegetable Oil, Sunflower Oil, Rape seed Oil and of course to go



with that last one, Virgin Olive Oil.

Not to be outdone on the last one we also have Extra Virgin Olive Oil but for the life of me I don't have a clue how you can rate virginity on any kind of scale regardless of its purity. But they do and people buy it for an inflat-

But regardless of semantics, the food industry proclaimed the dangers of using lard and they laughed all the way to the bank with the proceeds from the sale of the bottled oils that they produced. Now it seems that using lard like your grandmother did is better for you than all the processed, preservative-laden slickness they sell in clear bottles at the store.

This rush to supposedly better products also included the replacement of butter with oleo, margarine and other unrecognizable mixtures of chemicals

you. And of course, they now find out that the plain old butter is better for

And you may ask just why they would do such a thing and I can tell you this. No matter the situation in this old world, if you follow the money trail long enough you will come to the reason something occurs. So yes, people made a killing producing oils from all kinds of things and selling them to people under the guise that it was better for you than what your own past generations had used and prospered on. And they seemed to do just fine

Of course, the key to anything we consume is not so much what we eat but how much of it we let go down the old gullet. But I am sad to think that for most of my life I have been deprived of the scrumptious goodness which were supposed to be better for of fried chicken cooked in a cast iron at TroutRepublic.

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skillet filled with lard.

I cannot see that eating all those other concoctions has really benefited me a whole lot either and that adds to the disappointment that I have for missing out on so much good food. Of late Ol' Dutch has had to put a whip to himself and Miss Trixie to "get the lead out" as we are building a house and doing a lot of the work ourselves.

And now I am going to start a new campaign to "get the lard out" and start having some tasty fried chicken, okra, steaks, gravy and cornbread. I'll at least be living the last years of my life in comfort and satisfaction.

Kevin Kirkpatrick and his Yorkie, Cooper, fish, hunt, ATV or hike daily. His email is Kevin@TroutRepublic. com. Additional news can be found at www.troutrepublic.com or on Twitter

Correction: Here's why a drop in San Luis Valley's aquifer levels hasn't, and won't, throw Colorado out of interstate compact compliance

By CRAIG COTTEN

On Feb. 8, the Valley Courier reprinted an article from the Colorado Sun, "Cost to water crops could nearly quadruple as San Luis Valley fends off climate change and fights with Texas and New Mexico." According to several local water officials, that article contained several inaccuracies that are highlighted in a letter the Colorado Sun published on Feb. 28. Here is their letter:

The unconfined aquifer has seen declines since 2002, yet Colorado has not failed to meet its obligations

There's a serious problem in Colorado's San Luis Valley. Farmers and ranchers in Subdistrict 1, located north of the Rio Grande River in the central portion of the valley, are pumping more water from the ground than is being replenished.

Drought and climate change have made the circumstances worse. The situation is unsustainable and worrisome for local agricultural producers who have made the valley their home, most of them for multiple generations.

This is the reason the San Luis Valley's largest groundwater subdistrict, known as Subdistrict 1, has set aggressive goals to reduce groundwater pumping in the coming years. The intention is to use less water to ensure the unconfined aquifer is restored to a sustainable level, as required by state law, while keeping agriculture as productive as possible. As reported by The Colorado Sun, Subdistrict 1's proposed plan, which was approved by the state engineer, will only allow groundwater pumping that is fully replaced by surface water supplies.

Unfortunately, this same story "Cost to water crops could nearly quadruple as San Luis Valley fends off climate change and fights with Texas

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and New Mexico" published Feb. 7 falsely reported that this is also an interstate issue, among other inaccuracies. This is where we would like to set the record straight.

The story falsely claims that the efforts to restore the aguifer in Subdistrict 1 are somehow also tied to staying in compliance with the Rio Grande Compact — an agreement that requires Colorado to send a certain amount of water downstream to New Mexico and Texas each year. The araquifer in Subdistrict 1 could endanger which could cause Colorado to fall out of compact compliance.

To suggest that there is even a remote risk that Colorado may be pushed out of compliance with its compact obligations due to a drop in the aquifer in Subdistrict 1 is unfounded and simply untrue. That is not how this local water system works. The unconfined aquifer in Subdistrict 1 is mainly within an area known as the "Closed Basin." By definition, that means there is limited interaction between this specific aquifer and the Rio Grande.

The unconfined aquifer in this area has seen significant declines in groundwater levels since 2002, yet Colorado has not failed to meet its compact obligations during that time period. In fact, Colorado has never come close to being out of compact compliance during that time. Subdistrict 1 is required by the state engineer, and by its own water management plan, to ensure that they replace any injurious depletion to the Rio Grande or the compact due to their groundwater pumping. They have fully met those obligations since the formation of the subdistrict, even during the years when the aqui-

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fer dropped significantly.

In addition, Subdistrict 1 has the added requirement of keeping an emergency portfolio of water and funds in order to ensure continued replacement of water to the river even in the event that the subdistrict ceases to

The Sun's article also shows a fundamental misunderstanding of how Colorado manages its Rio Grande Compact obligations. Essentially, the state of Colorado, depending on the year's ticle falsely stated that a drop in the flows, must send a portion of the rivers' water to the state line. The level of the supplies flowing in the Rio Grande, the unconfined aquifer in Subdistrict 1 is immaterial to the flow at the state line, and any suggestion otherwise is misleading and uninformed.

> Water managers in the Rio Grande Basin are already under great pressure to work collaboratively to restore aguifer levels. We do not need added pressure from the downstream states worrying about an unfounded risk of Colorado falling out of compliance with the Rio Grande Compact.

> This inaccurate reporting also impacts local farmers and ranchers, who are already greatly concerned about the possibility of a widespread well shutdown in Subdistrict 1 if the aguifer cannot be restored to sustainable levels.

There are plenty of newsworthy aspects to what is happening in the San Luis Valley. The state's Division of Water Resources, along with the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, Water Conservancy Districts and our agricultural producers are working hard and with intent to tackle the tough and sometimes heart-rending issues with the aquifer in Subdistrict 1. However, the outcome of these sustainability efforts by water users in the San Luis Valley will not trigger

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noncompliance with the compact by

Colorado, and reporting the contrary

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Costilla County Fire Department honored by Grace Chapel

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SAN LUIS — The Costilla County Fire Department was honored on March 3 by Grace Chapel, a Spanish Christian church in San Luis.

Chapel Grace tor Joel Talamante gave "appreciation, thanks, honor and love for all of you. May God protect you all.'

said al-Talamante though the job is dangerous, he wanted to recognize the fact that a firefighter risks his life for the community. He acknowledged the fami-

lies, who never know if this. That a man lay down they will see their loved his life for his friend," ones again. He wanted to which is from the Bible, become a firefighter he be- John 15:13. came a pastor instead.

CCFD Chaplain Robert Dale said, "It is something inside of us. I always thought we do what we do if we can save one person like Raphael Maestas and or one house..."

Dale and his fellow firefighters have been able to help many people. The firefighters were presented with a plaque which showed the community's appreciation for what they

er love hath no man than uniforms.

The firefighters were treated to a delicious meal. There are several fathers and sons working side by side for the department, his son Russell and Robert Espinoza and his son Juan. Isaiah Montano is the grandson of one of the

Helping Hands Foundation helped the Costilla County Fire Department The plaque read, "Great- obtain badges and new

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Moffat archers capture state titles

By JACK SCIACCA Moffat Pk-12 Archery Coach

Moffat Pk-12 Schools recently competed Colorado State National Archery the Schools Program 2024 Virtual Tournament. A total of 474 archers from around the state submitted scores. It was one of the largest state tournaments in recent history. The Moffat Middle School Team placed second.

Moffat's Middle School, 12-person team, was 88 points behind Olathe Middle School with a team score of 2,900 points. East Grand Middle rounded out the podium with a third-place finish and a score of 2,824 points.

Moffat's coed team ef-

fort was made possible by the performances of the following archers: Romeo Eisenhauer, Caiden Cross, Kandra Pol-Shellalard. Tanner barger, Matthew Baker, Kyren Plumley, Javad Taylor, Sean Gibson, Madison Payne, Colton Baldwin, Xander Schwartz,

and Tori Gibson.

Shelby Morley, ninth grade, turned in the highest across all divisions in the tournament, for the second year in a row, to be named the 2024 High School Colorado State Champion Girl. She scored 282 out of a possible 300 points. This was her fourth time representing Moffat at the podium and the second time capturing a

state championship title. Eisenhauer, in eighth grade, was named the Middle School Colorado State Champion Boy. This was his first season in the National Archery in the Schools Program. He edged out Garrison Reinier of Olathe Middle School,

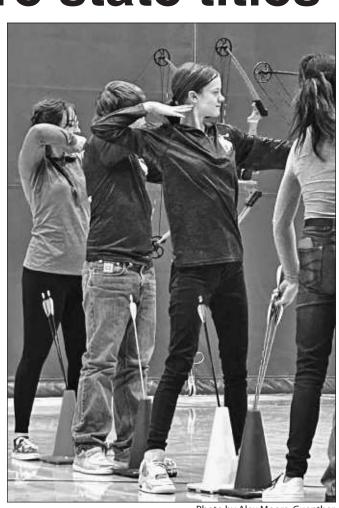


Photo by Alex Moore-Guenther

Moffat School's Shelby Morley, ninth grade, executes a perfect shot in the 2024 Colorado National Archery in the Schools Program State Championship Tournament. Shelby captured the title of Colorado State Champion, **High School Girls Division.**

by one point, to secure the Girls Division)

The following Moffat archers placed in the top 10 Boys Division)

in their divisions:

Boys Division) Aricenli Alvarez (4th

Place - Elementary Girls

Boys Division) Chase Shellabarger (4th Place - High School

Boys Division)

Place - Middle School set travel expenses are Boys Division)

· Javad Taylor (8th Place - Middle School

· Kyren Plumley (9th · Caiden Cross (3rd Place - Middle School Place - Middle School Girls Division)

Alexandra Alvarez (9th Place - High School Girls Division)

Moffat coaches, Jack Tanner Shellabarger Sciacca and Megan Shella-(4th Place - Middle School barger plan to take Moffat's top contenders to the 2024 Western NASP Tournament in tional Sandy, Utah, in late · Matthew Baker (5th April. Donations to offappreciated and can be · Kandra Pollard (6th made by contacting the Place - Middle School school



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Mustangs knock off Chargers to advance to semifinals

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor LOVELAND - Three

Sanford High School boys basketball players scored in double figures as the sixth-ranked Mustangs defeated third-ranked and previously undefeated Crowley County 52-43 in the Class 2A State Tournament quarterfinals Thursday at Blue Arena.

Lincoln Reynolds and Ben Sittler gave Sanford an early 4-0 lead, but Gunner Hughes put the Chargers on the board with a layup. Cash Caldon drove for a layup, but Malaki McNeil scored to cut the lead to 6-4.

Caldon came back with two free throws and Tracen Gartrell scored five points and the Mustangs led 13-4.

Hughes scored again to bring the Chargers within 13-6 at the end of the first quarter.

Elijah McNeil opened the second quarter with a 3-point basket, and Hughes and Malaki McNeil both scored to tie the score at 13-13. Reynolds gave the lead back to the Mustangs, but Hughes scored eight points including two threes, and Malaki McNeil two and Crowley County led 24-17 at halftime.

Elijah McNeil knocked down a jumper to begin the second half, but Ben Sittler answered for the Mustangs. Anthoni Walter put the Chargers up 28-19, but Reynolds scored five points Reynolds tied the score tler made two free throws to bring the Mustangs at 32-32. Hughes scored for a 45-36 Mustang lead. within a 28-24 deficit.

Hughes split at the line, but Gartrell and Caldon both scored to cut the Char-



Sanford High School's Trason Gartrell (21) looks to put up a shot in Thursday's Class 2A State Tournament game against Crowley County. The Mustangs defeated the Chargers 52-43.

ger lead to 29-28.

free throws, but Alex Sit- only 3-pointer of the game tler scored and Sanford to give Sanford the lead for trailed 31-30 at the end of the first time since early in the third quarter.

Hughes made one of but Gartrell tied the score free throws in the final 1:32

again, and then Caldon Elijah McNeil made two drained the Mustangs' the second.

Reynolds scored two two free throws, but more layups, and Ben Sitin the paint, but Roj Lar- Hughes made two out of son did the same. Elijah three free throws, but San-McNeil drove for a layup, ford made eight out of 10



Courier photos by Ken Hamrick

Sanford High School's Cash Caldon (5) drives past Crowley County's Aiden Vowles in Thursday's Class 2A State Tournament game.

to ice the victory.

Reynolds led the Mustangs in scoring with 16 points, followed by Caldon with 12 and Gartrell with

Hughes led all scorers with 24 points. Elijah Mc-Neil scored 10.

Sanford (21-4) will play second-ranked Merino in Total 1. the semifinals today at 8:30

Sanford 52, Crowley

County 43

Sanford – A. Sittler 1 1-2 2, Caldon 3 5-6 12, B. Sittler 2 4-6 8, Reynolds 7 2-5 16, Gartrell 5 1-2 11, Larson 1 0-0 2, E. Larsen 0 0-0 0, C. Canty 0 0-0 0, T. Canty 0 0-0 0. Total 19 13-21 52.

3-point goals – Caldon 1.

Crowley County – Mal. McNeil 3 0-0 7, Walter Crowley County 1 0-1 2, Cuckow 0 0-0 0,

Hughes 9 4-7 24, E. McNeil 3 3-6 10, Vowles 0 0-0 0, Maj. McNeil 0 0-0 0. Total

E. McNeil 1, Mal. McNeil 1. Sanford 11 6 13 22

3-point goals – Hughes 2,

Crowley County 6

 $5 \quad 12 - 43$ Fouls - Sanford 15,

Fouled out – Walter.

Basketball update

By KEN HAMRICK – Čourier sports editor

Yuma 35,

DENVER – The Centauri High School boys basketball team's season came to an end on Thursday as the Falcons lost to Yuma 35-34 in the Class 3A State Tournament Thursday at the University of Denver's

Scores by quarters and individual statistics were unavailable.

Hamilton Gym.

Centauri finished the season with 18 wins and six losses

Yuma 44,

Centauri boys 34 saw its season come to a cons lost to Yuma 44-29 in the Class 3A State Tournament Thursday at the University of Denver's Hamilton Gym.

> The Lady Outlaws led 12-8 after the first quarter, 24-14 at halftime and 34-25

after the third quarter. Individual statistics were

unavailable.

wins and seven losses.

Centauri's record was 17

Sierra Grande 44

GREELEY – The Sierra Centauri girls 29 Grande High School boys
The Centauri girls also basketball team was deconclusion as the Lady Fal- champion Denver Jewish Day 55-44 in the Class 1A State Tournament Thursday at the University of Northern Colorado's Bank of Colorado Arena.

> The Tigers led 10-9 after the first quarter, 22-18 at halftime and 40-33 after three quarters.

> Individual statistics were

unavailable. Sierra Grande (18-6) will play Peetz in the consolation bracket today at 5:30

Denver Jewish Day 55,

Centauri at Class 3A State Tournament (at University of Denver),

Prep baseball

Alamosa vs. Summit

Center, Monte Vista at CSU Pueblo Early Bird Invitational, 9 p.m.

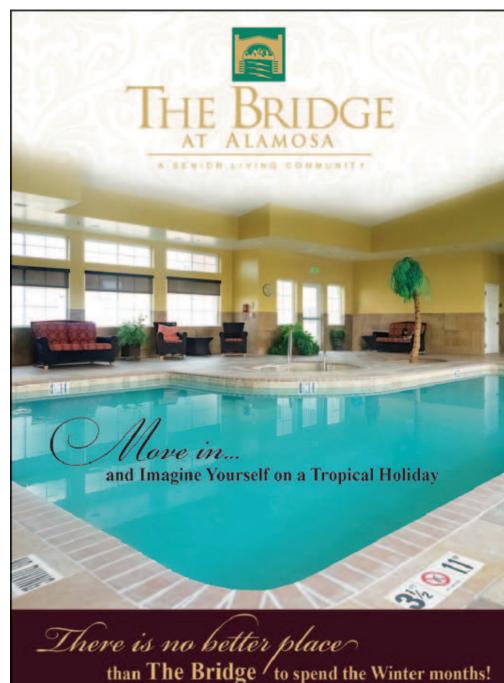
Alamosa at Banana Belt Classic (at Dutch Clark Stadium, Pueblo),

ketball

College indoor track and field

Regis at Adams State

College women's softball



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Sierra Grande 44 Sanford 52, Crowley County 43

Yuma 35, Centauri 34 Prep girls basketball Yuma 44, Centauri 29

Prep baseball Glenwood Springs 12, Alamosa 2, 5 inn.

SCHEDULE Friday

Prep boys basketball Sierra Grande vs. Peetz (Class 1A State Tournament at Greeley), 5:30 p.m.

Sanford vs. Merino (Class 2A State Tournament at Loveland), 8:30

Prep baseball

Alamosa vs. Eagle Valley (Montrose Invitational), 10:30 a.m.

Monte Vista at Gunnison, noon

Sargent at Antonito, 1 College women's bas-

Adams State at Regis (RMAC Tournament), 5

College indoor track and field

Adams State at NCAA Division II Championships (at Pittsburg, Kan.),

College men's wrestling

Adams State at NCAA Division II National Championships (at Wichita, Kan.), TBA

College women's wrestling

Adams State at NCAA Division II National Championship (at Cedar Rapids, Iowa), TBA

College baseball Regis at Adams State,

Saturday Prep boys basketball

Sanford vs. Simla or Limon (Class 2A State Tournament at Loveland), 3:30 or 6:30 p.m. Sierra Grande/Peetz

winner vs. Idalia/Flatirons Academy winner (Class 1A State Tournament at Greeley), TBA

Prep girls basketball

(Montrose Invitational), 12:30 p.m. Prep track and field

10 a.m. College women's bas-

Adams State at RMAC Tournament (at Regis),

Adams State at NCAA Division II Championships (at Pittsburg, Kan.),

College men's wrestling

Adams State at NCAA Division II National Championships (at Wichita, Kan.), TBA College baseball

(2), noon

Adams State at Black Hills State (S.D.) (2), noon

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is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amend

office of the Water Clerk during the month of February 2024 for each county affected. 2024CW4: Sun House Ventures, 57965 County Road C Center, CO

81125 (720)582-0692. dburton@sun.house. Application for Change of Water Right in Saguache County. Decreed water right for which change is sought Name of structure: WDID 2006253, Permit 25182-F-R, 81CW0122 Well No,1 and WDID 2006254, Permit 28230-F

8-8, 010-W0122 Weil No,1 alld WDID 200293, Ferlint 20230-F, 88CW29 Well No, 1S B. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: 7/23/1982: 5/12/89 Case Nos: 81CW122; 88CW29 Court: District Court: Water Division 3, Well No.1 (81CW122) Center of the SE 1/4 Section 25, Township 41 N Range 9E NMPM, at a point 1320 ft from the South section line and 1320 feet from the East section line in Saguache County Well No.1S (88CW29) SW 1/4 of the SE 11/4 Section 25, Township 41 N Range 9E NMPM, at a point 695 ft from the South section line and 1330 feet from the East section line in

Saguache County Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aguifer, Appropriation Date: October 8, 1980. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs): Conditional Absolute 1000 GPM Decreed use or uses: Irrigation Conditional ab-Absolute 1000 GPM Decladed use of uses. Impation Continuous as solute 1000 GPM Detailed description of proposed change: With this filling we seek approval to construct a 1000 gpm supplemental well to be used in combination with Well No. 1 in 81CW122 (WDID 2006253 De used in combination with well No. 1 in 81CW122 (WDID 200253, Permit 25182-F-R) and Well No. 1S in 88CW29 (WDID 2006254, Permit 28230-F) to irrigate up to 130 acres in the SE 1/4 Section 25, Township 41 North, Range 9 East NMPM. Applicant also seeks to allow 88CW29 Well No 15 to individually and in combination with the other 2 wells withdraw 1000 gpm. All three wells would be able to individually and in combination with each other withdraw 1000 gpm The new supplemental well will be located in the SE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM. There will be no increase to the current limitation of pumping for the 3 wells combined nor any increase in area irrigated by the 3 wells. The depth of the new supplemental well will not exceed the depth of the blue clay layer and the well will produce from the same decreed source as well numbers 1 and 15: the unconfined aquifer. UTM Coordinates Easting 417877 Northing 418035 Zone 13. Name and address of reputed owner: Sun

Northing 4 riouss 2016 13. Natine and across of reputed owner. Surf-House Ventures, 57965 County Road C Center, CO 81125. You are notified that you have until the last day of April 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of connection or

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DALLAS ANDERSON c/o Karl Kuenhold, Esq., Law Office of Karl Kuenhold, LLC, 719-589-

karl@kuenholdlaw.com . Petition to Clarify Decree This Petitioners amendment to the Referee's Ruling and the W-1633 Decree to in-

clude in the Referee's Report and Decree a description of the lawful place of ir-

rigation use for the wells and correction of scrivener's errors in the decree. De-

rights for which clarification is sought: (1) Well No. 2: Orig. Decree: 05/29/1975. Water Division 3, Case No. W-1633, WDID: 2705012 Permit: 13771-

the well is situated in the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 26, Township

approximately 2140 feet from the North section line and 50 feet from the west section line., in Saguache County, Colorado. Source: Confined Aqui-

Appropriation date: June 10, 1954 (1800 gpm) and December 31,

gpm). Amounts: 2400 gallons per minute, being 5.35 cubic feet of

second of time, being 10.70 acre-feet of water in a period of twenty

four hours, from a confined aquifer. Uses in Decree: irrigation. Detailed descrip-

proposed changes: Petitioner seeks to clarify the decree to describe the lands this well was appropriated to irrigate (conjunctively with surface

rights) as the North 1/2 of Section 26, Township 42 North, Range 7 East NMPM and a portion of

the SW 1/4 of Section 25 Township 42 North Range 7 East NMPM. The Decree is silent as to the area of historic use of the Well and this Petition seeks

to clarify the place of use to conform to its historic use. Correcting the decree

the actual historical use will not cause injury to any party and will

confirm the historic use for which this appropriation was made. (2) Well No. 5: Orig. Decree: 05/29/1975, Water Division 3, Case No. W-1633. WDID: 2705254 Permit: 04371-F. Location: the well is situated in the

SW 1/4 NW 1/4 historic use for which this appropriation was made. (3) Well No. 4: Orig. Decree: 05/29/1975, Water Division 3, Case No. W-1633.

WDID: 2705849 Permit: registration filed but lost. Location: the well is situated in the SW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 35, Township 42N, Range 7E, ap-

proximately 50 feet from the West section line and 2400 feet from the North section line in

Saguache County, Colorado. Source: Confined Aguifer. Appropriation date: April 20, 1951. Amounts: 1500 gallons per minute, being 3.34 cubic feet

second of time, being 6.68 acre-feet of water in a period of twenty-

from a confined aquifer. Uses in Decree: irrigation. Detailed descrip-

proposed changes: Petitioner seeks to clarify the decree to describe the lands

this well was appropriated to irrigate (conjunctively with surface

rights) as the North 1/2 of Section 35, Township 42 North, Range 7 East NMPM

and the SW 1/4 of Section 25 Township 42 North Range 7 East NMPM. The Decree is

silent as to the area of historic use of the Well and this Petition seeks to clarify

the place of use to conform to its historic use. The Application contained a scriv-ener's error of omission, Correcting the decree to reflect the actual historical use

will not cause injury to any party and will confirm the historic use for which

appropriation was made. None of the relief requested expands use of the water rights or causes injury to any other water right. This ap-plication simply seeks to accurately describe the lands historically

rrigated. Land ownership: Petitioner owns the real property, wells, and the diversion structures contemplated and affected by this Application. Name and address of reputed owner: Kenneth and Dallas

You are notified that you have until the last day of April 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed

with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. Published in the Valley Courier March 8, 2024.

Anderson 6780 County Road 45 Center, CO 81125

ALAMOSA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held be-

fore the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 8:30 AM, in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application by RWE Clean Energy, LLC to permit the construction and operation of an approximately 96-megawatt battery energy storage system (BESS) on a 17.5 acre site located on property identified as parcels 500928200067 & 500928100064. This activity is regulated by Alamosa County HB1041 Regulations, Chapter 6: Regulations for Site Selection and Construction of Major Facilities of a Public Utility. This Public Hearing was originally scheduled for February 28, 2024 and has been rescheduled.

The legal description of the property is: The NW 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of Section 28, T40N, R9E, N.M.P.M., County of Alamosa, State

Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in

the Alamosa County Land

Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours. Questions can be addressed to Richard Hubler at 719-589-3812 extension 1541 or by email to rhubler@alamosacounty.org.

Alamosa County

No. 3827. Published in the Valley Courier on March 8, 2024.

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS FILED IN WATER DIVISION 3. Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following

is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amend-

office of the Water Clerk during the month of February 2024 for each

2024CW3001: Mammoth Land Holdings, LLC, 845 Navajo St, Den-

ver, CO, 8024x, 179-850-9017. kburgemeister@lawoftherockies.com Please direct all communications to counsel for Applicant: Law of the Rockies, Kendall K. Burgemeister, Atty. Reg. #41593; 525 North Main Street, Gunnison, CO, 81230; 970-641-1903; kburgemeister@lawoftherockies.com. Application for Determination of Water Right or Change of Water Right in Saguache County. The Applicant, Mammoth Land Holdings, LLC requests a determination of the lawful place of use of a decreed. LLC, requests a determination of the lawful place of use of a decreed underground water right. In the alternative, the Applicant requests a change in place of use of the water right. Subject Water Right: Case No. W-1037 Well No. 2 ("Well No. 2"). WDID: 2605001. Current Well Permit: 82958-F Adjudication Date: Application filed June 5, 1972. Location: NW1/4NE1/4, Section 3, T 43.0 N, R 8.0 E, NMPM; 405341E, 4207897N, NAD83 Appropriation Dates and Amounts: 1300 gpm with January 21, 1953, appropriation date, 1400 gpm with December 31, 1954 appropriation date. Decreed Source: Confined aquifer. Based on information provided by the division 3 office, the well is dually completed in the unconfined and confined aquifers. Decreed Use: Irrigation. Determination of Water Right. The Applicant seeks a determination of the decreed place of use of the Subject Water Right, pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-302(1)(a) and S. Ute Indian Tribe v. King Consol, Ditch Co., 250 P.3d 1226, 1234 (Colo, 2011), The Well No. 2 decree in Case No. W-1037 was silent as to the number or location of irrigated acres. The application in Case No. W-1037 was filed by Roy H. and Jesilee Alexander on June 5, 1972. The claimed appropriation date was January 20, 1953, for irrigation use. From before the claimed appropriation date of January 20, 1953, until later than the W-1037 application date of June 5, 1972, Roy H. and Jesilee Alexander owned the following land: Lots 3, 4, 5, 8, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4, Section 2; and Lots 1, 2, 6, Section 3, all in Township 43 North, Range 8 East, NMPM (the "Alexander Property"). These lands are illustrated on Exhibit A filed with this application. Well No. 2 is located in the northwest corner of the Alexander Property. Aerial photographs dating back to 1954 show that water has consistently flowed from Well No. 2 in the northwest corner of the Alexander Property in a southerly and easterly direction, across the Alexander Property, including por tions located in closest proximity to Well No. 2 in Lots 1, 2, and 6 of Section 3. The original registration statement for Well No. 2 (12859-R) was filed in 1960 by Roy H. Alexander. It states the well is used for irrigation on "Lots 3-4-5-8: the N2SW1/4: SE1/4, Sec. 2-43-8. The original registration was cancelled on February 19, 2019, and the well was repermitted as Permit No. 82958-F, with a limitation of use on 101.13 acres in lots 3, 4, 5 and 8 of Section 2 (the "Section 2 Irrigated Land"). This 101.13 acre limitation was based on Division Engineer's Office estimation of historically irrigated land in Section 2 only. 'The State and Division Engineers do not determine water rights; they merely administer the waters of the state in accordance with court decrees. Registration of the well therefore could not have changed the scope of the judicially decreed water right." V Bar Ranch LLC v. Cotton, 233 P.3d 1200, 1210-11 (Colo, 2010). Applicant seeks a determination that the lawful place of use is 177.13 acres within the Alexander Property, which is the sum of the 101.13 acres in Section 2 based on the Division Engineer's prior analysis, plus approximately 76 acres in Lots 1, 2, and 6 of Section 3, Township 43 North, Range 8 East, NMPM (the "Section 3 Irrigated Land."). Exhibit B (1954 aerial photo) and Exhibit C (1985 aerial photo) filed with this application show irrigation down gradient of Well No. 2 within Section 3. Alternative Claim for Change of Water Right. Complete statement of change: If it is determined that the current lawful place of use of Well No. 2 does not include the Section 3 Irrigated Land, Applicant seeks a change in place of use of Well No. 2 to include 101.13 acres within the Alexander Property. Proposed Terms and Conditions to Prevent Injury: Applicant proposes a pumping limit of 303.39 AFY, which is the same as the limit imposed by the current well permit 82958-F. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool: Applicant. Name and address of reputed owner: Mammo You are notified that you have until the last day of April 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth

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Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pa-

Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

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Public Notice

Request for Bids for replacement of interior and closet doors. The Center Housing Authority is requesting bids for replacement of inrefor and closet doors for 2 & 3 bedroom units, for a total of 20 units. Contractors interested may contact Geraldine Martinez at 138 S. Worth Street, Center, CO or you can call at (719) 754-2537 for more information. Deadline for submission of bid will be 03/22/24.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TOWN OF HOOPER

Notice is hereby given that the regular election will be held in the Town of Hooper Colorado on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. This election is for the purpose of electing four Trustees, proposing one ballot issue and four ballot questions.

Trustee candidates are: Mimi Dolan, Samuel . Hernandez, Amber Na-

jera, Sandra (Sandy) Bond, Jan E. Smith. Following are the ballot issue and questions:

Ballot Title: A Measure Adopting A New Special Tax On Retail (Recreational) Marijuana In The Town Of Hooper, Colorado Ballot Issue: SHALL THE TOWN OF HOOPER'S TAXES BE IN-CREASED BY \$75,000 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR BE-GINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE TAX AT A RATE OF UP TO 5% ON THE PRICE PAID FOR THE PURCHASE OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND MARIJUANA PRODUCTS, WITH THE

TAX RATE CAPABLE OF BEING INCREASED, LOWERED OR RE-VOKED AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF TRUST-EES OF THE TOWN OF HOOPER SO LONG AS THE RATE OF TAXATION DOES NOT EXCEED 5%, WITH THE RESULTING TAX REVENUES TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE TOWN OF HOOPER'S GENERAL OPERATIONS; AND SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE TAX BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REV-ENUE CHANGE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EX-PENDITURE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Ballot Title: A measure Authorizing Retail (recreational) Marijuana Stores In The Town Of Hooper, Colorado, Subject To Colorado Law And The Town's Ordinances. Ballot Question: Shall the establishment and operation of retail (recreational) marijuana stores be permitted in the Town of Hooper, Colo-

rado, subject to Colorado law and ordinances to be adopted by the Town of Hooper? Ballot Title: A Measure Authorizing Medical Marijuana Stores In The Town Of Hooper, Colorado, Subject To Of Colorado Law And The

Town's Ordinances.
Ballot Question: Shall the establishment and operation of medical marijuana stores be permitted in the Town of Hooper, Colorado, subject to Colorado law and ordinances to be adopted by the Town of

Ballot Title: A Measure Authorizing Medical Marijuana Delivery Businesses In The Town Of Hooper, Colorado, Subject To Colorado Law And The Town's Ordinances. Shall the establishment and operation of medical marijuana delivery

Colorado law and ordinances to be adopted by the Town of Hooper The election is to be held as a Mail Ballot election. Active registered voters will receive a ballot by mail. Ballots may be submitted by return mail, or in person to Town Hall at 8660 Main Street, Hooper CO 81136. Town Hall is open on Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.: and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. All voted ballots must be received by the Hooper Town Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on Elec-

the Town of Hooper for at least 22 days preceding the election, and registered to vote on Election Day.

For questions, please contact Town Clerk LeAnn Ledbetter at 719-

Town of Hooper Posted at: Hooper Town Hall

Question B:

Question D:

businesses be permitted in the Town of Hooper, Colorado, subject to can be viewed on the

To be eligible to vote in this election, you must be at least 18 years of age; be a citizen of the United States; have been a resident of

937-3683. LeAnn Ledbetter

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District Court, Denver Probate Court Alamosa County, Colorado

Alamosa, CO 81101 In the Matter of the Estate of MARIA CATALINA MARTINEZ

Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Jack H. McQuitty Jr Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Phone Number: E-mail: jack@mcquittytaxlaw.com FAX Number: Atty. Reg. #: 29452 2024PR30002 Division Courtroom NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-

12-801, C.R.S. NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of MARIA CATALINA MARTINEZ, Deceased Case Number 2024PR30002

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Alamosa, County, Colorado or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado

on or before 07/09/2024 (date)*, or the claims may be forever Loretta Margarita Martinez Diaz

c/o McQuitty Tax Law, inc Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice 630 Southpointe Ct Ste 200 Address Colorado Springs, CO 80906 City, State, Zip Code

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ALAMOSA SCHOOL **DISTRICT** is now accepting applications for the following position: AHS ASSISTANT TRACK COACH. Applications are available online at https://www. alamosaschools.org/For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600 or tvigil@alamosaschools.org. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (3/6+1/24)

EARLY CHILD-HOOD TEACHER needed for the 2024-2025 school year. Lead Teacher qualification preferred. Assistant Director qualified is a bonus. Please pick up an application at TRIN-ITY LUTHERAN 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 weekends. Call 719-754-3543 or stop in for an applica-

tion. (3/27/24) **SOUTH CONEJOS** SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking a SECOND-ARY SOCIAL STUD-IES TEACHER for the 2024-25 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. (3/15/24) SLV FEDERAL BANK is now accepting applications for MÖRTGAGE LOAN PROCESSOR in our ALAMOSA OFFICE. Applications and position descriptions are available at www. slvfed.bank or at each branch location. Equal opportunity Employer, including considering individuals with Disabilities and Veterans/ Affirmative Action Employer. (3/26/24)

is accepting applications for a MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN. This is a full-time position with benefits. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience can be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Maintenance Technician Salary Schedule, which 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 ap-

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ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following position: OMS ASSISTANT WRESTLING COACH. Applications are available online at https:// www.alamosaschools. org/ For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600 or tvigil@alamosaschools. org. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.

(3/6+1/24)ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following position: PAYROLL/HUMAN RESOURCES CLERK. Applications are available online at https:// www.alamosaschools. org/ For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600 or tvigil@alamosaschools. org. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (3/13/24)

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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. Applications 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.

(4/5/24)

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 applications for the positions of ELEMENTARY 3RD GRADE & 5TH GRADE TEACHER, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications; 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. MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT 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 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 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/employmentopportunities or contact plication https://www. pirates.monte.k12.co.us/ the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until employmentopportunities, by March 21, 2024 or until the position is filled. (3/26/24) Position is Filled. EOE.

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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 background check, or, such alternative qualifications as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable. Non- Certified Applications can be found on the District Website https://www.center.k12. co.us/page/employmentopportunites or contact the District Office at (719)754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (4/5/24)

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MACKEY CON-STRUCTION CO., 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) VEGI DEN MANAG-ER. VEGI, VALLEY

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RIO GRANDE CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY SERVICES / DEL NORTE HEAD START is currently accepting applications for a full time RECEP-TIONIST. Applications can be picked up and dropped off at 440 Sixth Street DEL NORTE, CO 81132. Resumes can be sent to rgcdfs@ gmail.com or donnamarie5659@gmail.com. Position will be open until filled. (3/8/24) BOE OF CENTER

application. (3/19/24)

SCHOOLS is now accepting applications for an ASSISTANT DI-RECTOR to SUPERIN-TENDENT. Qualifications: Advanced Degree, Administrative License, above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. This position will assist the Superintendent in the professional organiza-EDUCATIONAL GARDENS INITIAtion and administration TIVE is seeking motiof the School District. vated garden enthusiast Salary commensurate with experience. For information and application 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)

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FUSION NURSE (fulltime) in DEL NORTE. Bachelor's of Science preferred, Associates Degree in Nursing required. This is a dual role in a small critical access hospital with outpatient surgery and infusions. Primary duties include circulating nurse and outpatient infusions: ability to be flexible and work in a dvnamic team environment is central to this role. Preferred minimum of 2 years Circulating Nurse experience for more information, contact Kayla Jordan at 719-657-4160 or complete an application online at http:// rio-grande-hospital.org Under Contact/Employment. RGH is an EOE.

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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 learning 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)



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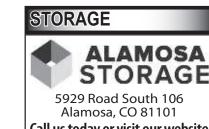


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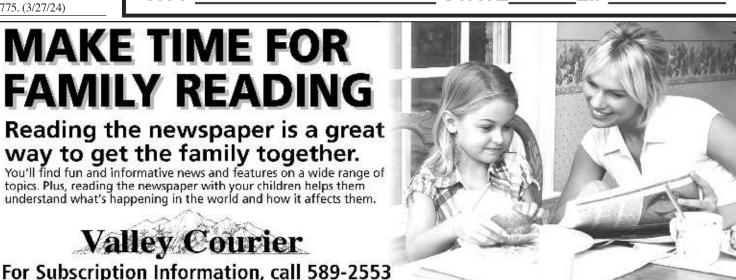
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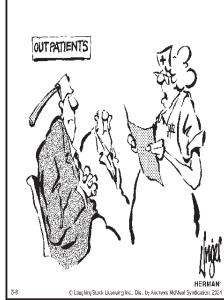
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"Who's next?"

Discovery of lunch plans derails couple's marriage

known my husband for 10 years. We have been married for four. We love each other very much, but I did something that has caused him to no longer trust me, and he won't forgive me. I went to a pub while my husband was at a class. I told him I was going to the pub and he was fine with it. We know everybody who

The problem is, a nice man sat down a seat away from me and we started talking about all kinds of stuff. At the end of the evening, we exchanged phone numbers. He texted me a week later wanting to know if I could meet him for lunch. I said yes -- big mistake -- but we DIDN'T meet because I realized it would be wrong.

works there very well.

My husband saw his text on my phone, and he is upset and angry. He hasn't spoken to me since. It's been almost a week. He said he can no longer trust me, and he won't accept my apologies or forgive me. What can I do? -- LOSING LOVE IN **CALIFORNIA**

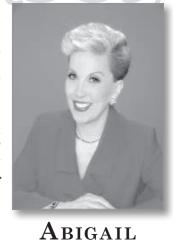
DEAR LOSING: Although your intentions may have been innocent, for your husband to have found out about the planned lunch the way he did couldn't have been worse. Had you told him you met someone "nice' and had been invited to lunch, it might not have made him angry. I don't blame him for feeling he may not be able to trust

Remind him that you did not GO to that lunch. Tell him you love him and ask what you need to do to earn back that trust. Ask if he would go to counseling with you. However, if you are unable to do that, accept that your marriage is toast. What a shame.

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Claudia" recently asked me on a Saturday to take her to the eye doctor the following Tuesday. Well, I forgot. She didn't call me the night before (like normal people do) to remind me, nor did she call me the next day to confirm. She did call our cousin to take her. (She should have called me that day instead of calling our cousin.) Now Claudia is mad

at me. I think it was both our faults -- mine because I forgot. (There is a lot going on here. My mother-in-law, who has dementia, lives here and it has grown worse.) It was also Claudia's fault for not calling me.

She told me it was an important follow-up appointment and she was really upset. Is she being childish? By the way,



VAN BUREN

than I am and has always been jealous of me. Please give me your opinion. --JUST PĽAIN FORGOT IN OHIO

Claudia is 13 years older

DEAR "FORGOT": Oh, my goodness. You are human and you forgot! I don't think it was a hanging offense. However, Claudia managed to come up with a Plan B and the cousin saved the day. See how resourceful she can be in a pinch?

In the future, when your hands are full -and from what you have described about your mother-in-law, it is safe to assume they will be -- when Sissy asks you to take her to a medical appointment, perhaps Plan B should become Plan A.

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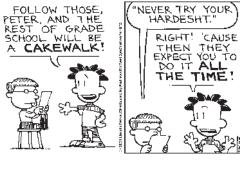




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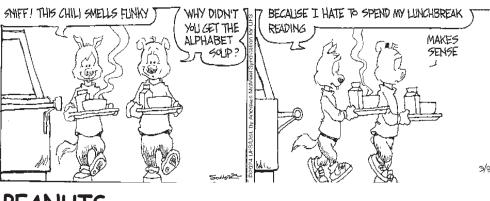
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