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SLV Today

San Luis concert set for Tuesday cancelled

SAN LUIS— The Holy Tuesday concert scheduled for today by the Sangre de Cristo Vocal Arts Ensemble in San Luis has been canceled due to weather conditions.

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Planetarium to show Solar Superstorms on Wednesday

ALAMOSA — "Solar Superstorms" is a 2013 production that takes viewers into the tangle of magnetic fields and superhot plasma that vent the Sun's rage in dramatic flares, violent solar tornadoes, and the largest eruptions in the Solar System: coronal mass ejections.

The film will be shown on Wednesday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Zacheis Planetarium on campus. The show is free and open to the public.

CPAC Monter Scholarship application

MONTE VISTA — CPAC's Doug Monter Scholarship for San Luis Valley High School graduating seniors is due April 12.

Details and the application for the scholarship can be found at www.coloradopotato.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2023-24-Doug-Monter-Scholarship-Application.pdf or email info@coloradopotato.org, for information.

Fire district calls work session

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

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

SLV WEATHER

Chance of Snow 41/15

Wed: Mostly Sunny, Breezy 45/16

Thurs: Sunny, Breezy 54/25

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Non-sanctuary resolution to be considered by Commissioners on Wednesday

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — At the regularly scheduled Alamosa County commissioners meeting on Wednesday, regular business will be discussed and a resolution declaring the county to be a "Non-Sanctuary County," is on the consent agenda.

As previously reported in the Valley Courier, in January of this year, county commissioners in Rio Grande County and Alamosa County met separately to address a possible influx of migrants to the Valley from other countries. At the time, there had not been any arrivals of migrants, and various county officials stressed they are only making plans to be prepared in the event of any migrant arrivals.

In December 2023, the small mountain community of Carbondale was suddenly impacted by the arrival of over 120 migrants, mostly from Venezuela. This event raised concerns that other rural Colorado communi-

ties may see the arrival of new migrant residents. Carbondale had requested \$224,000 in emergency state funds to help with the influx.

In January, Rio Grande County Commissioners passed a resolution, "Opposing Support for Illegal Immigration and Undoc-

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Saving stories of the past

'Once they're gone, they're gone'

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — On Saturday, March 30, Antonito native and documentarian Rick Vigil will be screening his latest work "Cenicero, CO - 1856" at the Alamosa Public Library.

The film, which is about 30 minutes long, is based on an interview with Esperanza "Hope" Lobato-Gallegos, an elder who was born in the San Luis Valley and has spent decades tracing her genealogy back to 1751, when the King of Spain granted to Captain Juan José Lobato, son of Bartolome Lobato, possession of land via the Las Trampas Land Grant. The governor of New Mexico approved the Land Grant for 12 families.

Over the centuries since then, Lobatos-Gallegos' family has served in various positions of distinction, ranging from being elected to the state legislature to Juan Bautista Lobatos who established the first Pony Express route from Southwestern Colorado to Denver. The story is both a personal and historical account of southern Colorado in the early

years. Vigil, who worked as a cameraman for a television station in Colorado for more than a decade, has been filming and producing documentaries similar to "Cenicero" since 2000, all of which are set in Conejos County and parts of Costilla County.

The result is a collection of films that form a series titled "A Story to Tell". The project, he says, was born from the Chicano Movement.

The films are about a great deal more than names and dates. It's about the stories the people tell, he says. "I'm documenting our people and our language. The origin of traditions that were started centuries ago and are still continued today. The things that people did to survive in the hardest times when they had nothing. How they worked. What food they cooked. Their spirituality and the ways they showed respect. All those things that are part of our culture."

More importantly, he says, the stories are being told by those people who lived it, whether directly or through the stories that have been handed down through their family's history. That authenticity is crucial in storytelling, he says, as it's so often lacking in other histori-



Photo courtesy of Rick Vigil

Sra. Esperanza 'Hope' Lobato-Gallegos, featured in 'Cenicero, CO - 1856', and documentarian and filmmaker Rick Vigil of Down to Earth Media.

cal accounts. "You can learn so much more about history from people telling their stories themselves, in their own ways. It makes history so much richer," he says. "For example, 'Cenicero' is about the history of Las Trampas, but it's also about the community of Lobatos that was originally called Cenicero. When the Spaniards first arrived in that area, they looked across the land and said it looked like ashes. Learning things like

that add so much." He goes on to add, "Things are so politicized today, these are people telling stories — their stories — without any agenda."

In addition to people owning the films, he believes they belong in libraries and classrooms. A history told in an authentic way is vital for young students today, both those whose families came from the culture represented but also those from other cultures who can learn

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Power outage impacts more than 5,000 people on Sunday

STAFF REPORT
MONTE VISTA

More than 5,000 Xcel Energy customers in Rio Grande County were without power for more than 10 hours Sunday morning due to two separate power outages.

Rio Grande County Emergency Manager Brian Burrell said that they were preparing for the worst. He said he was in constant contact with Rio Grande County leaders including the Rio Grande County Public Health Department and Rio Grande County Social Services.

"Behind the scenes, we were preparing for the need for a shelter, should the temperatures and weather change," he said. "County administration, public health and social services were all preparing for the worst. Luckily, we did not have to deal with the worst."

Xcel customers from Monte Vista, Del Norte and South Fork were

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Check out the new Engineering Center at ASU

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — No fooling, the Adams State University/CSU Engineering Manufacturing Education Center (EMEC) is complete. An open house will be held from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday, April 1, in Porter Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The event will include tours of the facility throughout the day; demonstrations of the new jet engine at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; and machine demonstrations throughout the day; 3D printer displays and free refreshments. Mechanical engineering students and staff will be available to share their knowledge of the pro-

gram and instruments and Adams State Mechanical Engineer Director Matt Nehring, Ph.D., and Colorado State University Engineering Department Director Christian Puttlitz, Ph.D., will also be available for questions about the program.

Every participant will receive a small giveaway. Large groups are welcome, including schools; to accommodate please schedule an appointment by contacting Scott Clayton, CSU Undergraduate Teaching Labs Engineer, at 719-587-7858.

Adams State partnered with Colorado State University to establish the mechanical engineering bachelor's degree. Stu-

dents have the opportunity to earn the CSU degree, delivered entirely on the Adams State campus. Adams State provides all lower-division coursework for the first two years of the program and CSU provides all upper-division coursework with face-to-face instruction for the last two years by CSU faculty located in Alamosa.

The late William A. Porter, Class of 1951, was founder and chairman of E*TRADE Group, Inc. Porter donated \$4.6 million worth of stock in E*TRADE Group, Inc. in 1998. He received the Adams State Associated Alumni's 1991 Outstanding Achievement Award and the 2005 Billy Adams Award.



Courtesy photos

Adams State First Year Seminar Engineering students work in the new Adams State Engineering Manufacturing Education Center (EMEC). The public is invited to the EMEC Open House from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday, April 1, located in Porter Hall.

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Ann Davis



Lajara resident Barbara Ann Davis gained her angel wings and was reunited with her parents, husband and grandson on March 17, 2024, at the age of 71. Barbara was welcomed into the world on Nov. 25, 1952, to Merle Keller and Mary Lou Kello Keller in Alamosa, Colo. After graduating high school, Barbara welcomed a beautiful daughter. She was then married to Mike Davis who preceded her in death. The two welcomed one son.

Barbara loved her family and would do anything to make sure they were taken care of. Her grandchildren held a very special place in her heart. She loved to bake and

cook for her family and friends. In her spare time, she would enjoy gambling, bingo, watching game shows, and collecting antiques.

Barbara will be missed by all who knew her. Her legacy will live on through her children; Alisha Keller and Robert Davis, as well as her six

loving grandchildren; Ecstacey Ruybal, Roy Ruybal, Durance Horny g, Pedro Marroquin, Raedean Baroz, Nuve Davis, and 1 great grandchild, sister Janet (Darrel), two brothers Montey (Karen) Keller, and Mike (Kathy) Keller. Barbara was preceded in death by her Parents Merle and Mary Lou Keller, Husband Mike Davis, grandson Victor Baroz, and significant other Phil Chavez.

Cremation has been chosen and services will take place at a later date.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa

Mark Oliver McClure

Mark Oliver McClure was born on May 22, 1950, in Del Norte, Colo., to John C. "Tuffy" and June E. (Oliver) McClure. He grew up in Center

for the Forest Service in Rio Grande National Forest.

In 1978, he decided to move to Alaska, and he worked from Homer, Alaska, to 180 mile west of Barrows, Alaska (US-Russia border). While in Alaska, he was a volunteer with the Iditarod races.

Mark also participated and won several cribbage tournaments and would travel to Reno, Nev., to play in the National Cribbage Tournament. He played and won several Alaska poker tournaments which earned him an entry to "The World Series of Poker" in Las Vegas. We all know he always enjoyed a good card game.

In 2012, he retired and returned to Center to be with family.

Mark was preceded in death by his father John

C. "Tuffy" McClure and his mother June E. (Oliver) McClure.

He is survived by his siblings, John F. "Skip" and Sue McClure of Center, Charles W. McClure and Mary McClure of Center, Rebecca S. "Becky" and Dave Barnes of Eaton, Colo., Mary C. and Allen Gilmore of San Antonio, Texas, as well as his cousin "Alaska family" and close friend Jim and Cindy Oliver and their children Cody, Younger and Jessie. Mark had many nieces and nephews and will be missed.

Cremation was chosen and the service will be at a later date.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Mitchell Scott Herrera

Mitchell Scott Herrera, 35, of Pueblo, suddenly passed away on March 22, 2024.

briella, Olivia, Dominick and Sharlize; great nephew, Marcelino; grandparents, Nole Herrera and Art (Libby) Espinosa; special cousin, Nick Gonzales; numerous aunts, uncles, cousin extended family and friends.

Mitchell loved to go hunting, fishing, fixing up old school cars, drawing and playing video games. He enjoyed watching sports and loved the Denver Bron-

cos. He loved his dog Kollus along with spending time with his nieces and nephews. Mitchell was a family man that will be missed deeply by all who loved him.

Family request that everyone wear Bronco attire. Funeral Service Saturday, 11 a.m., March 30, 2024. Viewing prior to Service, at Alamosa Presbyterian Church. Interment at Alamosa Cemetery.

PENDING OBITUARY

Edwina Brady

Edwina Brady passed away peacefully on March 23, 2024, at the Rio Grande Inn Nursing Home in La Jara, Colo., at the age of 89. Funeral Services will be announced through Rogers Family Mortuary. To leave online condolences, and words of comfort for Edwina's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups.

stay sober and help other alcoholics/addicts to achieve sobriety.

There are AA and NA 12-Step Meetings throughout the valley. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affili-

ated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083 or see our website: slvaa.org

Center woman gives back through running

By MARIE MCCOLM CENTER — Denise Garcia, daughter of Richard Garcia who is the director of the Poor Boy Car Club, ran a marathon in Denver on Saturday. The run was entitled the Erin Go Bragh 7.777 K Run. The run was for St Patrick's Day helps support Growing Home.



Courtesy photo

"I decided to do this run, and donate some food to Growing Home," she said. "The food was all bought with money from the Poor Boy Car Club. It made me feel great to donate on behalf of the club. My dad was happy about the donation, as we like to support good causes all over Colorado. I was also happy to do the run."

Growing Home is a Westminster charity that helps people in North Metro Denver. The charity helps people with long-term needs and partners with agencies throughout the community. The charity assists with housing, food, and areas of lifelong stability for people in need.

Garcia is no stranger to donating to charities. She has helped her dad make donations for years with the car club and enjoys giving back to the community.

Garcia's other reason behind the run was her health. Garcia recently underwent brain surgery after struggling with epileptic seizures for many years.

"I have battled with Epilepsy since I was about 12," she said. "I had brain surgery in 2019. At that time, I didn't realize that I liked to run. After the surgery, I thought about it and thought, you are fi-

nally not having seizures, because I used to have about 3-4 per week. I was also overweight, so I decided to start running. I have been running for about 5 years now. The first race I did was the Rio Frio in Alamosa. Once I did that I was addicted to running. Now that I run, I also like to give back, after what I have been through. This is something very near and dear to my heart."

Garcia said that this year she will be running four races, and the Erin Go Bragh 7.777 K Run was a part of her schedule.

Garcia said that she also has plans to donate to other races. "I also want to donate some more food to a food bank for the Summer Breeze run. I will donate there as well this summer," she said.

Garcia believes in carrying on the tradition of donating to good causes, and she also enjoys doing other good things in her community.

"My husband and I through the church also go out every third Sunday of the month. We give back to our community," she said. "We like to tell the community about events and take the kids goodies. We recently gave some kids goodies for Easter. We help people that do not have a lot, and we love doing it. We always try to reach people in different ways."

Garcia said she will continue to donate and is looking forward to helping with the Poor Boy Car Clubs big car show this summer. "The events the club puts on are always for a good cause," she said. "I love to be a part of all of that and can't wait for the upcoming car show to help more people at that event as well."

Del Norte receives \$3,000 grant from CTC

CONTRIBUTED DEL NORTE — The Town of Del Norte recently announced that it will be receiving a \$3,000 grant for the town's Adopt-A-Tree project as well as our ongoing tree trimming and maintenance project from the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC).

Applications for the Adopt-A-Tree program will be available at Del Norte Town Hall toward the beginning of April. Call 719-657-2708, for more information about this process.

The trees will be planted by the town's Public Works Department and community members as close to Arbor Day, April 26, as possible in celebration of this special day.

The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) is a non-profit whose mission is to preserve, renew and enhance community forests statewide.

The CTC awarded \$113,463 in grants to 29 organizations in 2023. These grant projects allowed recipients to plant and manage trees in community forests across Colorado. Grants are made possible through the Colorado State Forest Service, the Xcel Energy Foundation, Colorado Public Radio and our CTC members and supporters.

has awarded grants to 235 communities and organizations totaling more than \$1,239,000. These grants have been matched with more than \$8 million in community money and in-kind services.

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Valley News

Adam State summer registration has begun

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY
ALAMOSA— Catch up on your general education (gen ed) requirements this summer at Adams State University. All general classes are guaranteed transferable throughout Colorado public institutions of higher education. The on-campus summer courses include Macroeconomics Principles, Mi-

croeconomics Principles, Intro to Environmental Science, Communication Arts I, Communication Arts II, and Dynamic Earth. To view the entire summer class schedule visit adams.edu/onestop and click on the class schedule link. There is no cost

to apply for admission to Adams State. Visit adams.edu and click on the apply link. For information regarding financial aid please contact the Adams State One Stop, located in the Student Union Building, 719-587-7306 or onestop@adams.edu.



Stories

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 a period of history they probably knew nothing about. While working on the documentaries, Vigil has felt a growing sense of urgency because many of the people he's filming are quite elderly. Lobato-Gallegos is in her 90s. Another woman he interviewed was more than 100. "There's a saying that elders are like books, but when they pass away, those books are gone. The valley is changing. Some people who have lived here for a long time are leaving, and so many people are moving here from other places, and they don't know anything of the past. It's important for us to know our stories, to hear what these people are telling us. If we lose our traditions, we lose our identity. We have to preserve that." The passion is clear in Vigil's voice, but it is even

more evident in his actions. Funding for such efforts is "a nightmare" and, right now, the only form of financial support he has is from the DVDs that he sells. Difficult as that clearly is, that obstacle has not stopped him in the past and there's no sign of it stopping him now. As a native of the area, he's invited more easily into people's homes "with his cameras and his lights" also thanks, in part, to the support of Father Sergio (Robles), the priest at Our Lady of Guadalupe who also gives mass at all other Catholic churches in Conejos County. Vigil's studio is in his home. And as an experienced cameraman and producer, he produces each documentary himself. He also could not do what he does without the support of his wife and his daughter. All those challenges would be made infinitely easier if he had people who were willing to support his projects but, even

if that doesn't happen, he will continue going on as he has done. He feels a personal commitment to where he is from and the people who tell its stories. "You can never leave where you are from," he says. "I'm honored to do this." As part of his collection "A Story to Tell", Vigil has a number of documentaries available for purchase, including "Spirituality and Its People, El Valle de San Luis", "La Misión de San Miguel / St. Michael of the Mountain", "La Placita de San Rafael", "A Place Of Miracles", and "Fr. Al Muñoz Story" and "Cenicero, CO - 1856". Vigil will be screening "Cenicero" at the Alamosa Public Library at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 30. For more information about each of his films, go to Opportunity to Express - Home (downtoearthmedia.org). Anyone wishing to reach out to Vigil, can do so via email at dtem@comcast.net.

Power

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 notified of the first outage at 12:28 a.m. on Sunday, March 24. Power was restored according to a notification from Xcel at 7:27 a.m. Sunday. At 8:26 a.m. on Sunday, customers were notified of a second power outage that lasted until 12:37 p.m. on Sunday. Tyler Bryant, Media Relations Representative with Xcel Energy, stated in an email that, the "weather-related outages started on Saturday, March 23, at midnight and power was fully restored for 4,443 customers on Sunday, March 24, around 7:27 a.m. There was a second outage from 8:18 a.m. to 1:57 p.m. on Sunday affecting 1,015 customers. "We appreciate our customers' patience as our crews worked to restore power as quickly and safely as possible in the Monte Vista and Del Norte areas this weekend," he stated. Monte Vista City Manager Gigi Dennis said Ashley Valdez, who is Area Manager Community and Local Governmental Affairs at Xcel Energy, was in contact with the city during the outages. Dennis said according to Valdez, the outage was transmission related and that Xcel was out "patrolling 41 miles" of line. The city, like many people, does not have generators for times

like this, but help is on the way. In late 2022, the City of Monte Vista learned it was awarded \$828,000 toward a generator for the Outcall Event and Conference at SLV Ski-Hi Complex plus four portable showers and 15 RV spaces so the facility can be used as an emergency shelter and warming center for the region. Construction has not begun on this project. With the power out, Dennis said the Monte Vista Police Department worked with the Colorado Department of Transportation and set up stop signs at major intersections through town. Monte Vista businesses suffered losses due to the outages, according to Dennis. Monte Vista Subway was one of the businesses. Local owner Juana Villagomez said they lost some food and decided to close for the day due to the outages. "No power, there wasn't anything we could do," she said, adding that nearly all her employees live in Monte Vista and were without power. "Staying closed the whole day made sense." **Rio Grande County Emergency Response** Burrell said the initial statement from Xcel was that the outage would be restored by 3 a.m. on March 24 but due to the length of transmission lines that needed to be inspected, it took much longer than anticipated.

Burrell said he was working with Xcel Energy Representative Valdez throughout the entire outage. "The power went out about midnight due to an issue with the transmission line which was found and repaired quickly," he said. "What took the most time was inspecting 41 miles of transmission lines before power could be restored." Burrell said a few people went to local emergency rooms to get help with their oxygen but "otherwise we were confident that power would be restored before a shelter was needed." Burrell also made some suggestions to help people prepare for emergencies, including power outages. "It is always best to be prepared. We have some wonderful resources through the Rio Grande County website and Rio Grande County Public Health Department," he said. "Most importantly, it is best to have backups batteries or power resources so that devices like oxygen machines and other medical equipment can still be used during an outage." Burrell said that people who have Medicaid can get back up battery power for oxygen machines through the state by contacting their department of social services. "It better to be over prepared than to be caught off guard," he said.

Resolution

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 "Documented Persons." The resolution reads in part, "That Rio Grande County is not a sanctuary county and will not open shelters or provide services to undocumented persons and or illegal immigrants that may be in the San Luis Valley and in Rio Grande County. Rio Grande County will continue to place the needs of our local citizens first above requests for emergency or long-term assistance from non-citizens. The Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners calls upon the United States Congress to immediately restore the rule of law along the Southwest Border by enforcing the existing laws and rapidly creating a system to allow reasonable vetting of migrants who may enter the United States legally and become productive members of this country." The Alamosa County Commissioners held a work session regarding migrant services in January and Eric Treinen, Director and SLV Emergency Secretary for the Alamosa County Office of Emergency Management attended the meeting. Treinen told the Valley Courier at the time, "We have no knowledge of a group of Southwest border migrants intending to come to the San Luis Valley, we don't know that for sure, but we are going before the county commissioners as a whole in response to the Carbondale migrants. We are trying to create a plan and discussion between all of the Valley Commissioners so that if we do have a group show up, how can we help assist them, what can we do, what is the commissioners as our policy group holders, what is their intent to assist."

ple to die, our concern is if they show up tomorrow night and it is seven below. People coming from near the Equator are not going to be prepared for our climate. How can we get them moved to a more appropriate location where they do have services. At our Alamosa County Commissioners [work session] meeting on Wednesday, we wanted to make it very clear that Alamosa County does not have services to help these individuals. We are at capacity; we are struggling to help the homeless that we do have right now. We are tapped out, but we don't want people to die either...we don't have the resources," said Treinen. In January, Alamosa County Administrator Roni Wisdom said, "Commissioner Laske's initial comment was that Alamosa County is not a sanctuary county and, while we truly appreciate those that have designated themselves as a sanctuary county, Alamosa County does not have the resources to provide assistance to anyone long term." Wisdom continued, "We believe it would be a good idea to draft a letter/statement to send to agencies that are in cities/counties expressing our appreciation for what they are doing and remind them that Alamosa County does not have the resources needed to take care of migrants. We would respectfully ask them to discourage anyone who thinks they may want to come to the Valley." The Valley Courier has asked County Commissioner Lori Laske if there has been any increase in undocumented individuals in Alamosa County since the commissioners discussed this in January. We have not received a comment before press time.

The resolution to be considered by commissioners is:

"BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY
 "RESOLUTION NO: 2024-G-3
 "DECLARING ALAMOSA COUNTY TO BE A NON-SANCTUARY COUNTY, COLORADO.
 "Commissioner _____ moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Commissioner _____ seconded the motion.
 "WHEREAS, §30-11-101, C.R.S. provides that Counties have the authority to adopt and enforce ordinances and resolutions regarding health, safety, and welfare issues; and
 "WHEREAS, §30-11-103, C.R.S. provides that the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners; and
 "WHEREAS, the City of Denver, with a population of 713,000 people, has declared itself a sanctuary city and has served more than 37,000 migrants at a cost of 38 million dollars and growing; and
 "WHEREAS, in the past two months, Denver has seen a dramatic uptick in arrivals and is currently sheltering 4,500 people. This influx – the fourth significant surge in arrivals since late 2022 – is straining capacity and, based on current projection [sic], could force the city to cut as much as \$180 million from its annual budget; and
 "WHEREAS, the City of Denver faces an accelerated budget shortfall and agency budget cuts to fund migrant services; and
 "WHEREAS, Denver's safety-net hospital, Denver Health, has seen at least 9,000 migrant patients in the past year, costing at least \$10 million in unreimbursed care; and
 "WHEREAS, Denver schools face a short fall of \$17.5 million in funding due to the continuous influx of migrants in the Denver area; and

"WHEREAS, the City of Denver has established policies constraining individual migrants to 14 days of shelter and families to 42 days of shelter; and
 "WHEREAS, both Denver and Carbondale plan to close their shelters in March and April of 2024; and
 "WHEREAS, Alamosa County supports legal immigration into the United States; and
 "WHEREAS, Alamosa County recognizes the plight of those seeking refuge and asylum from oppressive governments in other parts of the world; and
 "WHEREAS, Alamosa County respects the history of the United States as a beacon of freedom and opportunity in the world; and
 "WHEREAS, those who enter the country illegally can pose a significant public health and safety risk to a community when there is an increase in crime, communicable disease, and accelerating demand and unsustainability on public infrastructure such as services, public safety, schools, and the justice system; and
 "WHEREAS, the cascading impacts of migrant relocations from Denver pose a risk to Alamosa County, its citizens, and service providers; and
 "WHEREAS, Alamosa County does not have the resources or infrastructure to address the human needs it is currently facing; and
 "WHEREAS, community resources within Alamosa County are strained by the population of unsheltered homeless individuals, which is currently estimated at 210 people; and
 "WHEREAS, over 8,500 Alamosa County residents (51% of entire population) are currently receiving one or more public benefits, with an average of over 200 new applications each month; and
 "WHEREAS, while Alamosa County is seeing a record need for public benefits due to high inflations, we are also experiencing cuts in

the federal and state funding along with increased expectations and unfunded mandates from the federal and state governments; and
 "WHEREAS, San Luis Valley Regional Hospital currently has an annual loss of \$5,738,000 for unreimbursed care; and
 "WHEREAS, Alamosa County schools do not have unlimited resources and the Alamosa School District is in the bottom 25% out of 178 Colorado school districts in terms of state funding per student; and
 "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY: that the Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners, declares that Alamosa County is NOT a sanctuary county and will not open shelters or

provide services, other than emergency services, to uninvited migrants and/or illegal immigrants that may arrive in unincorporated Alamosa County. Alamosa County will continue to prioritize the needs of our local citizens." The commissioners will also consider a report from the Alamosa Weed Control District, the County Treasurer's Report, County Clerk Monthly Report, a liquor license renewal for Rustic Rook Resort, and SLVPHP Regional Child Fatality Review. The meeting is at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27, and will be held in the commissioner's chambers located at 8900 Independence Way in Alamosa. The public is invited to attend in person or via Zoom at meeting ID 270-314-6874.

ATTENTION

Cattlemen & Cattlewomen!!!

Once again, Big Blue Livestock of Fremont, Nebraska is contracting calves of all weights and sizes for fall delivery

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Lifestyles

AI in homebuying: Separating fact from fiction

(NAPSI) — The homebuying journey has undergone a radical transformation in the digital age. Long gone are the days of sifting through stacks of paperwork, replaced by a streamlined, tech-driven consumer experience. As part of this progression, artificial intelligence (AI) is being woven into the fabric of daily life and has the potential to have a massive effect on the path to homeownership, offering tools that make finding and purchasing a home easier than ever before.

How AI Changes Homebuying

AI has the power to streamline the mortgage process — often the most daunting part of homebuying. A 2023 report by LiveVox found that AI-driven customer experiences scored 20% higher in satisfaction than traditional human-led approaches. Companies such as Rocket Mortgage are now automating document collection, verifying information instantly and even showing loan officers the best mortgage products for their clients. This efficiency speeds up the process and increases confidence for consumers.

“AI is not just a technological advancement, it is a transformative force reshaping the homebuying landscape,” said Brian Woodring, Chief Information Officer for Rocket Mortgage. “AI is the compass guiding us toward a future where homeownership is accessible and stress free for everyone.”

Beyond the financing, remote home tours — powered by AI — can virtually transport shoppers to a prospective home, letting them explore every nook and cranny with 360-degree views. AI-driven platforms can also sift through mountains of listings to recommend homes that match a buyer's preferences, budget and lifestyle, creating a personalized experience and saving countless hours of manual search.

The Importance of Human Involvement with AI While AI is certainly transformative, it is not a one-size-fits-all solution. When it comes to such things as credit decisioning, humans still take the lead. Credit decisions are complex and nuanced, requiring a deep understanding of a person's financial history and current circumstances. AI can provide data and op-

tions, but the final call should always be made by a human who can interpret the subtleties and make an informed decision.

Moreover, AI cannot replace the personal touch of a real estate agent or the reassurance and expertise of a loan officer. These human interactions and relationships are vital to the homebuying experience, providing knowledge, negotiation skills and emotional support that AI simply cannot replicate.

This combination of AI with the human touch is already showing results. In fact, over the last year, Rocket Mortgage saw it help shorten the amount of time it takes their clients to close on a home purchase by nearly 20%. AI can handle the heavy lifting of data processing and provide valuable insights, but it takes a backseat where humans perform best — building meaningful connections.

The Future Of Homebuying As consumers embark on their homeownership adventure, AI will open doors while the professionals will help them cross the threshold into their new home.

Pharmaceutical company Amgen sues Colorado over price-setting prescription drug board

By JOHN INGOLD
The Colorado Sun

Amgen, the multinational pharmaceutical company that makes the blockbuster arthritis drug Enbrel, has sued Colorado over a state board's efforts to possibly cap the price of the drug.

In a lawsuit filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Denver, Amgen argues that the actions of Colorado's Prescription Drug Affordability Board are unconstitutional because they conflict with federal laws and because they violate rights to due process. The company is seeking not just to overturn the board's recent decisions about Enbrel but also to strike down major parts of the law creating the board.

“We have significant concerns with the Colorado Prescription Drug Affordability Board's decision to move forward with its flawed policy and process,” Amgen said in a statement. “There is no legal basis for the Board's actions or haphazard process throughout the review period.”

A spokesperson for the Colorado Division of Insurance, which houses the affordability board, said they could not comment on pending litigation.

Colorado lawmakers, backed by Gov. Jared Polis, created the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, or PDAB, in 2021 with the goal of lowering prescription costs. The board has the ability after extensive review to

set so-called upper payment limits — basically, price caps — on drugs it deems unaffordable.

Its first reviews of prescription drugs brought outcries from patient groups worried that price caps would cause their needed drugs to be pulled from the market in Colorado. But, last month, the board voted unanimously to declare Enbrel unaffordable, setting in motion a roughly six-month process to weigh whether to become the first state to place a price cap on a prescription medication.

Enbrel is an injectable drug used to treat rheumatoid arthritis and other conditions. According to Amgen, its list price is \$1,762.34 per 50 mg dose, meaning a full year of treatment for some patients could stretch over \$90,000. But Amgen's patient-assistance programs mean almost no patients pay the list price out-of-pocket. Insurance companies pick up a large majority of the bill, even for patients who don't receive financial help.

Amgen reported making about \$3.7 billion from Enbrel sales worldwide in the 2023 fiscal year, down 10% from the year before.

In its lawsuit, Amgen argues that Colorado's PDAB law violates the U.S. Constitution's supremacy clause by seeking to override federal patent laws.

“To incentivize the immense risk-taking and investment necessary to discover and develop new

medical treatments, Congress has established a carefully calibrated intellectual property regime that rewards pharmaceutical innovation with a period of market exclusivity and the ability to charge prices that allow for further investment and innovation during that period,” the lawsuit states.

Amgen says the law also potentially interferes with Medicare's ability to control its pricing decisions. And the company also argues that the law seeks to regulate transactions that occur outside of Colorado in violation of the Constitution's commerce clause.

Lastly, Amgen argues that Colorado's law is too vague and leaves too many of the fine-print details up to the PDAB to decide, creating due process violations. This “fails to provide drug manufacturers with a meaningful opportunity to be heard and fails to protect them against erroneous deprivations of their property,” the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit has been assigned to U.S. District Court Judge Nina Y. Wang, who was appointed to the bench by President Joe Biden in 2022. Amgen is asking Wang to strike down PDAB's authority as it relates to patented drugs, federal health care programs and out-of-state transactions. It is also seeking an order barring the PDAB from enforcing its decisions on Enbrel.

The state has yet to file a response to the lawsuit.



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Lifestyles

Unique Easter traditions from around the globe

(METRO) — Easter Sunday is a significant day on the Christian calendar. Easter Sunday will be celebrated on March 31, 2024, and many of those celebrations will feature some notable traditions. Some traditions are undoubtedly familiar to practicing Christians, while others might come as a surprise. As Easter approaches, faithful Christians and others intrigued by the holiday can consider these notable traditions from around the globe.

Easter witches
Witches are typically associated with Halloween, but they play a role in celebrating Easter in Finland. According to the Finland Promotion Board, Easter traditions in the northern European

nation feature a mixture of religious references with customs related to the arrival of spring. It's not unheard of for young Finnish children, particularly girls, to dress up as Easter witches the Sunday before Easter and go from door to door requesting treats in exchange for offerings designed to drive away evil spirits. The FPB notes that it's even common for children in western Finland to don their witch outfits and roam on Easter Sunday.

Fireworks in Florence
The folk tradition of Scoppio del Carro ("Explosion of the Cart") takes place in Florence, Italy. The Uffizi Gallery reports that this tradition can be traced to the First Crusade in 1099.

During the first Easter in Jerusalem, Crusaders gave the blessed fire to the people as a symbol of purification. That custom has endured in Florence, where each Easter Sunday morning around 10 a.m. a candle is lit in the church of Santi Apostoli. That same candle is then used to light an antique cart loaded with fireworks, marking the beginning of a display that lasts around 20 minutes.

The Carpets of Semana Santa
Carpets might not be the first thing most Easter celebrants think of when pondering the holi-

day, but that might be the case for anyone who's ever spent the holiday in Antigua, Guatemala. Guatemala's Semana Santa ("Easter Festival") features detailed carpets of colored sawdust adorning a Good Friday processional route. Preparation for the colorful and stunning display begins months in advance as the intricate carpets require ample time to produce.

Whips in the Czech Republic
Among the more unique Easter traditions takes place each Easter Monday in the Czech Republic. In adherence to



this tradition, known locally as pomlázka, boys and sometimes men, gather willow branches and braid them together into whips. The whips are then decorated with

ribbons before boys visit girls (or men visit women) who they know and lightly tap them with the whips. The tradition is believed to bring women luck, vitality and fertility.

Five terms to help improve financial literacy

(NAPSI) — Money can be a stressor for many — but you don't have to be among them. Creating a game plan and understanding five key terms can help improve your financial health:

Credit Score

A credit score is a three-digit number that represents your general creditworthiness, calculated based on your personal financial history. Lenders use this number to assess your ability to repay a loan, establish your credit line and to determine your interest rate. A good credit score can help you save money on loans, credit cards and insurance, and can also make it easier to rent an apartment, buy a car or purchase a home.

Credit Cards: General Purpose vs. Store Cards

Credit cards have become an indispensable part of financial life, with 82% of American adults — and nearly all people with incomes of \$100,000 or more — owning at least one credit card, according to 2022 data from the Federal Reserve. With the convenience, security and rewards that today's credit cards offer, many consumers now see the value in using multiple cards. Indeed, the average U.S. consumer has three to four credit cards, according to a 2021 report by Experian. But credit cards are not all the same. General-purpose credit cards work at most locations in the world where credit is accepted and often come with rewards, promotional financing or introductory offers. However, an individual who is new to credit cards might need to build a credit history before being approved for a general-purpose card.

Many people start building their credit score with a store credit card, which can be used only at one specific store, or a group of stores, such as a furniture or department store. These cards are often available to those who have a lower credit score, limited or no credit history and can offer the chance to build good credit in a relatively short time. Store cards traditionally have lower credit limits, given you can only use them with that specific retailer, which also helps you manage your credit

exposure. They may also offer low or no annual fees, which some traditional general-purpose credit cards charge, but sometimes higher annual percentage rates.

Synchrony is a premier consumer financial services company that has hundreds of thousands of partnerships with retailers offering store credit cards. "Our cards offer consumers financing with top brands to bring them more choices, flexibility and convenience," said Max Axler, Chief Credit Officer at Synchrony. "Store credit cards are a powerful option to take advantage of special offers, promotional financing and perks while shopping at your favorite retailers."

Interest Rates

A credit card's interest rate is the amount you will be charged on your unpaid credit card balance that is due. The interest rate is calculated as a percentage of the outstanding balance. For example, if you charge \$1,000 on a credit card that does not have any outstanding balance and pay it off before the monthly due date, you typically won't incur any interest charge. You'd simply pay \$1,000, and the balance would be satisfied. However, if you didn't pay it all off — or paid any amount that was less than the full \$1,000 — you would be charged interest based on your average daily balance.

Annual Percentage Rate (APR)

The yearly interest rate charged on your balance due is called the Annual Percentage Rate. You pay this interest rate on any balances not paid in full each month—in other words, if you don't pay your bill in full when it's due every month, the amount you do not pay is subject to interest. It's important to note that your credit card may have more than one APR: One rate for purchases, another for balance transfers and yet another for cash advances.

Understanding these terms can empower you to manage your finances in the best way to meet your needs and borrow responsibly, and properly managing your credit can lead to higher credit scores and more access to credit for your financial needs.

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Sports

Mean Moose drop two games in Pueblo

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

PUEBLO – The Alamosa High School baseball team played a unique doubleheader on Saturday with games against Brush and Eaton at the Runyon Sports Complex.

The Mean Moose lost a close decision to the Beetdiggers 4-3 and then lost to the Reds 12-1.

“Even though we didn’t come out with a win today, we played some of our best baseball this weekend,” said Alamosa coach Tony Kechter. “In practice we were working hard and it’s starting to come together. They’re starting to make some adjustments during game time.”

Brush 4, Alamosa 3

The first game against Brush took place at a newly refurbished Hobbs Field which has a new artificial infield surface.

The Beetdiggers struck for three runs in the top of the first inning. Landon Mesch singled with two out and he scored on Sawyer Albert’s double. Tanner Ludgate then drew a walk, and Ben Mettlen brought both runners home with

a single.

The Mean Moose came back with a run in the top of the second. Carlos Garcia singled, stole second and took third on a wild pitch. Jonah Pittman then singled to plate Garcia.

Alamosa tied the score in the sixth inning. Gus West reached on an error to lead off the inning and he went to second on a wild pitch. Garcia was hit by a pitch and both runners advanced on Pittman’s groundout. West scored as Tony Griego was safe on a fielder’s choice, and Garcia came home on Jaidyn Burciaga’s infield single.

Brush regained the lead in its half of the sixth. Ludgate led off with a single and he stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. He scored the go-ahead run on a balk.

The Mean Moose put a runner on base in the seventh but was left stranded.

“We got down and didn’t give up,” Kechter said. “We tied it up and they got an unfortunate run which I don’t really think was a balk. Our boys just



Alamosa High School's Jaidyn Burciaga throws out an Eaton batter in Saturday's game in Pueblo. The Mean Moose lost to the Reds 12-1 and they lost to Brush 4-3 earlier in the day.

Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

more runs in the fourth. Stone was safe on an error, and Garrison hit a two-run home run.

Liam Whalen singled and went to third on Dalpra’s double. Whalen scored as Everett Edinger reached on an error for an 11-0 lead.

The Mean Moose finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the fourth. Pittman drew a two-out walk, and Jo David broke up the no-hit bid with a triple to plate Pittman.

Eaton scored one more run in the top of the fifth. Chandler Stewart and Gunnar Garrison both singled, and Whalen singled home Stewart.

Kiko Ruybal started on the mound for the Mean Moose and was tagged with the loss. He gave up eight run and five hits and he struck out two and walked six. Pittman relieved Ruybal in the fourth and surrendered four runs and six hits with three strikeouts and no walks.

Stone pitched a one-hitter for Eaton. David went 1-2 with his hit being an RBI-triple to lead the Mean Moose.

What's next

Alamosa (0-6) will compete in the La Junta Invitational this weekend. The Mean Moose will first play Sterling at 10 a.m. on Friday.

“It’s a true tournament, so the only team we know we’re going to play is Sterling,” Kechter said. “It depends what we do after that.”

Brush 4, Alamosa 3

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 Brush 300 001 x-4 8 1
 Lujan (L) and Garcia. Albert, Mettlen (6, W) and Eicher.

Eaton 12, Alamosa 1

Eaton 620 31-12 11 0
 Alamosa 000 10- 1 1 3
 Stone (W) and Duncan, Whalen (5). Ruybal (L), Pittman (4) and David. HR - E: Ga. Garrison (4th inn., 1 on, no outs).

didn’t give up and they competed today.

Xavier Lujan went the distance on the mound, but was dealt the loss. He allowed four runs and eight hits and he had five strikeouts and two walks.

The Mean Moose had five hits and were led by West who went 2-4. Burciaga went 1-2, Garcia went 1-3, and Pittman went 1-3.

Eaton 12, Alamosa 1

The second game was played at Andenucio Field and the Mean Moose were the home team.

The Reds jumped out to the early lead by scoring six runs in the top of the first.

Kade Gentry and Gunnar Duncan both

walked to start the game and both runners came home on Lucas Stone’s double. Garrett Garrison also drew a walk, and Joey Blaskowski brought home both Stone and Garrison with a single and Eaton led 4-0.

Malaki Dalpra singled, and Zack Maske’s single plated Blaskowski. Dalpra then scored on a balk to wrap up the scoring for the first inning.

The Reds scored two more runs in the second. Stone received a base on balls, as did Garrison. Stone scored on Mitch Haythorn’s groundout, and Garrison came home on a balk and Eaton had an 8-0 advantage.

The Reds scored three



Courtesy photo

Right: Ortega Middle School's Daniel Martinez (right) won the state championship in the 125-pound division at the Colorado Middle School State championship Tournament last weekend at the National Western Complex in Denver. Left: Martinez's brother, Uriah (left), won the championship at 110 pounds last season, making the brothers back-to-back state champions. Also pictured in both photos is coach Rusty Johnson. Ortega finished second as a team.

Sports Bulletin

Mexico Highlands 15
College women's softball
 New Mexico Highlands 11, Adams State 10
 New Mexico Highlands 14, Adams State 8

SCHEDULE TUESDAY
Prep baseball
 Centauri at Walsenburg, 4 p.m.
 Center at Sanford, 4 p.m.
 Ignacio at Monte Vista, 4 p.m.
Prep girls soccer
 Alamosa at Durango, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY
Prep baseball
 Cotopaxi at Centennial, 4 p.m.
 Sargent at Sierra Grande, 4:30 p.m.
College men's lacrosse
 Adams State at Westminster (Utah), 7 p.m.
College women's softball
 Metropolitan State-Denver at Adams State (2), noon

FRIDAY
Prep baseball
 Alamosa vs. Sterling (La Junta Invitational), 10 a.m.
 Antonito at Dolores Huerta, 1 p.m.
Prep track and field
 Alamosa, Antonito, Center, Monte Vista, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sierra Grande

at Wayne Thomas Memorial Invitational (at Mosca), 9 a.m.
College women's softball
 Metropolitan State-Denver at Adams State (2), 11 a.m.
College outdoor track and field
 Adams State at Colorado State Pueblo Open, TBA
 Adams State at Stanford Invitational, TBA

SATURDAY
Prep baseball
 Del Norte at Ignacio (2), 11 a.m.
 Rocky Ford at Centauri, 11 a.m.
 Sargent at Monte Vista (2), 11 a.m.
 Sierra Grande at Cotopaxi (2), 1 p.m.
 Alamosa at La Junta Invitational, TBA
Prep girls soccer
 Trinidad at Del Norte, 11 a.m.
 Harrison at Alamosa, 1 p.m.
Prep track and field
 Centauri, Del Norte, Sargent at Pine River Invitational (at Bayfield), 9 a.m.
 Sangre de Cristo at Salida Invitational, 9 a.m.
College men's lacrosse
 Adams State at Colorado Mesa, noon
College outdoor track and field
 Adams State at Stanford Invitational, TBA

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SCOREBOARD FRIDAY

Prep baseball
 Centauri 17, Center 10
 Ellicott 26, Center 1
 Sanford 15, South Park 4, 5 inn.
 Sanford 27, South Park 3, 3 inn.

SATURDAY

Prep baseball
 Antonito 13, Questa (N.M.) 10
 Brush 4, Alamosa 3
 Calhan 19, Center 2
 Eaton 12, Alamosa 1
 Questa (N.M.) 11, Antonito 10
 Swink 12, Centauri 6
Prep girls soccer
 Ridgway 10, Del Norte 0
College baseball
 Adams State 14, New Mexico Highlands 1
 Adams State 12, New Mexico Highlands 5
College women's softball
 Adams State 10, New Mexico Highlands 7
 New Mexico Highlands 8, Adams State 5

SUNDAY

College baseball
 Adams State 21, New



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

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The work involved will include the following:
 Schedule I - Replace Runway Distance Remaining Signs, REILS, PAPES & BEACON

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

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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 Instructions to Bidders.

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.

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.

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Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Requirement. 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.

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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 subcontractors to ensure compliance with this requirement.

DBE 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 Bidder or Offeror must submit the following information on the forms provided herein within five days after bid opening.

- The names and addresses of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms that will participate in the contract;
- A description of the work that each DBE firm will perform;
- The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm listed under (1);
- Written statement from Bidder or Offeror that attests their commitment to use the DBE firm(s) listed under (1) to meet the Owner's project goal;
- Written confirmation from each listed DBE firm that it is participating in the contract in the kind and amount of work provided in the prime contractor's commitment; and
- 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 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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statutes, guidance, and FAA policies, which provide that Federal 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 Waivers Issued list.

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 Airport 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 construction materials, defined 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 polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables); glass (including optic glass); lumber; or drywall used in the project are manufactured in the U.S.

Per Executive Order 14005 "Made in America Laws" means all states, 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);
- has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for this project with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign 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.

- who is owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR; or
- whose subcontractors are owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country on such USTR list; or
- 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 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 reliance 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 Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.

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

Timetables
 Goals for minority participation for each trade: 19.0%
 Goals for female participation in each trade: 6.9%

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 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 60-4. 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 subcontract is to be performed.

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

Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Minimum Wage)

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate 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 part-time workers.

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 offeror 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 following Federal Provisions:

- Civil Rights - Title VI Assurances
- Lobbying Federal Employees
- Recovered Materials
- Other Federal Provisions included in Part A of the Special Provisions

Alamosa County
 Alamosa, Colorado

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Conejos County Board of Adjustments will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6:15 PM. The hearing will be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Rd 13, Conejos. The purpose of this hearing is to consider an application for a Variance to the County setback requirements. The applicants/landowners are Bob and Jody Peterson, 14235 County Road W, La Jara. The property is legally described as: a fraction of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 35 N, Range 9 E, NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. Parcel #572116300065. The full details of this application are available for public inspection in the Office of the Land Use Administrator at the Conejos County Courthouse during regular office hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Interested persons may appear to be heard at the public hearing. No. 3838. Published in the Valley Courier on March 12 & 26, 2024.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

COSTILLA COUNTY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
SAN LUIS, CO
GUADALUPE SANCHEZ DITCH PROJECT
 General Notice
 Costilla County Conservancy District (District) in conjunction with the landowner, ditch, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project. These bids will be reviewed and approved by the District as a special district and the financial agent for the project. Guadalupe Sanchez Ditch Project
 Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Costilla County Conservancy District located at 324 Main Street, PO Box 42, San Luis, Colorado 81152 until 12:00 p.m. of April 2024 at 4:00 PM local time. On April 17, 2024, at noon the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project includes the following Work:
 Construction of the Guadalupe Sanchez Ditch Works of Improvement The District anticipates that the Project's total bid price will be approximately \$300,000. The Project has an expected duration of approximately 6 months with a goal deadline of completion of October, 2024. Obtaining the Bidding Documents
 For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Costilla County Conservancy District Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.
 Costilla County Conservancy District
 324 Main Street, San Luis, CO 81154
 Pre-bid Conference
 A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 1pm at Costilla County Conservancy District, 324 Main Street, San Luis CO 81152. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. This Advertisement is issued by:
 Owner: Costilla County Conservancy District
 By: Ronda Lobato as Secretary of the Board of Directors
 No. 3848.
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 26, 27, 29, 30, April 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, & 13, 2024.

Resolution to Declare a Vacancy

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of South Conejos School District accepts the resignation of Ricardo Romero from the Board of Education at the regular School Board meeting effective March 12, 2024, and Be it further resolved that, in accordance with state law, the Board declares a vacancy in this school director's office that will be filled by appointment by the Board within 60 days in accordance with the following procedure:
 1. Interested persons are invited to send a letter to the Board with a statement of interest and qualifications by April 15, 2024. Letters can be submitted to vlopez@southconejos.com.
 2. The Board will interview prospective candidates on April 16, 2024, at work session.
 3. To be eligible for appointment, a candidate must be a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months and a resident of the district.
 4. The appointee will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.
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District Court, Alamosa County, Colorado

Court Address: 8955 Way Independence, Alamosa, CO 81101
 In the Matter of the Estate of:
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 Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):
 Brenda S. Getz, P.C., Atty Reg. #26056
 PO Box 294
 Walsenburg, CO 81089
 Phone Number: (719) 798-6304
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 NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-101, C.R.S.
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Rosalie Ann Grey, Deceased
 Case Number: 2023 PR 30051
 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Alamosa County, Colorado on or before July 26, 2024, or the claims may be forever barred.
 Richard Grey
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 Alamosa, CO 81101
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ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is hiring a DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS for our EXTENDED STUDIES PROGRAM. This is a twelve-month exempt, at-will, full-time position with the primary responsibility of managing the enrollment, development and delivery of PreK-12 professional development, concurrent enrollment opportunities for high school students, professional development for private sector and other special projects as assigned. This individual will work collaboratively with Extended Studies staff, ASU staff, external stakeholders/clients, and staff of other educational institutions to support the delivery of quality off-campus programs. The position will provide high levels of customer care and relevant, timely and innovative solutions to students and stakeholders. Travel is required and the position will represent Adams State University at various meetings, conferences, and workshops. (4/3/24)

HELP WANTED: SOMEONE TO CLEAN THE TOWN HALL OFFICE. MUSEUM HELP: Must be 16 yrs of age or older for museum, must have some knowledge of Jack Dempsey history. Also, CHIEF OF POLICE & POLICE OFFICER. Please pick up application at the Town Hall office during business hours. (4/8/24)

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Center Consolidated School District is seeking proposals for an 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/rfp-integratedproject>
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221 - HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

Classifieds

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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

VENDOLA PLUMBING & HEATING is accepting applications for full time HVAC SERVICE TECHS. Please apply at 185 1/2 Broadway, ALAMOSA or send resumes to rhonda@vendola.com. (3/26/24)

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

221 - HELP WANTED

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking a SECONDARY 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)

1/2 TIME TIGER CONNECTION COACH (attendance & family connection) needed at DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. This will be a 2-year part time classified position paid for with the Stronger Connections Grant. For more information please contact Principal Amy Duda at 719-657-4050 or aduda@urtigers.co. Applications may be picked up at the District Office or online at: [urtigers.co](https://www.urtigers.co). (4/17/24)

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

GUNBARREL STATION 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 application. (3/27/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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

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

221 - HELP WANTED

HOSPICE DEL VALLE is currently seeking a REGISTERED NURSE PRN or part time with a possibility 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, CO 81101 or 719-589-9019. (4/17/24)

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education is seeking applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year. ELEMENTARY READING INTERVENTIONIST: Full-time position, starting salary Step 0 \$35,845.00, placement on the salary schedule will be based on years of experience up to 10 years. Benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, optional \$1,200 a year toward an HSA, and life insurance coverage. 4-day week, professional learning opportunities, free admission to all home athletic events, mentor program for new teachers, staff wellness room, discount rates to Monte Vista Athletic Club, Sand Dunes Swimming 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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221 - HELP WANTED

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 family medical insurance coverage Negotiable. The Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for the general management of the schools of the district under the requirements of the state and the policies of the Board. The superintendent is responsible for guiding the development of the educational objectives and programs of the school district to fulfill the educational needs of all students. The 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 superintendent shall extend to all activities of the district, to all phases of the educational program and to all parts of the physical plant. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Professional Administrator License or Master of Arts degree in School Administration. More information concerning job requirements, 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. Salary: \$40-42K DOE / full benefit package. Requirements: initiative, good people skills, references. Training and support provided. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Send cover letter, resume/request job description to Emily: hr@lapuente.net, 719 589-5909, ext238. www.lapuente.net (3/29/24)

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER needed for the 2024-2025 school year. Lead Teacher qualification preferred. Assistant Director qualified is a bonus. Please pick up an application at TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL, 52 El Rio Drive, ALAMOSA, CO. (3/27/24)

SLV FEDERAL BANK is now accepting applications for **MORTGAGE 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)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT 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 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 CONSOLIDATED 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.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)

CENTER CONSOLIDATED 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 the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (4/5/24)

CENTER CONSOLIDATED 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/employmentopportunities> or contact the District Office at (719)754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (4/5/24)

MACKAY CONSTRUCTION CO., LLC is looking for a **WELDER/FABRICATOR** 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 EDUCATION AND GARDEN MANAGER. VEGI (Valley Education Gardens Initiative) teaches both youth and adults the craft of gardening with the goal of enhancing participants' understanding of health and nutrition. VEGI is seeking a motivated garden enthusiast to manage the program's garden operations, coordinate garden/nutrition education efforts in partnership with local school districts, supervise staff and volunteers, and oversee special events. We're looking for someone with knowledge and enthusiasm about gardening, experience working with children, and strong communication and organizational skills. This person will have opportunities to work with their hands both in the dirt and in an office space. Initiative essential; training and support provided. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Salary \$44k-47k DOE, full benefit package. Send cover letter, resume/request job description to Emily: hr@lapuente.net, 719 589-5909, ext238. www.lapuente.net(4/3/24)

DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (3/26/24)

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BOE OF CENTER SCHOOLS is now accepting applications for an **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TO SUPERINTENDENT.** 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 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. (3/30/24)

ELEMENTARY BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONIST / SCHOOL ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR / RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION COORDINATOR 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 Teaching 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 ELEMENTARY 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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345 - WOOD

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ACROSS

- 1 "Serves — right!"
- 4 Have a late meal
- 7 Havana's land
- 11 Web address
- 12 Sub — (in secret)
- 13 Dye plant
- 14 Chess pieces
- 15 "— first you don't succeed ..."
- 16 Pickle flavoring
- 17 Actress — Bynes
- 19 Actor — Keitel
- 21 Monster
- 23 Shelter
- 24 Crinkled fabric
- 27 Jewel
- 29 One curl or squat
- 32 Enticement
- 33 Paid players
- 34 — soda

35 Org. for lawyers

- 36 Demeanor
- 37 Kismet
- 38 Get spiced
- 39 — and outs
- 40 Light wood for rafts
- 41 Charged particle
- 43 Read
- 45 Maneuver
- 48 Surround completely
- 52 Beehive State
- 53 Mountain in Greece
- 55 Jalopy
- 56 Observe
- 57 Make airtight
- 58 Fib
- 59 Mimicking one
- 60 Road surface
- 61 "Wherefore — thou Romeo?"

DOWN

- 1 Arizona city
- 2 Town near Provo

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 3 Arm bone
- 4 Until now (2 wds.)
- 5 "Born in the —"
- 6 Way
- 7 Core group
- 8 Worldwide
- 9 Bitterness
- 10 Federate
- 12 Raised line
- 18 Slangy denial
- 20 Gifts for the needy
- 22 Exit
- 24 Lobster part
- 25 Hayseed
- 26 Wipe out
- 28 Long time
- 30 Diner sign
- 31 Entreaty
- 33 Brooch
- 36 Skirt length
- 37 Tooth
- 40 Common-place
- 42 "On the — hand ..."
- 44 Actor — Romero
- 45 Bluefin
- 46 On
- 47 Dollar value
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- 51 Worry
- 54 Salty expanse

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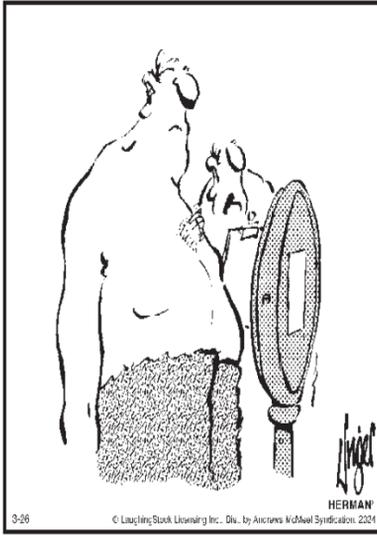
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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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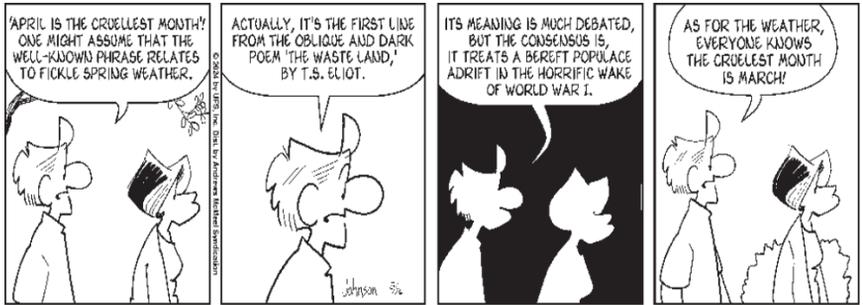


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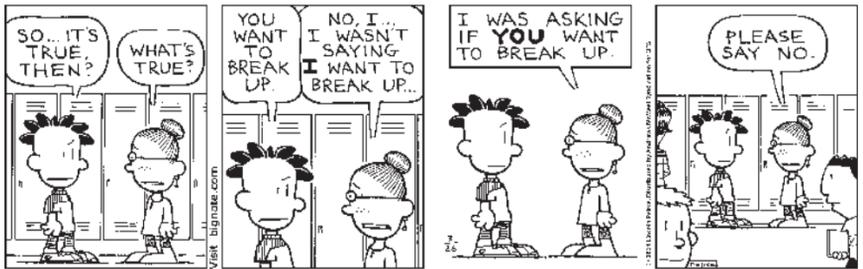
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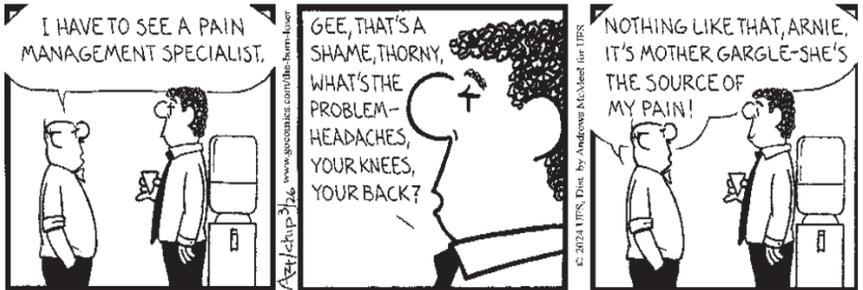
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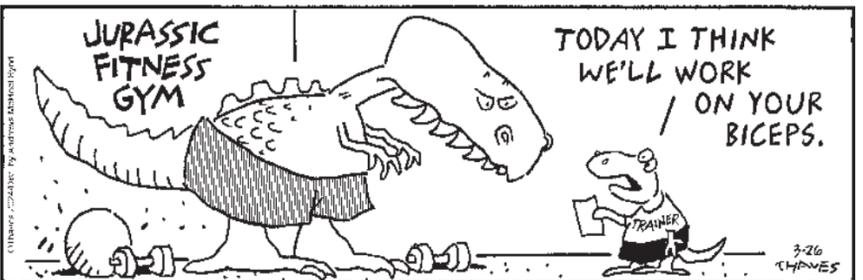
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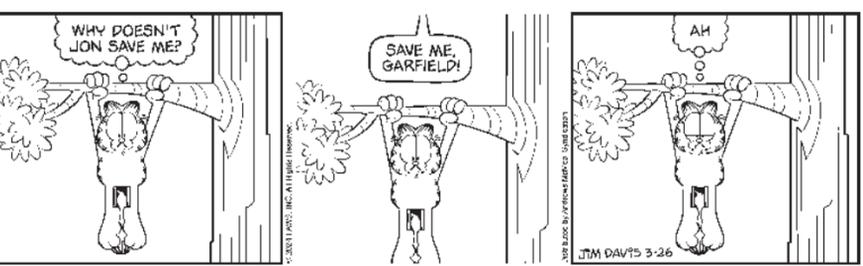
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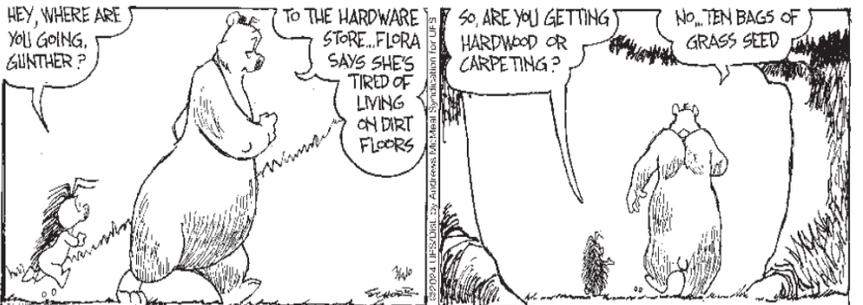
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Parent has chosen to keep relatives at arm's length

DEAR ABBY: I grew up in a big lower-class family in which there has always been drama, fights, gossip, etc. I made a vow to myself that when I had my own family, I would raise them better. I keep myself and my children distanced from all of that. Am I wrong for keeping them away from my family? I don't like drama or problems. Sometimes I miss my family, but after a while, I get overwhelmed. -- SEPARATE IN CHICAGO

widowed or have kids. I just discovered a new dating website for single, never married people. I'm not sure if I should join it, but having a website designed for people like me is a great idea. I have read that 25% of all Americans have never been married. Pew Research just reported a brand-new poll and millions of Americans have never been married, so I am not losing hope. Should I join? -- CONTEMP-PLATING IN FLORIDA

DEAR CONTEMP-PLATING: By all means, explore that new dating site. When you do, expect to meet women who are considerably younger than you. Remember, however, that once you connect, you will have to take all of the precautions that people on other sites do to ensure that you do not get misled. Dating, regardless of how you meet someone, can be risky. I wish you luck.

DEAR ABBY: I have a neighbor who lives across the street. She's in her late 70s. We've been friendly until recently, when she came to visit with me for coffee. We talked about many different things that day. She had brought me a present and homemade cookies, which was nice.

When I mentioned something that apparently she didn't like or believe, she stood up, announced



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

that she didn't come over to feel "uncomfortable" and left in a huff! I emailed her and sent a handwritten apology, but she hasn't spoken to me since. What should I do with her unopened gift and cookies? I don't feel comfortable accepting them. -- DAZED AND CONFUSED

DEAR D & C: How sad that your neighbor wasn't able to tell you what it was you said that made her so uncomfortable she felt she had to end the relationship. (Perhaps you could have straightened it out at the time.) However, her decision seems to have been made, and you will have to accept it. Because you now feel uncomfortable accepting them, return her gift and the cookies.