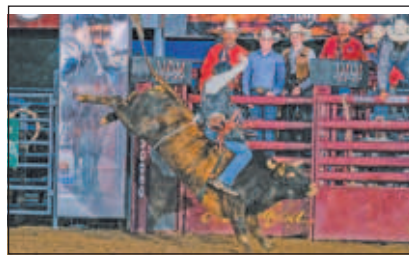




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Alamosa commissioners meeting

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners will meet Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at 8900 Independence Way for a regular meeting. The Alamosa County 2024 Budget will be discussed by Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc. Ari Devora, Admin Coordinator at the Hope in the Valley recovery center will make a presentation, and Beverly Strnad will give a Public Health Department Update. Other county business will also be discussed.

Saguache flea market

SAGUACHE — The Saguache Community Flea Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Saguache Public Library, 702 Pitkin Ave., Saguache. There will be a townwide cookout and party, a jump house for the kids, and poetry reading.

CORRECTION

In the June 19, 2024 edition of the *Valley Courier*, it was reported that two staff members at the Children's Garden Early Learning Center charged with child abuse were put on leave. According to Veronica Vasquez, Assistant Director, the staff members have been terminated from employment.

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14-hour search for shooting suspect ends with citizen tip



Henry Corral

Left: Firefighter extinguishes the Chevrolet Avalanche Corral reportedly set on fire.

Courtesy photo

Henry Corral, accused of fatally shooting one, injuring two

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — The 14-hour search for Henry Corral, wanted for the alleged fatal shooting of one man and critical injuring of two others, concluded on Sunday evening when

Corral was taken into custody at 6:45 p.m. by law enforcement.

According to a statement from the City of Alamosa, "an alert citizen," contacted law enforcement saying they had seen someone who matched Corral's description, leading to his capture and arrest.

Corral is facing charges of suspicion of murder in the first degree, two counts of criminal attempt first degree murder, tampering with

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Alamosa Round-UP presents colors



The American flag is presented during the annual Alamosa Round-UP on Saturday in Alamosa. For more on the rodeo, see Page 6.

Photo by Tanya Hamner

TSU Dean Wiley elected to N.M. Agriculture Teacher Hall of Fame

CONTRIBUTED
LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Trinidad State Dean of Instruction Jack Wiley was recently elected to the 2024 New Mexico Agriculture Teacher Hall of Fame. Wiley taught agriculture and Future Farmers of America from 1972-1975 at Moriarty New Mexico and Logan, N.M., from 1986-1989. He then accepted an admin-

istrative role in Clayton schools where he served for the next 25 years first as a principal and his last 15 years as Superintendent of Schools. Never one to "retire," Wiley soon accepted a position at Trinidad State College in Alamosa.

The Agriculture Teachers Association of New Mexico Hall of Fame exists to recognize and

honor agricultural science teachers whose careers, achievements, and contributions stand exemplary. Inductees are known as well-rounded professionals that have proven their success with Future Farmers of America (FFA) activities, in the classroom, and community involvement. They have proven their desire to provide students

with opportunities for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success over a significant period.

Wiley is immensely proud of his profession as an agriculture educator and of the humble beginnings in a small rural town in northern New Mexico. Wiley is an outstanding teacher, leader, ■ See WILEY page 3



Jack Wiley

Ruth Ann Christy and Family: Retrospective and Prospective at The Range

CONTRIBUTED
SAGUACHE — The Range in Saguache will have an opening reception for the exhibition "Ruth Ann Christy and Family: Retrospective and Prospective" from 4 to 6 p.m. on June 28.

This show will feature three generations of artists, including Ruth Ann's daughters-in-law Jaclyn Christy and Laura Christy Mezoff, and her granddaughters Eva Christy and Zoe Christy. It includes paintings in ink, watercol-

or, acrylic, and oil, alongside baskets, floral arrangements, and food made by the artists.

Christy has lived in the San Luis Valley near La Garita since 1968, with her husband Jim Christy. Her artwork is often inspired by forms in nature and her experiences over the years of the places she holds dear.

Jaclyn Christy lives in La Madera, N.M., with her husband Olin Christy, and is a writer and gardener with passions for the healing arts and adobe restora-

tion.

Laura Christy Mezoff lives in Monte Vista with her husband Luke Christy and their daughters Eva and Zoe. She is a renewable energy entrepreneur and is exploring textiles and basket making.

Eva and Zoe are students with a love of drawings and ■ See CHRISTY page 3

The artwork of Ruth Ann Christy will have an opening reception on June 28 at The Range in Saguache.

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Erica Martinez



Alamosa resident Erica Ann Martinez, 41, passed unexpectedly on June 2, 2024. Erica was welcomed into the world on April 26, 1983, the beloved daughter of Laurie Martinez Duarte.

Erica was a ray of sunlight and brought love and joy to all who knew her. Erica was blessed with four children. She enjoyed painting, drawing, and doing many different crafts. Erica also enjoyed listing to music, building 3D Puzzles, and the time she spent doing makeup and hair.

Her greatest joy was the time she spent with her children, grandchildren and her family. Her beautiful smile and her compassionate, loving nature will be forever cherished and missed by all who knew her. She was so dearly loved and is already sorely missed.

She will live on through her children, Delilah Gal-

legos, Summiyah Shabazz, Joaquin Gallegos, stepson Ashton Salazar; six grandchildren, Elias, Cidelia, Jesse, Kamilia, Liliana and Quincy; her mother, Laurie Duarte; sister, Brianna (Javier) Carmona; brothers, Lionel (LeeAnn) Burciaga, and Angel Nieto; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Erica was preceded in death by her grandfather Jose Martinez.

Cremation was chosen and services will be held 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.

Jeffrey was welcomed into the world on Dec. 18, 1971, the son of Juan Segura and Rose (Barela) Segura.

After he graduated high school, Jeffrey went on to work doing various jobs in the community. His most recent work led him to work with lots of community members at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center. He loved meeting new people and making friends anywhere he could.

He was very outgoing and will forever be remembered for his kind, caring nature. In his free time, Jeff loved to go fishing and ride his Harley Davidson. He was an animal lover and he especially loved dogs. He was the most amazing father his three children could ask for. Anytime he had free

Jeffrey Juan Segura



(Sarah) Segura of Alamosa, Colo.; nieces and nephews Nathan Jr., Jesse Jr., Ashley, Zoey, Isabella, Shania and Jenna, sister-in-law Maisie Baca of Valencia, NM. He is also survived by numerous extended family members and friends.

A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Garcia. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at the same church on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 12 p.m. Cremation will follow, and burial will be held at a later date, but a reception will follow church services at Costilla Parish Hall.

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

time to spend with them, he took advantage of that. They were his world.

Jeffrey was preceded in death by both his maternal and paternal sets of grandparents, brother Nathan Segura as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

All of what we loved about Jeffrey will continue to live on through his parents Juan and Rose Segura of Garcia, Colo.; daughters Celina Segura, Maria Segura, son Moises Segura, grandchildren Miguel Segura and Lilly Segura, sister Teresa (Jesse) Maestas of Alamosa, Colo.; brother Josh



Photo by credit Renee Cornue Studio

Stillhouse Junkies will kick off the Alamosa Live Music Association's Sundays at Six on June 30 with a concert at Cole Park in Alamosa.

Stillhouse Junkies to perform in Cole Park on June 30

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Live Music Association is again providing free live music in Cole Park all summer long, with its Sundays at Six concert series. Sundays at Six 2024 will kick off on June 30 with Stillhouse Junkies, who will enliven the park with their rousing bluegrass tunes.

Check them out at <https://stillhousejunkies.com/>, then head on over to Cole Park at 6 p.m. and enjoy some quality live music right here in Alamosa. Grab your dinner and dessert from Tacos Martinez and Frosty Acres Rolled Ice Cream, whose food trucks will be on site selling their delicious offerings at each concert this summer.

And please bring a non-perishable item for the food drive to benefit the Alamosa Food Pantry. Can't make it to the concert? Catch the show livestreaming on ALMA's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/almalivemusic>.

Note that in case of rain, the concert will be held indoors, to Leon Memorial Hall, at 201 Richardson Ave., at Adams State University.

A crowd-thrilling trio from the hills of Colorado, Stillhouse Junkies share the kind of strangely charmed chemistry that elevates both artist and audience alike. Since forming in 2017, the Durango-bred band has offered up a hypnotic and high-energy form of roots music anchored in the free-flowing interplay among the three lifelong musicians (Fred Kosak on guitar and mandolin, Cody Tinnin on upright bass, Alissa Wolf on fiddle).

While they've gained major traction in the bluegrass world in recent years — including winning the

IBMA Momentum Band of the Year award in 2021 — Stillhouse Junkies ultimately inhabit a genre-blurring and subtly inventive sound informed by everything from blues to classical to Texas swing. When matched with their nuanced songcraft and soul-stirring harmonies, the result is a one-of-a-kind musical experience that immediately transports the listener into a more enchanted state of mind.

With their fourth album due out in 2024, Stillhouse Junkies have now achieved such triumphs as touring in the UK and Europe and taking the stage at leading festivals like MerleFest and Grey Fox. Whether they're performing at house concerts or playing to crowds of thousands, the band balances the dizzying intricacy of their musicality with plenty of freewheeling improvisation. "We make sure to leave a lot of wide-open spaces for group improv at our shows," says Tinnin. "We're not that interested in playing it safe; the goal is always to connect and play off each other as best we can."

Continuing this summer: ALMA is again partnering with RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteers Program) of Alamosa County and the Food Bank Network of San Luis Valley by having a food drive at each Sundays at Six concert this summer, to benefit the Alamosa Food Pantry. All are invited to contribute a non-perishable item or two for this food drive. Look for the receptacles under the ALMA tent at each concert. Some ideas of much-needed items include canned meat (tuna and chicken), peanut butter and other nut butters, low-sodium canned veggies and beans, healthy

snacks (low-sugar granola bars, dried fruit, etc.), gluten free items, healthy canned or boxed meals (chili, etc.), shelf-stable milk and milk alternatives. Help us address food insecurity in Alamosa County.

Sundays at Six 2024 is generously sponsored by: Alamosa Building Supply, Alamosa Home, Alamosa State Bank, Bank Shot Sports Bar, Blanca Peak Dental Center, City of Alamosa, Colorado Trust, Comfort Inn & Suites of Alamosa, Community Banks of Colorado, Crestone Eagle, First Southwest Bank, Kenneth King Foundation, KRZA, Laura Jane Mussler Foundation, North River Greenhouse, RG Bank, SLV Federal Bank, SLV Health, SLV REC/Ciello, Sports Print Plus, Stefens Quality Plumbing & Heating, Valley Courier, Valley-Wide Health Systems, Visit Alamosa, Wall, Smith, Bateman, Xcel Energy Foundation.

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Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Alamosa Fire Chief Bill Stone checks radio traffic as AFD firefighters battle a blaze on Monday that destroyed a manufactured home on Alamosa's west side, killing three family dogs.

Three dogs lost in fire

STAFF REPORT ALAMOSA — A manufactured home in the Town and Country Mobile Home Park on the west edge of town was a total loss Monday morning, taking three family dogs with it.

Devan Haynie, deputy chief with the Alamosa

Fire Department (AFD), said the three human occupants of the home at the time of the fire were treated on scene by Alamosa EMS for smoke inhalation but were then released. No firefighters were injured.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation,

Haynie said.

AFD responded with three trucks and 12 personnel with assistance from Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control with one truck and five personnel. Firefighters were on scene for about two hours.

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Bennet, Kaine reintroduce Medicare-X Choice Act to achieve Universal Health Care

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WASHINGTON, D.C.
 — U.S. Senators Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and Tim Kaine (D-Va.) announced earlier this week the re-introduction of their legislation, the Medicare-X Choice Act, which would create a public option by expanding on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicare. The Medicare Exchange (Medicare-X) plan would offer families, individuals, and small businesses affordable health insurance, decrease the number of uninsured Americans, control the cost of health care, and increase competition in the health insurance market.

making coverage more affordable and accessible. “Our health care system repeatedly falls short of giving working Americans the care they need, especially in rural communities,” said Bennet. “Medicare-X is the best way to cover everyone regardless of where they live, reduce health costs, and improve the quality of available health insurance. We have a responsibility to create the best health care system possible and achieve universal coverage in our country. We can do that through Medicare-X.”

“Everywhere I go in Virginia, I hear about how essential access to quality and affordable care is to the health and well-being of our communities. While landmark legisla-

tion like the Affordable Care Act helped us make major strides in helping Virginians get covered, there’s still work to do,” said Kaine. “This legislation will help more Virginians, including those living in rural communities, get the care they need at a price they can afford.”

The ACA expanded health insurance coverage to an additional 20 million Americans, established critical protections for patients with pre-existing conditions, and standardized essential health benefits for all qualified health plans. However, many Americans still face high health care costs and limited options for affordable health insurance.

The bill would work within the Medicare

framework to establish a Medicare Exchange public option plan in every county in America for individuals and small businesses, providing an additional, affordable option in all communities. It would also build on the ACA and permanently expand premium and cost-sharing support to make all exchange options even more affordable.

Under Medicare-X, the public option would initially be available on the individual exchange in areas where there is a shortage of insurers or higher health care costs due to less competition — including rural communities in Colorado and Virginia. By 2029, the Medicare Exchange plan would expand to every ZIP code in

the country and be added as another option on the Small Business Health Options Program Marketplace.

Medicare-X would expand Medicare’s network of doctors and providers and guarantee the essential health benefits established in the ACA, such as maternity care and mental health services. Medicare Exchange plans would expand benefits and provide all primary care services without cost-sharing requirements for plan holders.

Additionally, it would ensure access to affordable prescription drugs by empowering the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate drug prices for Medicare Exchange plans.

Finally, Medicare-X would create \$10.9 billion in savings for households due to lower premiums and overall health care costs, \$43.1 billion in savings in small-group markets due to lower overall health spending, and \$20.3 billion in savings for the federal government due to lower premium tax credits as a result of lower provider payment rates and prescription drug price negotiation.

The legislation includes several policies to make coverage affordable for more Americans:

- To better support rural hospitals and providers and increase access to health care for Americans living in rural communities, the proposal would allow for payment adjustments of up to 150% of Medicare fee-for-service rates.
- On top of the essential

health benefits required for qualified health plans under the ACA, Medicare Exchange plans would expand on those benefits and provide primary care services with no cost-sharing for plan holders.

- The bill makes permanent increased tax premium subsidies for Americans living below 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This proposal permanently expands eligibility for the ACA’s premium tax credit to families above 400% of the FPL.
- This proposal codifies the fix to a glitch in the ACA that prevented family members of people who are insured through the health care exchange from receiving a tax credit.
- This legislation would direct the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to study the effect of covering services such as long-term services and support; home- and community-based services; assistive and enabling technologies; and vision, hearing, and dental services. The study would examine the effects on benefits and the costs to beneficiaries. It would also review the implications in the health market and provide recommendations to Congress on potential inclusion of these benefits under Medicare plans.
- This plan would help drive down costs across the entire health care industry by providing additional resources to the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission to take appropriate antitrust enforcement actions and address the root causes of consolidation in the health care market.

Saguache County resident receives Colorado Book Award



SAGUACHE COUNTY — Long-time Baca Grande resident Peter Anderson accepted one of the 33rd annual Colorado Book Awards presented by the Colorado Humanities Center for the Book on June 21. Anderson received the award for his anthology, ‘Reading Colorado: A Literary Road Guide.’
 Photo by Kevin Simpson, The Colorado Sun

Wiley

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coach, advisor to a multitude of state and national award and degree winners, a member of statewide agriculture advisory committees, speaking to the New Mexico state legislature, serving the New Mexico Activities Association as its president, or serving on various committees, agriculture has been a major focus for Wiley. He has received the Honorary State FFA Degree, Honorary American FFA degree, and the Distinguished Service Award from the New Mexico FFA.

Early in his career, Wiley’s passion as an Agriculture Education instructor became clear when he, along with a group of seasoned Agriculture Education Instructors from across New Mexico, successfully fought to have the State FFA Vocational Agriculture office moved from Santa Fe to its current home at New Mexico State University. His passion and love for agriculture connection continue even today with

his family’s sponsorship of two scholarships for aspiring agriculture students.

Wiley continued to coach judging teams, judged FFA contests, listened to speeches, evaluated proficiency awards packages, and served as a national FFA judge, where he continues to serve today.

His current position is at Trinidad State College in Alamosa, where he serves as a Dean of Instruction and agriculture professor.

on display through July 28. During the show, The Range is open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ring the bell or call 646-734-1373 to visit outside of these hours.

The exhibition is funded by support from a Saguache County Sales Tax Grant and will result in a publication.

Christy

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animals.

Ruth Ann Christy and Family: Retrospective and Prospective is a special opportunity to celebrate the Christy family’s interwoven creativity. The Range is at 307 4th St., Saguache. The exhibition will be

Whether serving as a judge or public speaking

Suspect

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physical evidence, possession of a weapon by a previous offender and criminal attempt of aggravated robbery.

What caused the altercation between the four men, or the nature of their association is still under investigation. Joe Dzuris, Alamosa County coroner, has identified the man who died of his wounds as Aurelio Piña, 61. Piña was transported to a local emergency room where, Dzuris says, he was pronounced deceased.

The identities of the two other men have not been released, but the Alamosa Police Department confirms that both sustained critical injuries and were transported to the Front Range where they continue to be in serious to critical condition.

Shortly after 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, officers were dispatched to the Sunset Inn, 1310 W. 8th St., on a report of shots fired. When they arrived on scene, they found three victims who had been shot, one of whom died of his wounds.

Corral fled the scene in a Chevrolet Avalanche, heading south-southwest

out of Alamosa to the area of County Road 106 and the 12 South where he crashed the vehicle. Officials state Corral then set the Avalanche on fire and attempted, unsuccessfully, to carjack another vehicle before fleeing on foot — barefoot, it appears, as his shoes were found at the scene of the burning vehicle.

Law enforcement officers from APD and the Alamosa County Sheriff’s Office were immediately on the scene with authorities focused on the area around CR 106 and the 12 South, which is largely undeveloped and sparsely populated with ranches, outbuildings and significant space in between. Multiple calls went out for assistance from other agencies.

Residents of Alamosa County became aware of the situation at 4:50 a.m. when a “Reverse911” call advised people to stay inside and lock their doors.

Beginning in the early morning and throughout the day, law enforcement did a laborious house-by-house search throughout the area, “primarily for the safety of the residents,” APD Police Chief George Dingfelder said at the time, “with the priority to get Corral into cus-

tody as soon as possible.”

There were also aircraft with thermal imaging capabilities, he said, and the Chaffee County SWAT with drones also equipped with it.

Mid-afternoon on Sunday, when the Valley Courier reached out to Dingfelder for an update, he said the search area had been expanded from 10 South to 15 South and further west into Rio Grande and Conejos counties, not because of any information but “given how long it’s been, that’s how far he could have traveled.”

Dingfelder also said that the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force and agents with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, described as “the best of the best,” had arrived on the scene.

And then, at 6:20 p.m., law enforcement got a break when a citizen reported seeing someone who matched Corral’s description north of CR 10S and east of CR 106, outside of the area where law enforcement was searching.

“A lengthy foot pursuit with law enforcement officers from APD SWAT, Alamosa County Sheriff’s Office, Adams State University Police, US Mar-



The parking lot of the Sunset Inn was back to normal by Sunday afternoon with no sign of that morning’s events.

shals and CBI Fugitive Task Force officers led to Corral being taken into custody without further incident.”

Corral was transported to San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center for injuries resulting from the crash of the Chevrolet Avalanche and then transferred to a Front Range hospital for treatment. APD officers accompanied Corral to the hospital and upon his release, transported him to the Alamosa County Detention Center.

Corral is known to local law enforcement, as confirmed by ACSO Division Chief Ken Anderson who said Corral was arrested for domestic violence on Trinchera Road just two weeks before.

Dingfelder also described Corral as having an “extensive criminal history across the state of Colorado,” but provided no details.

“The capture of Corral,” Dingfelder said in a statement, “involved the majority of agencies from across the San Luis Valley, including Alamosa Police Department, Alamosa Fire Department, Monte Vista Police Department, Adams State Police Department, Alamosa County Sheriff, Conejos County Sheriff, Chaffee County Sheriff SWAT, Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Bureau of Investigation Fugitive Task Force, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control,

BLM Rangers, US Forest Service Rangers, and the US Marshals. At the height of the manhunt, over 80 officers from these agencies were going door to door looking for Corral and searching by ground and air.”

Dingfelder thanked the community for its support, including “Woody’s Q Shack for drinks and water, SLV Health and Alamosa County Commissioners for food, and Alamosa County Sheriff 10-78 and SLV RETAC for breakfast and lunch for all the first responders who were investigating this horrific crime and searching for the suspect”

As of Monday afternoon, Corral was not yet scheduled for arraignment.

Courier photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Lifestyles

USDA Forest Service seeks public comment on draft guidance for old growth management on national forests

CONTRIBUTED
WASHINGTON D.C.
 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service is taking the next step to advance President Biden's commitment to conserve old growth forests by publishing a draft environmental impact statement for the proposed national old growth forest plan amendment. The proposed amendment will be available tomorrow in the Federal Register, and will be open for public comment for 90 days following publication.

The purpose of this amendment is to provide consistent guidance for the stewardship, conservation, and recruitment of old growth across national forests. The proposed amendment highlights the importance of proactive stewardship actions in managing threats to old growth forests, and to reduce wildfire risk, considering current and emerging climate-driven threats. It also calls for adaptive management strategies to be developed using local, geographically relevant information and the best available science, including Indigenous Knowledge.

Recent scientific analysis shows us that many old-growth forests are under significant threat from climate change," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The Forest Service's plan will help safeguard these iconic stands of trees through science-based management and conservation strategies that can be adapted to unique local circumstances on national forests. USDA is looking forward to receiving feedback on today's draft proposal from Tribal, state and local governments, industry partners, conservation organizations, and many others; all of whom will be critical partners in the forest management and conservation actions needed to ensure the maintenance and growth of old-growth forests into the future."

"Under President Biden's leadership, we are taking action to ensure that millions of acres of old growth forests across the nation are conserved, resilient, and abundant for future generations," said White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Brenda Mallory. "With our nation's forests absorbing more than 10% of our annual greenhouse gas emissions, protecting and

expanding old growth is critical to delivering on the Biden-Harris Administration's climate and conservation priorities."

"Our old growth forests breathe in carbon pollution, cleaning up the air, and filter our water, cleaning up rivers and streams. These forests are an essential partner in tackling climate change. President Biden's historic leadership on climate — including his executive order on safeguarding our forest system — leans into that partnership and potential by advancing climate-smart forestry and investing in forest restoration," said Assistant to President Biden and National Climate Advisor Ali Zaidi. "Today's action will help better inform the stewardship of the national forest system and strengthen our work to deploy nature-based solutions that improve the resilience of lands, waters, wildlife, and communities."

"Old growth forests are important to our ecosystems by capturing carbon, and contributing to clean air, soil, water and diverse habitats," said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. "Old forests also provide other benefits like subsistence and cultural uses, outdoor recreational opportunities and sustainable local economic development. The proposed old growth amendment will provide guidance that can be adapted locally to support multiple uses, including proactive stewardship of old forests to reduce wildfire risk and create long-term resilience in a changing climate."

At President Biden's direction, the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) completed the first-ever nationwide inventory of old and mature forests, and developed definitions for more than 200 forest types in the United States. This initial inventory report showed that the BLM and Forest Service manage approximately 32 million acres of old growth and 80 million acres of mature forests on federally managed lands, for a total of 112 million acres. Old-growth forests represent 18% and mature forest another 45% of all forested land managed by the two agencies.

The Forest Service also recently finalized The Mature and Old Growth Threat Analysis, which

identifies threats to mature and old growth forests on Forest Service and BLM lands. The report informed the Forest Service's proposed national amendment and highlights the urgent need for action, suggesting current management is not responsive enough to address disturbances driven by climate change such as wildfire, insects and disease.

The Forest Service evaluated Tribal and public input from the initial scoping period, which closed February 2, 2024. Extensive feedback from a diverse range of audiences was vital in the development of the draft environmental impact statement and were incorporated into the proposed action and used to develop alternatives. The agency will continue to learn from the input and feedback received during this public comment period, as well as through ongoing Tribal roundtables and consultation sessions, and dialogue with cooperating agencies, and state and local governments.

This work is part of larger agency efforts to support healthy, resilient forests and ecosystems by integrating climate change considerations into all aspects of planning and operations to support healthy resilient forests and ecosystems. The work is consistent with the Inflation Reduction Act which directed \$50 million to fund old growth conservation and stewardship as well as Executive Order 14072, Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities, and Local Economies, issued by President Biden on April 22, 2022. It also supports the Forest Service's Wildfire Crisis Strategy and Reforestation Strategy (PDF, 7 MB). In addition, USDA announced updates to its Climate Adaptation Plan earlier today, in concert with other agencies acting to advance climate resilience.

Throughout the comment period, the Forest Service will conduct public engagements and field tours, including virtual information sessions. The agency will also continue formal consultation with Tribes, and work with state and local governments, conservation districts and other cooperating agencies. Additional information on engagement opportunities is available on the Forest Service National Old Growth Amendment website.

First year of Colorado's racial equity study funded through community donors

By SARA WILSON
Colorado Newsline
 Supporters of a new state law requiring a racial equity study have raised enough money to fund the first year of work.

A combination of individuals, foundations and corporate funders donated the necessary \$785,000 to pay for the initial phase of the study, Democratic Sen. James Coleman of Denver told Colorado Newsline.

Colorado Public Radio first reported the funding success.

The entire financial commitment is about \$1.8 million for three years of work. Coleman hopes this success — and the work it will produce — will create momentum for the rest of the fundraising.

"The culture where I come from, we don't get excited until the job is done," he said. "We celebrate small

victories ... and I'm grateful for what we've done, the job is not finished."

Senate Bill 24-53 establishes a commission to oversee a History Colorado study into how racism has created inequality in Colorado in areas like housing, economic mobility, education, health care and the criminal justice system. Ultimately, the group will recommend legislation based on the study's data and findings.

The 14-member commission, which will include people with a variety of expertise appointed by legislative leadership and Gov. Jared Polis, will need to start meeting by September.

"The findings are going to be dedicated to the Black community, but the ultimate outcome is that everyone will benefit," Coleman said, referring to the areas of study as "poverty issues"

that affect groups across racial lines.

The law did not come with any state funding. Instead the study will rely on community donors to complete it. That money is directly donated to the group Collaborative Healing Initiative within Communities and then funneled to the state's treasury department to pay for the work.

Coleman said donors for the first round of money include the Denver Foundation, Colorado Health Foundation, the Black Resilience in Colorado community fund and Gary Community Ventures.

"It's been a real blessing to get a lot of support, but then you have individuals who really put their pennies and nickels and dimes together to make sure that this got across the finish line," Coleman said.

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Lifestyles

Demand is rising for career and technical education

(METRO) – A four-year college degree is not necessarily the next step for students after they graduate from high school. The rising cost of college tuition has revitalized interest in career and technical education (CTE).

According to data from the National Student Clearinghouse, enrollment at community colleges rose 2.6 percent in 2023 compared with a year earlier, enhanced by a 16 percent surge at schools with a focus on CTE. Similarly, a survey by Edge Research commissioned by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation found on-the-job training seems to be more valuable to both high school students and non-enrolled graduates than a four-year degree, with 83 percent of the former stating it is excellent or good in value, compared to 80 percent for college. Favor for CTE schools is up 63 percent from the previous year.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges says CTE has evolved from a traditional vocational school model to one that offers

academics and skills for higher education and careers in skilled trades, technology and applied sciences. Demand for this type of education continues to grow, with various state superintendents and directors of CTE programs indicating they can only accommodate a fraction of the applicants they get for CTE programs.

“Since 2004, Vermont has seen a decrease in its overall student population, however we have had an increase in CTE students in that same period,” says Jay Ramsey, Vermont State Director for Career and Technical Education.

While a traditional four-year university might be the right path for some individuals, CTE has proven ideal for many others. New York City schools Chancellor David Banks has said it’s a sentiment being shared across the nation, that there is another way and another track for students to be successful. CTE may help students get more excited about school and view themselves in careers they may not otherwise be ex-

posed to. The National Center for Education Statistics puts the average annual tuition for a four-year degree at a private institution in the United States at roughly \$35,000 (and public at approximately \$10,000. Room and board costs also must be considered, and those can increase the overall cost by a significant amount. The average tuition for a trade school can be around \$17,600 a year, but rates vary based on the trade. Most of the CTE schools do not require students to reside on campus, which helps to save money.



METRO photo
Exploring the Career and Technical Education route can be highly satisfying and financially rewarding. Careers are diverse, and students can find a track that enables them to start training and working by investing less than they would if they were to attend a traditional college.

Unemployment rate in Colorado inches upward to 3.8%

By TAMARA CHUANG
Colorado Sun

Unemployment in Colorado has been on the rise, with another 3,400 individuals added last month for a total of 123,600 Coloradans who were unemployed in May, according to the state jobs report released Monday. That raised the state’s unemployment rate a tenth of a percentage point to 3.8%, the highest in two years.

Despite the gain, Colorado is still near record employment levels with 3.11 million employed workers in the state. And the rise is similar to what the nation’s experiencing. The U.S. jobless rate, also up a tenth of a percentage point, increased to 4%, said Joe Winter, a senior economist from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.

“The state of Colorado’s slow upward trend in the unemployment rate is mostly consistent with the slow increase in the national unemployment rate, which has remained below 4.0% since December 2021,” Winter said in an email. “In fact, the national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate on an annual average basis has only been 4.0% or less in three years since 2000.”

Historically, a 3.8% unemployment rate is still pretty low. Excluding the COVID era, the last time Colorado was above 3.8% was in 2015 and toward the end of the yearslong recovery of the Great Recession, when jobless rates had hit a high of 9.4% in late 2010. Both Colorado and the U.S. rates have increased since December, when Colorado’s unemployment rate was 3.3% and the nation’s was at 3.7%.

Area economists say they are keeping an eye on the data to see if unemployed numbers continue to climb because the state still added jobs

last month — another 9,800 nonfarm payroll jobs, according to state labor data.

“Job growth remained strong in May in Colorado, but the labor force pulled back from December to May by 5,700,” emailed Brian Lewandowski, executive director for the Business Research Division at the University of Colorado’s Leeds School of Business. “I believe the pullback in the labor force ... should cause caution, but not alarm bells.”

Lewandowski said some of the labor reports are based on surveys with small sample sizes. Monthly job data is often revised as other data come in or employers send in their updates past the usual deadline.

Several companies in Colorado warned state officials about layoffs in May, including 103 job cuts by mortgage lender Newrez in Greenwood Village (which announced 317 more layoffs earlier this month) plus 141 at a Walmart in Aurora that is closing. In April, immersive arts company Meow Wolf announced layoffs, which cut 50 in Denver and a total of 159 in the four states it operates.

Major industries in Colorado that added jobs in May included professional and business services, plus leisure and hospitality. The business sector of accommodations and food services also saw the largest increase in May payroll jobs, adding 3,800 jobs that month. However, the arts, entertainment and recreation sectors saw the largest decline in payroll jobs for the month, at 1,700 jobs.

Around the state, unemployment rates were highest for the Pueblo metro area, at 5.2%, while the lowest was in Fort Collins, at 3.5%. Those rates were not seasonally adjusted and compared to the state’s unadjusted rate of 3.9%.

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Sports



Courtesy photos by Tanya Hamner

Harrison Kalinka of Freeman, Kan., was the only bull rider to complete his run as he scored 84 points on Bring the Heat Saturday at the Alamosa Round-UP.



Left: Monte Downare of Hartsel won bareback riding with an 81-point ride on Miss Bay Monster on Saturday. Right: Monte Faulkner of Los Ojos, N.M., was co-champion in saddle bronc riding with 73 points on Two Pence on Friday.



Left: Mackenzie McCuiston of Estes Park won barrel racing in 17.33 seconds on Friday. Right: Chance Wall of Cheraw won tie-down roping in 8.4 seconds on Saturday.



Colt Honey (left) of La Junta and Paul Melvin (right) of Paradise, Texas, tied for first place in steer wrestling. They both recorded a time of 6.1 seconds with Honey's time coming on Friday and Melvin's on Saturday.

Bulls have upper hand at Round-UP

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor
ALAMOSA — It was a good weekend at the annual Alamosa Round-UP in bull riding.

At least it was for the bulls.

Of the 16 bull riders who entered this year's rodeo, only one was able to stay on his ride.

Harrison Kalinka of Freeman, Kan., scored 84 points on Bring the Heat on Saturday.

There were no qualified rides on Friday.

In other rough stock events, Monte Downare of Hartsel won bareback riding. He scored 81 points on Miss Bay Monster on Saturday, passing Kash Martin of Lufkin, Texas, who scored 79 points on Up All Night on Friday.

In saddle bronc riding, Monte Faulkner of Los Ojos, N.M., scored 73 points on Two Pence on Friday. Beau Scarborough of Pine Bluffs, Wyo., tied that score on Third Wheel on Saturday.

There were also bareback and saddle bronc riding competitions for those who had their permit, but not their PRCA card.

In permit bareback riding, Bob Walter of Trinidad won with a 71-point ride on Cactus

Rose on Friday.

Permit saddle bronc riding was won by Kasey Rosendahl of Meeker who scored 72 points on Mexican Hat on Saturday.

Steer wrestling's best time was recorded by Colt Honey of La Junta who had a 6.1-second run on Friday. That time was matched on Saturday with Paul Melvin of Paradise, Texas.

Winning tie-down roping was Chance Wall of Cheraw. He had a time of 8.4 seconds on Saturday.

In team roping, the tandem of Garrett Tonozzi of Lampasas, Texas, and Conner Herren of Crooks, S.D., were co-champions in 5.6 seconds on Saturday. They matched the same time set by Brayden and Josh Fillmore of Florence in the Friday slack.

The ladies barrel racing was won by Mackenzie McCuiston of Estes Park. She had a time of 17.33 seconds on the first ride on Friday. That time withstood the rest of Friday and all of Saturday.

The open barrel racing was won by Gracie Wilson of Center. She had a combined time of 34.13 seconds on two rides. Her run came on Friday.

The final four mutton busters came back to

compete on Friday and Saturday. The four- and five-year-olds took place on Friday.

In the four-year-old division, Reigna Honeycutt and Lacey Romero tied for first with 82 points. Honeycutt was declared the winner after a coin flip.

Hannah Romero was third with 70 points, and Gabby Salas was fourth with 69.

Among five-year-olds, Zane Canty won with 90 points, followed by Rayden Rodman with 76, and Emma Squires with 71.

The six- and seven-year-olds ran on Saturday.

Dak Crowther won the six-year-old division with 93 points, followed by Andres Mateo-Juan with 88 and Brandie McCole with 87 1/2.

Braxson Burns won the seven-year-old division with 99 points. Brennan Coleman was next with 97 1/2, followed by Zane Lopez with 97 and Ezekiel Murray with 90.

Correction

There was a mistake on one of the mutton buster photos on Saturday.

The photo in the seven-year-old division was of Zane Lopez and not Braxson Burns.

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Summons

A. District Court
 Colorado County: Costilla County
 B. Parties to the Case
 Petitioner: HEATHER BLACKER &
 Respondent: NORMAN BLACKER
 D. Case Details
 Number: 2024DR9

1. Family Case You (the Respondent) are now a part of a court case to resolve a family legal matter. Along with this summons, you will get a document called a Petition. The Petition will let you know more about the case and what the Petitioner wants the Court to do.

2. Your Next Steps: You must file a written response to that Petition. You may use form JDF 1015 – Response to the Petition. Forms and resources are found online at [www.courts.state.co.us/Forms/family]. Your response is due within 21 days of receiving this summons. Note! That deadline extends to 35 days when served outside of Colorado or if notified of the case by publication. File online at: [www.jbts.courts.state.co.us/filing] Or file by mail or at the courthouse. (The Court's address is in Box A above.) Include the filing fee (\$116). Or request a fee waiver. (Use forms JDF 205 and JDF 206)

3. Consequences: If you do not file a Response, the Court may decide the case without your input. You may not receive further notice about court filings and events. You are still required to obey any orders the Court issues.

4. Automatic Court Orders (Temporary Injunction) As soon as you receive this Summons, you must obey these orders: Do not sell, transfer, assign, borrow against, hide, or get rid of any marital property without permission of the other party or the court. You may use your income for your usual business expenses and life necessities. Do not disturb the peace of the other parent or parties in this case. Do not take the children out of the state without permission from the Court or the other party. Do not stop paying, cancel, or make any changes to health, homeowner's, renter's, automobile, or life insurance policies that cover the children or a party in this case or that name a child or a party as a beneficiary. Exception: You may change insurance coverage if you have written permission from the other parent or party or a court order and give at least 14 days' Notice to the other party. C.R.S. §§ 14-10-107, 108. You must obey these orders until this case is finalized, dismissed, or the Court changes these orders. To request a change, you may use form JDF 1314 – General Motion.

5. Note on Genetic Testing: You can request genetic testing. The Court will not hold this request against you when deciding the case's outcome. You must do testing and submit the results before the Court establishes who the parents are (parentage) and issues final orders. After that time, it may be too late to submit genetic testing evidence. The law that directs this process is C.R.S. § 14-10-124(1.5).
 So Summioned Dated: 04/16/2024
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District Court, Costilla County, Colorado
 Court Address: 304 Main Street/P.O. Box 301
 San Luis, CO 81152
 Plaintiff: TODD EMORY
 v.
 Defendants: JERRY E. DAVEY AND LORRAINE P. DAVEY and all heirs, creditors and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action.
 COURT USE ONLY
 Michael H. Trujillo, P.C. Atty. Reg. #5946
 PO Box 862
 Monte Vista, Colorado 81144
 Phone Number: (719)852-5993 E-mail: michaelhtrujillo@yahoo.com
 Case Number: 2024CV30017
 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
 TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
 You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 30 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
 If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 30 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
 This is an action: COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE PURSUANT TO RULE 105.
 DESCRIPTION GIBBS-ROBINSON TRACT
 That portion of Tract 33, San Luis Lands, as shown on the 1913 survey plat thereof, located in Sections 16 and 21, Township 3 North, Range 72 West, 6th Principal Meridian, Costilla Estates Survey, So-Called, lying south of Colorado State Highway No. 142, and within the occupation fences surrounding said parcel, more particularly describes by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:
 Commencing at the Northeast Corner of said Section 21, being a recovered original stone; thence N73°28'17"W a distance of 3344.31 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142 and the True Point of Beginning; thence S00°48'19"E along an existing fence a distance of 5641.06 feet; thence N89°22'08"W along an existing fence a distance of 134.26 feet; thence N83°29'10"W along an existing fence a distance of 264.42 feet; thence N00°56'04"W along an existing fence a distance of 5664.31 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142; then along the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142 for the following two (2) courses: thence following the arc of a curve to the right (Curve Data: Central Angle = 04°08'52"; Radius = 5655.00 feet; Chord bearing = S82°26'49"W; Chord Length = 409.29 feet); Chord Length = 409.29 feet) a distance of 409.38 feet; thence S80°22'23"E a distance of 4.38 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing 52.34 acres, more or less. This tract is subject to any and all existing easements including, but not limited to, easements for the existing irrigation ditches.
 DESCRIPTION EMORY TRACT
 That portion of Tracts 34 and 35, San Luis Lands, as shown on the 1913 survey plat thereof, located in Sections 16 and 21, Township 3 North, Range 72 West, 6th Principal Meridian, Costilla Estates Survey, So-Called, lying south of Colorado State Highway No. 142 and North of Culebra Creek and within the occupation fences surrounding said parcels, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
 Commencing at the Northeast Corner of said Section 21, being a recovered original stone; thence N73°28'17"W a distance of 3344.31 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142; thence along the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142 for the following two (2) courses: thence N80°22'23"W a distance of 4.38 feet; thence following the arc of a curve to the left (Curve Data: Central Angle = 04°08'52"; Radius = 5655.00 feet; Chord bearing = N82°26'49"W; Chord Length = 409.29 feet) a distance of 409.38 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence S00°56'04"E along an existing fence a distance of 5664.31 feet; thence S00°38'50"E along an existing fence a distance of 598.80 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N85°36'17"W along an existing fence a distance of 132.29 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N64°32'00"W along an existing fence a distance of 108.97 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N28°43'21"W along an existing fence a distance of 103.09 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N30°33'27"W along an existing fence a distance of 39.66 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N36°55'26"W along an existing fence a distance of 39.45 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N68°28'37"W along an existing fence a distance of 58.78 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N75°54'13"W along an existing fence a distance of 185.74 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N03°17'39"W along an existing fence a distance of 86.84 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N00°50'02"W along an existing fence a distance of 5846.28 feet; thence N81°33'28"E along an existing fence a distance of 297.60 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142; then along the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142 for the following three (3) courses: thence along the arc of a curve to the right (Curve Data: Central Angle = 00°47'36"; Radius= 5630.00 feet; Chord bearing = S86°42'10"E; Chord Length= 77.95 feet) a distance of 77.95 feet; thence N85°07'14"E a distance of 153.96 feet; then along the arc of a curve to the right (Curve Data: Central Angle= 00°14'34"; Radius= 5655.00 feet; Chord bearing= S84°38'32"E; Chord Length= 23.97 feet) a distance of 23.97 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing 77.89 acres, more or less. This tract is subject to any and all existing easements including, but not limited to, easements for the existing irrigation ditches.
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 Michael H. Trujillo, P.C. #5946
 (This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4(g), Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure. This form should not be used where personal service is desired.)
 (TO THE CLERK: When this summons is issued by the clerk of the court, the signature block for the clerk or deputy should be provided by stamp, or typewriter, in the space to the left of the attorney's name.)
 *Rule 12(a), C.R.C.P., allows 30 days for answer or response where service of process is by publication. However, under various statutes, a different response time is set forth; e.g., §38-6-104, C.R.S. (eminent domain); §38-36-121, C.R.S. (Torrens registration).
 No. 3982.
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District Court, Alamosa County, Colorado
 Court Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
 In the Matter of the Estate of:
 Joe R. Miera, Deceased
 COURT USE ONLY
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 Dagna S. Van Der Jagt, Atty. Reg. #37704
 The Law Firm of Starzynski Van Der Jagt PC
 200 S. Wilcox St. #206
 Castle Rock, CO 80104
 Phone Number: 920-214-8501 E-mail: Dagna@vdjlaw.com
 Case Number:
 2024PR030007
 Division D
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Joe R. Miera, Deceased. Case Number 2024PR030007
 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Alamosa County, Colorado or
 Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before November 2, 2024 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.
 Robert J. Miera
 Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
 422 Franklin St.
 Address
 Fort Collins, CO
 City, State, Zip Code
 No. 3995.
 Published in the Valley Courier on June 18, 25, & July 2, 2024.

**TOWN OF ANTONITO, COLORADO
 ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02**
 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING DAMAGE TO WATER AND SEWAGE WORKS
 WHEREAS, The Town of Antonito is committed to maintaining a safe water and sewage infrastructure for all residents and visitors; and WHEREAS, The Town of Antonito is committed to providing consistent and uninterrupted access to its water and sewage infrastructure for its residents and visitors; and WHEREAS, a public hearing was held after notice on May 9, 2024, and the Board of Trustees of the Town of Antonito hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Town of Antonito to amend the Sewage and Water Systems code for the protection of its water and sewage infrastructure for the continued and uninterrupted use of its residents and visitors;
 NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Antonito, Colorado, that Chapter 13, Article 1, Section 140 of the Town of Antonito Municipal Code is hereby amended to address the on-going problem of sewer infrastructure damage created by the inappropriate disposal of sanitary products including, but not limited to, baby wipes and sanitary napkins; and
 Sec. 13-1-140 shall read as follows:
 Sec. 13-1-140. Damage
 (a) No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, efface or tamper with any structure, appurtenance or equipment which is a part of the water or sewage works.
 (b) Sanitary products, other than toilet paper, shall not be disposed into water or sewage works.
 (c) Any party found in violation of this section shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$2,650.00 and appropriate restitution for the cost of damages.
 DONE and SIGNED this 9th day of May 2024.
 TOWN OF ANTONITO, COLORADO
 By: Paul Jiron, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Stephanie Trujillo, Town Clerk
 CERTIFICATION
 I hereby certify that the within Ordinance was introduced, read in full, approved and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Antonito, Colorado on the May 9, 2024, and published in the _____ day of _____, 2024.
 Stephanie Trujillo, Town Clerk
 No. 4005.
 Published in the Valley Courier on June 25, 2024.

District Court Denver Probate Court
 Rio Grande County, Colorado
 Court Address: 925 Sixth Street, Del Norte, Colorado 81132
 In the Matter of the Estate of:
 LINDA GENIE MCCONKEY, also formerly known as LINDA G. MCCONKEY and LINDA MCCONKEY, Deceased
 COURT USE ONLY
 Attorney: William F. Dunn, Reg. No. 1036
 Office: 585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, CO 81132
 Mailing: 9136 County Road 14, Del Norte, CO 81132
 Phone Number: 719-657-3323; E-mail: Bill@Dunn-Law.com
 Case Number: 2024PR 030010
 Division Courtroom
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Linda Genie McConkey, Deceased
 Case Number 2024PR030010
 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Rio Grande County, Colorado or
 Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before November 1, 2024 or the claims may be forever barred.
 /s/
 William F. Dunn, Attorney for the Personal Representative
 Mailing Address: 9136 County Road 14, Del Norte, CO 81132
 No. 4006.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 Integrated Project Delivery Method Utilizing CM/GC Services
 Project: Early Care and Learning Center at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley
 Location: 1115 Tenth St., Alamosa, CO 81101
 Owner: Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, PO Box 1032, Alamosa, CO 81101
 Architect: Spencer Architecture Studio LLC, 404 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101. Don Spencer, A.I.A., NCARB Principal Architect.
 The Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley are seeking proposals for an Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) method utilizing Construction Management/General Contracting (CM/GC) services for the construction of an Early Care and Learning Center. Interested parties should submit a comprehensive proposal detailing their approach to IPD, relevant experience, timeline, budget estimates, and references.
 Contact for Architectural Inquiries:
 Don Spencer, A.I.A., NCARB
 Spencer Architecture Studio LLC
 404 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101
 rdspencer2017@gmail.com
 (719) 696-5783
 Contact for Project Inquiries:
 Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley
 PO Box 1032, Alamosa, CO 81101
 aaron@bgcslv.org
 (719) 589-5252
 Submission Deadline: No later than 5:00 PM, Monday, July 1, 2024
 For the full RFP, visit: www.bgcslv.org/procurement
 No. 3990.
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Notice:
 Request For Proposals: City of Alamosa is requesting proposals for: Plant Well Abandonment Project 2024
 The City of Alamosa is seeking a contractor to provide material and labor to perform abandonment of existing well in compliance with State regulation 2-CR-402-2. A RFP Bidders package and construction documents are available at the city website HERE.
 All responders must provide the following criteria:
 Must hold a current General Contractor License issued by the City of Alamosa Building Department.
 Must provide Current General Liability Insurance in the amounts described in the RFP Bid package.
 Must Provide a completed RFP Bidders Package prior to the submission deadline.
 Must visit the site and understand the requirements of the project.
 The City of Alamosa will be accepting responses until July 3, 2024. A pre-bid walk thru will be available June 20, 2024 at 10:00am. Respond directly to Roy Sanchez, at rsanchez@ci.alamosa.co.us. No. 3991.
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Notice:
 Request For Proposals: City of Alamosa is requesting proposals for: Alamosa Community Food Kitchen
 The City of Alamosa is seeking firms or individuals to provide Architectural/Engineering design. A RFP Bidders package is available at the city website HERE.
 All responders must provide the following criteria:
 Must provide Current General Liability Insurance in the amounts described in the RFP Bid package.
 Must Provide a completed RFP Bidders Package prior to the submission deadline.
 Must attend a pre-bid meeting June 12, 2024. 9:30 am MST. A zoom attendance will be available, see RFP bid package for information. ? Must visit the site and understand the requirements of the project.
 The City of Alamosa will be accepting responses until June 26, 2024. Respond directly to Steve Copley, Project Manager at scopley@ci.alamosa.co.us or 719-587-2549.
 No. 3992.
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 NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Joe R. Miera, Deceased. Case Number 2024PR030007
 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Alamosa County, Colorado or
 Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before November 2, 2024 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.
 Robert J. Miera
 Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
 422 Franklin St.
 Address
 Fort Collins, CO
 City, State, Zip Code
 No. 3995.
 Published in the Valley Courier on June 18, 25, & July 2, 2024.

**TOWN OF ANTONITO, COLORADO
 ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02**
 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING DAMAGE TO WATER AND SEWAGE WORKS
 WHEREAS, The Town of Antonito is committed to maintaining a safe water and sewage infrastructure for all residents and visitors; and WHEREAS, The Town of Antonito is committed to providing consistent and uninterrupted access to its water and sewage infrastructure for its residents and visitors; and WHEREAS, a public hearing was held after notice on May 9, 2024, and the Board of Trustees of the Town of Antonito hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Town of Antonito to amend the Sewage and Water Systems code for the protection of its water and sewage infrastructure for the continued and uninterrupted use of its residents and visitors;
 NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Antonito, Colorado, that Chapter 13, Article 1, Section 140 of the Town of Antonito Municipal Code is hereby amended to address the on-going problem of sewer infrastructure damage created by the inappropriate disposal of sanitary products including, but not limited to, baby wipes and sanitary napkins; and
 Sec. 13-1-140 shall read as follows:
 Sec. 13-1-140. Damage
 (a) No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, efface or tamper with any structure, appurtenance or equipment which is a part of the water or sewage works.
 (b) Sanitary products, other than toilet paper, shall not be disposed into water or sewage works.
 (c) Any party found in violation of this section shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$2,650.00 and appropriate restitution for the cost of damages.
 DONE and SIGNED this 9th day of May 2024.
 TOWN OF ANTONITO, COLORADO
 By: Paul Jiron, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Stephanie Trujillo, Town Clerk
 CERTIFICATION
 I hereby certify that the within Ordinance was introduced, read in full, approved and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Antonito, Colorado on the May 9, 2024, and published in the _____ day of _____, 2024.
 Stephanie Trujillo, Town Clerk
 No. 4005.
 Published in the Valley Courier on June 25, 2024.

District Court Denver Probate Court
 Rio Grande County, Colorado
 Court Address: 925 Sixth Street, Del Norte, Colorado 81132
 In the Matter of the Estate of:
 LINDA GENIE MCCONKEY, also formerly known as LINDA G. MCCONKEY and LINDA MCCONKEY, Deceased
 COURT USE ONLY
 Attorney: William F. Dunn, Reg. No. 1036
 Office: 585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, CO 81132
 Mailing: 9136 County Road 14, Del Norte, CO 81132
 Phone Number: 719-657-3323; E-mail: Bill@Dunn-Law.com
 Case Number: 2024PR 030010
 Division Courtroom
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Linda Genie McConkey, Deceased
 Case Number 2024PR030010
 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Rio Grande County, Colorado or
 Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before November 1, 2024 or the claims may be forever barred.
 /s/
 William F. Dunn, Attorney for the Personal Representative
 Mailing Address: 9136 County Road 14, Del Norte, CO 81132
 No. 4006.
 Published in the Valley Courier on June 25, July 2, & 9, 2024.

099 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAKE CITY HOSTS a Wednesday Market for locally-grown foods and artisans in June, July, August. INTERESTED IN BEING A VENDOR? lakecitydirt.com/vibrant-economy. (6/26/24)

165 - PERSONALS

CHRISTIAN [ORTHODOX] GENTLEMAN seeking a wife in Covenant Marriage, by way of Christian Dating. I'm in my 70's, well-looking, good health and never married/NO Baggage! [I was seeking "first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." I am a small-scale gifted Preacher/Minister, College Grad Plus, and well-traveled. I am NOT Computerized, with a simple phone and voice mail Only! After Military Service [Active 5 yrs.] I worked predominately in Agriculture – hands on; so I am rural, agrarian by choice, and a homeowner in N.M. Looking **Cont.**

165 - PERSONALS

Cont. for a mature Lady of like precious Faith (NON-Denominational). I appreciate Hiking, camping, Birding and Real Christian Fellowship - [I believe the Holy Bible-KJV-unto Salvation.] Please write if interested and we can meet at a church or café in Alamosa or elsewhere in the Southwest. May God be with you in this I Pray. Sincerely in JESUS' LORD of ALL Gerald CRILLY POB. 253 Tres Piedras, N.M. 87577 (7/5/24)

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221 - HELP WANTED

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS accepting applications for a Full-Time CUSTODIAN. All candidates must pass background checks. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E. (7/10/24)

SANGRE DE CRISTO has openings for the following positions: SCHOOL COUNSELOR; K-12 MUSIC TEACHER; MS FOOTBALL; HS BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL; NUTRITION STAFF. Please contact Dave Crews for more information 719-420-1422 or Jenna Mondragon at 719-717-0871. (7/24/24)

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the following position: HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL. Applicant must possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Principal or Administrator's License. Minimum of five (5) years of experience in teaching/administration, with a minimum of three (3) years in school leadership status. Applications are available online at https://www.alamosaschools.org/ For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (6/29/24)

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year at ALAMOSA TRANSPORTATION, BUS DRIVERS. Applicants must obtain a CDL with Class "B" with S&P endorsement, training available. Applications are available online at http://alamosaschools.org. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (6/29/24)

RGCDfS / DEL NORTE HEADSTART is seeking applications for the following positions: ECC COACH - BA and experience required; TEACHER ASSISTANTS; and RECEPTIONIST. Positions will remain open until filled. Send resumes to donnamarie5659@gmail.com or rgcdfs@gmail.com. (6/29/24)

MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following openings for the 24-25 school year: K-12 PE, HS SCIENCE, K-12 PRINCIPAL. Send inquiries/resumes to Mr. Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us or call 719-655-2578. (7/10/24)

FULL-TIME FARM HAND Wanted - CORN RESEARCH FARM, CENTER. All season farm work including upkeep of yard and work at the elevator. Experience preferred. Must be at least 21 years old and have your own transportation. Must be able to pass drug test, background, and reference checks. \$18-20/hour DOE. Please send your resume to lwagner@excepersonnel.com. (6/29/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) TEACHER. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District operates on a 4-day week (Monday – Thursday) and 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 Teacher Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website – Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by July 2, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (7/9/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

POWER ZONE EQUIPMENT is looking to hire a full-time CERTIFIED ELECTRICIAN with a MASTERCRAFT LICENSE. Pay range of \$30-\$40/hr with benefits package. Deadline to apply 7/3/24. Send resume to greg@powerzone.com or call 719-754-1981 to apply. (7/9/24)

BUSINESS MANAGER - ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is seeking a BUSINESS MANAGER for the DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS. The Business Manager position is Full time and includes managing all aspects of fiscal responsibility and day to day operations for coaches and athletic department staff. Please send application to: athletics@adams.edu (7/3/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the following positions: a Middle School 8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER (with an EMPHASIS on US HISTORY) and a Middle School 8TH GRADE SCIENCE TEACHER. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience are posted on the district website. The District operates on a 4-day week (Monday – Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salaries for these positions will be paid from the current MVSD Teacher Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website – Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by June 27, 2024 or until the positions are filled. For application questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (7/3/24)

MECHANIC: JT TIMBER FALLING is hiring a full-time HEAVY EQUIPMENT and TRUCK MECHANIC in BLANCA, CO. \$25-\$45/hr depending on experience. Monday – Friday schedule. Benefits are available. Call 719-379-4066 or visit jttimber.com to apply. (7/17/24)

THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA is seeking qualified applicants for position of POLICE OFFICER. Applicants must be POST certified as a Colorado Police Officer. Selected applicants must be able to pass physical, physiological evaluations, pre-employment drug test and extensive background check. Must be able to work all shifts. Starting hourly rate \$21.50 – 22.75, DOE. A \$5,000 hiring bonus is available with a signed two-year commitment. Application and complete job description may be found at https://cityofmontevista.colorado.gov/government/departments/human-resources Open until filled. (7/3/24)

TOWN OF DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK. Town of Del Norte is hiring PART-TIME Municipal Court Clerk. High school graduate or GED equivalent and two years of office, legal, and court clerical. Will work closely with Town municipal judge for operations and procedures of the municipal court system. With knowledge of legal terminology and practices. Oversees and maintains the court dockets, records of all pending and disposed cases, and ensures accurate and updated information. All administrative and technical duties in support of municipal court. Send resume to Town of Del Norte -Attention Town Clerk. Resumes may be submitted by email to delnortel860@outlook.com or mailed to Del Norte Town Hall 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, CO 81132. EOE. (7/17/24)



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SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL is seeking **DIRECTOR OF STUDENT BEHAVIOR, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, and SCHOOL SAFETY MANAGEMENT** for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Submit completed application to Mr. Kevin Jones, Superintendent by email to: kjones@sierragrandeschool.net. Applications are available at the District office, 17523 Hwy. 160, Blanca, CO 81123 or online at www.sierragrandeschool.net. Effective managerial, supervisory, and human relations skills, and computer skills. For more information, please contact Mr. Kevin Jones at 719-379-3259. Position open until filled. EOE. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. (7/17/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

SAN LUIS VALLEY HEALTH is seeking a full-time **FACILITIES MANAGER** to join our team! This position will train, lead, and direct custodians and housekeepers in the EVS department with daily, weekly, and monthly tasks and projects. The pay range for this position is \$21.98 - \$30.69. For more information and to apply please visit our careers page at www.slvh.org. (6/28/24)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking a **MUSIC or THEATRE 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 (Vacant Until Filled). (6/25/24)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking an anticipated **LEAD PRESCHOOL TEACHER** for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Level 2 in Colorado Shines and preferred Lead Teacher Certificate. 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 (Vacant Until Filled). (6/25/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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221 - HELP WANTED

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SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for **BUS DRIVERS** for the 2024-2025 school year. Must possess a valid Colorado driver's license and a commercial driver's license (CDL) or be able to obtain one. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, transcripts, and certifications at https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. (vacant until filled). (6/25/24)

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221 - HELP WANTED

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED FOR THE UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. CDL & NON-CDL DRIVERS. Will pay for CDL license and training with contract. Must be able to pass a background and pre-employment drug test. If interested, please contact Demo Trujillo, 719-657-4040 x4007, dtrujillo@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (7/3/24)

CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (7/3/24)

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONIST / SCHOOL ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR, needed at DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL for the 2024-2025 school year. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic team. Applicants must have a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, Principal at ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Annie at 719-657-4020. Applications can be found online at: urtigers.co. (7/3/24)

DIRECTOR FOR INFANT CARE CENTER needed at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Please submit your application and resume to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, at 950 French Street, DEL NORTE, CO, 81132, or call at 719-657-4040, x4000. Applications may be retrieved online at urtigers.co or at the District Office. (7/3/24)

LEAD TEACHER FOR INFANT CARE CENTER needed at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. 150 days per year which includes all days that teachers are at school. Please submit your application and resume to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, at 950 French Street, DEL NORTE, CO, 81132, or call at 719-657-4040, x4000. Applications may be retrieved on-line at urtigers.co or at the District Office. (7/3/24)

SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS/LONG TERM SUBS needed at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT in DEL NORTE! Call or email: Sophia at 719-657-4040, x4000 (scruz@urtigers.co) for more information, go on-line: urtigers.co, or stop by the district office at: 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO to pick up an application. You do not have to hold a college degree or be a certified teacher to substitute; however, you must be a high school graduate and have a substitute license from CDE (Colorado Department of Education). (7/3/24)

FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS POSITION open at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Applicant must pass a background check and be able to work independently, be a forward-thinking individual with an overall team approach to all tasks at hand. Applicant must also be able to work in all weather conditions (snow removal/general landscaping). If interested, please contact Demo Trujillo, 719-657-4040 x4007, dtrujillo@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (7/3/24)

DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is seeking an energetic, caring individual to serve as a SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAEducator. Applicants must have a high school diploma and prior experience working with students with special needs is preferred. Please submit your application to Amy Duda, DNES Principal at 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO 81132; aduda@urtigers.co; or call at 719-657-4050. The position will be open until filled. You can pick up an application at the District Office or on-line at urtigers.co. (7/3/24)

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606 - BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Ferris Bueller's Day —"
 - 4 Trimmed
 - 9 Hit hard
 - 12 Damage a little
 - 13 Rounded molding
 - 14 Shock and —
 - 15 "Exodus" hero
 - 16 Passover meal
 - 17 Singer — Benatar
 - 18 " — Madness"
 - 20 Holy Roman —
 - 22 Fall asleep
 - 23 Downy duck
 - 24 Jekyll's alter ego
 - 26 Job
 - 29 Pickled fish
 - 30 Soak flax
 - 31 Command to remove
 - 35 Beams
 - 37 Skill
- DOWN**
- 1 Actor — Epps
 - 2 Cost to ride
 - 3 Amiable
 - 4 Sat for a portrait

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	E	A		C	A	P	O		P	O	M	P
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- 5 Affirm
- 6 Baseball's — Carew
- 7 Gen. Robert —
- 8 Roof projection
- 9 Zippy
- 10 Conscious
- 11 Measure of distance
- 19 Archenemy
- 21 Multi-colored
- 24 That girl
- 25 Certain
- 26 Cranky
- 27 Big sandwich
- 28 Director — Preminger
- 32 Intensify
- 33 Take it on the —
- 34 Spud bud
- 36 Shock
- 40 Full of passion
- 41 Feel poorly
- 42 Coast
- 43 Hot drink
- 44 "The — Limits"
- 45 Got lost in thought
- 47 Insult
- 48 Troops' home
- 49 Arab ruler
- 50 Refreshing flavor
- 53 Anger

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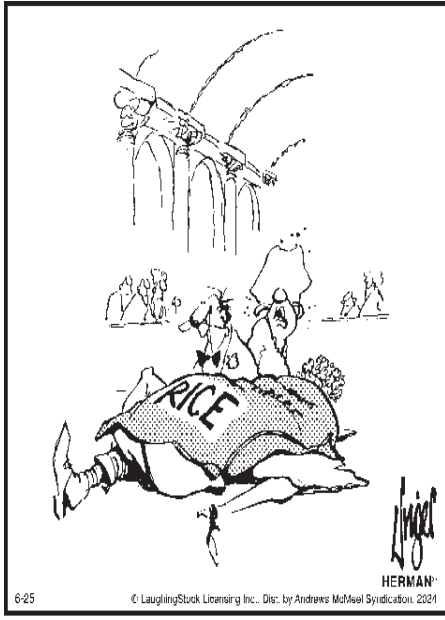
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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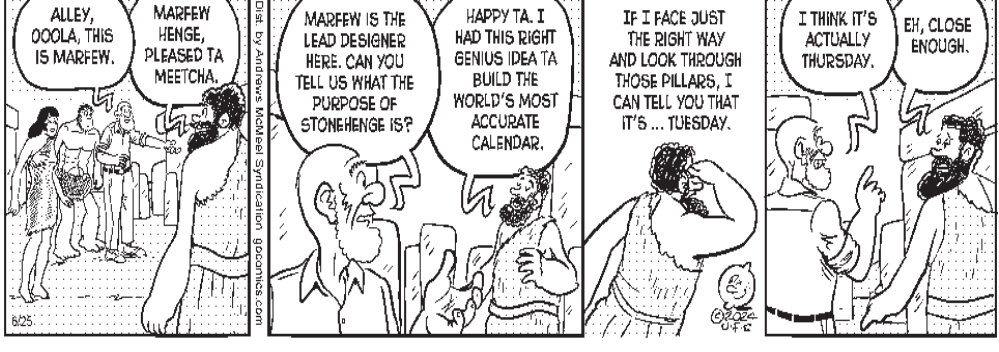
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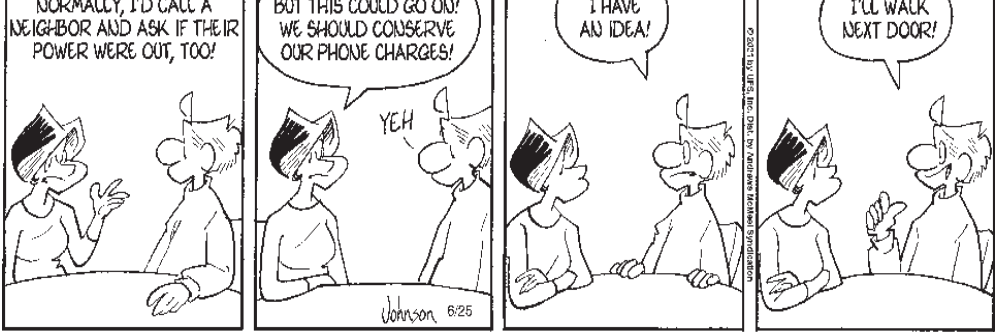


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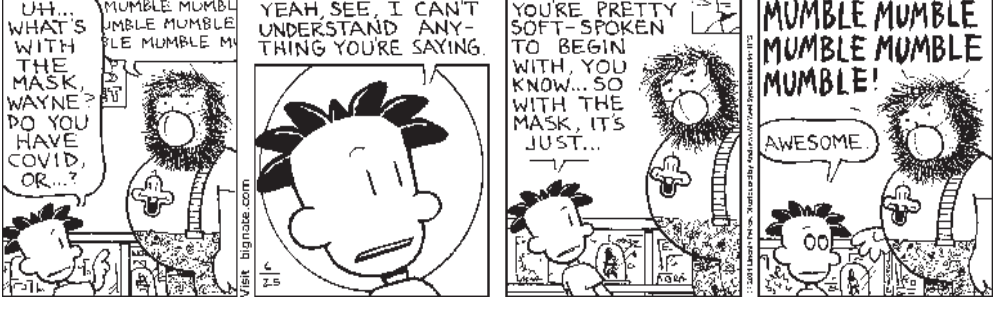
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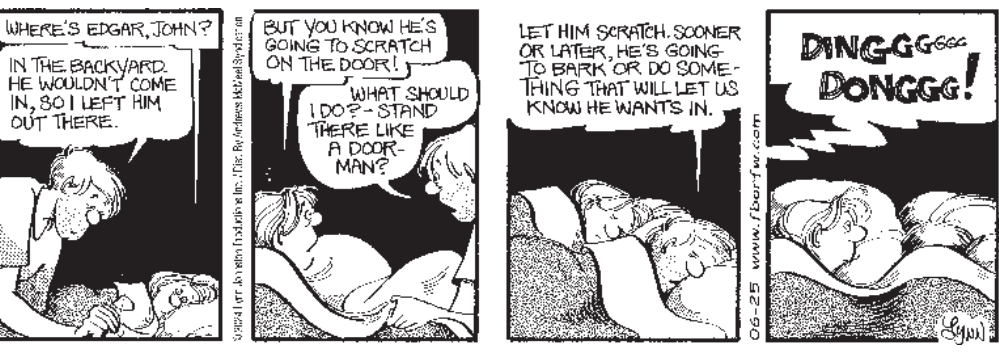
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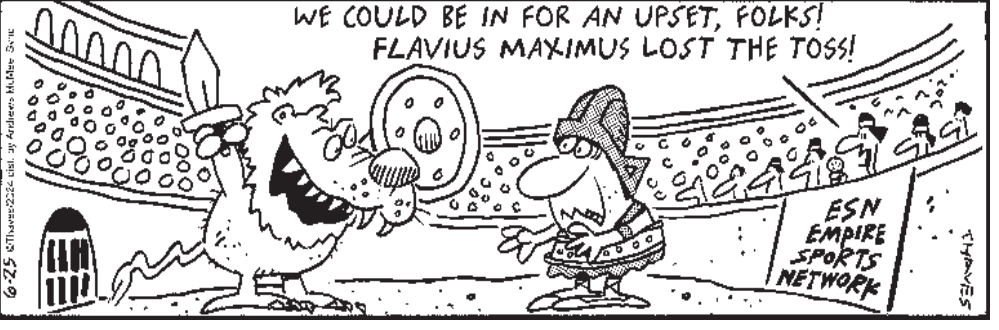
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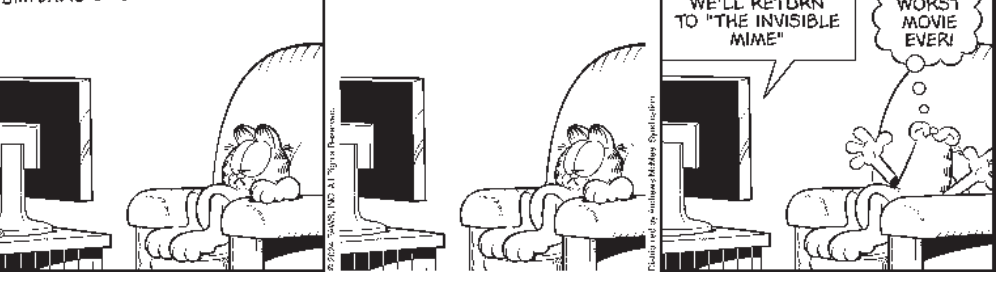
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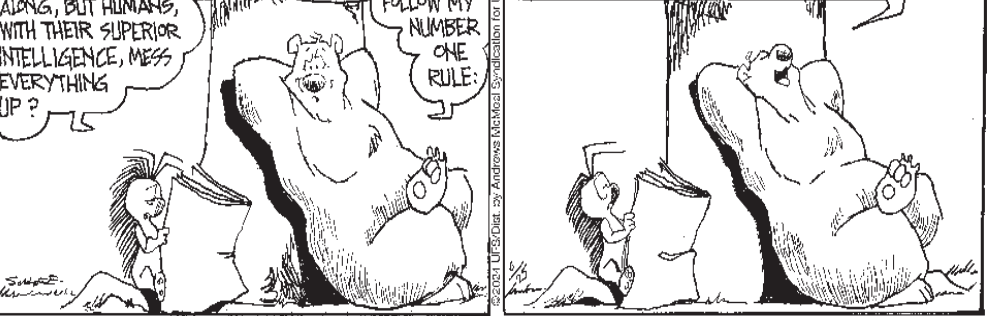
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Alcoholic boyfriend manages to be even worse as father

DEAR ABBY: I dated a guy who hid from me the fact that he was a severe alcoholic. After I realized it, I continued to date him, thinking it was love when it wasn't. Unfortunately, after two years of dating, I became pregnant. When I told him, he moved back in with his mother in another state. He doesn't work, won't get a job and calls only when he's good and ready. He has never paid any child support. He'll call once every few months and promise our now 4-year-old daughter that he's coming to see her, but he never has.

He saw her only twice when she was a baby, and I had to travel to him for both of those visits. (He wasn't there for her birth, either.) My daughter cries for him. He also has an 18-year-old daughter from a previous relationship I found out about only after I was pregnant. He abandoned her, too.

Should I cut off contact to save my child from being sad for a man she doesn't even know? -- DISILLUSIONED IN GEORGIA

DEAR DISILLUSIONED: By all means, cease contact with your sperm donor. You have to concentrate on the well-

being of your daughter, who understandably is grieving the loss of a father who abandoned her. It was a mistake to allow her deadbeat dad to talk to her and make promises he had no intention of keeping. Do not allow that to continue. Because the reason he gives for not contributing to child support is he doesn't work (are you SURE this is true?), consider discussing this sorry situation with a lawyer. It might be worth the money to pay for one consultation.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 37 years. We've always been happily married. He gives me loving greeting cards, telling me how much he loves me, and so much more. Over the past few days, he has been snapping at everything I say. He twists it around and accuses me of saying it nastily. I didn't, and when I repeated it the same way, he disagreed. He's so touchy. He even told me a few times to shut up and not talk to him. For a little while I didn't. Then I remarked, even though he tried to shut me up, that if he hates me so much, he must have a girlfriend. He got furious at that.

I finally suggested he



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

see a doctor. I thought maybe he'd had a stroke. Hopefully, he'll think about that, because something has changed. What do you think? -- MISTREATED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR MISTREATED: What has been happening with your husband is very recent. Give it a few weeks and see if it is a lasting change. If it is, THAT would be the time to talk to your husband. Tell him the change in his personality is striking, and you are worried about him. His problem may be emotional or financial and have nothing to do with you. If there is a chance that there could be a medical problem, alert his doctor at that time.