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Alamosa KOC Bingo July 7

ALAMOSA - Alamosa Knights of Columbus is hosting bingo from 5 to 7 p.m. on July 7. Cost is \$5. Doors open at 3 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church fundraiser

ALAMOSA - The Sacred Heart Church Bazaar Committee is having a huge yard sale-bake sale-flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, at 709 4th St., Alamosa.

All proceeds go for the upkeep of Faistl Hall, which is used by the entire community.

AHS Class of 1984 reunion

ALAMOSA - The Alamosa High School Class of 1984 is having a reunion from 6 p.m. to closing on Friday, Aug. 2, at Knee Knockers Bar and Grill; and from 3 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Colorado Farm Brewery.

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SCOTUS ruling allows punishment for homelessness

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — For decades, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has declined to take on the issue of homelessness. That all changed a week ago with a SCOTUS ruling that allows for the legal punishment of homelessness. The decision was 6-3 along ideological lines with the six conservative justices supporting the ruling.

Since a 2018 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in the case, Martin v. Boise, Alamosa and other municipalities have been expected to abide by a lower court 2018 ruling that said — when there is no other place for a person who is homeless to sleep — ticketing, fining, arresting or otherwise prohibiting them from “camping” in public places is cruel and unusual punishment and violates the 8th Amendment to

the Constitution. What a difference a week can make.

On June 28, SCOTUS overturned that court ruling and issued a landmark decision that basically guts the idea that being fined or arrested for sleeping outside — even when there is nowhere else for a person to sleep — is cruel and unusual punishment.

Six years ago, that 2018 ruling had a significant impact on Alamosa. And, ■ See SCOTUS page 3



St. Benedict's Encampment in Alamosa. Courier photo by John Waters

New mural in Alamosa

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA— Artist Bianca Maestas has been busy recently creating a new mural located on 4th Street facing a parking lot just east of the Friar's Fork Restaurant in Alamosa.

Maestas is a multidisciplinary artist whose objective is to enrich the quality of everyday life through art.

The new mural, which is about half completed, will include an art deco motif and optimistic depictions including a cherry blossom tree and pea pods. Maestas said she is thankful to the many people who have assisted in the mural and expects to have it finished in about two weeks. The Valley Courier will publish more photos as the artwork nears completion and photos when completed.

Artist Bianca Maestas is working on a new mural on 4th Street in Alamosa. Pictured here on the afternoon of July 4, Maestas was hard at work painting.

Courier photo by John Waters



June weather review across the Rockies

By NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

COLORADO — June of 2024 saw a meandering ridge of high pressure across the Rockies, which brought periods of very warm temperatures, as well as periods of abundant available moisture and heavy rainfall to portions of south central and southeast Colorado.

Alamosa recorded 2 inches of precipitation through June. This is 1.57 inches above

normal and makes June of 2024 the second-wettest June on record, just behind the 2.58 inches of precipitation recorded in June of 1969. For the month of June ■ See WEATHER page 3

According to the National Weather Service, June was the second warmest and second wettest on record. See here are the Rio Grande and the Blanca Massif on a recent early July afternoon.

Courier photo by John Waters



Dancing across stages for over 50 years

Adams State Semillas de la Tierra photos on display in the Luther Bean Museum

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA - Beautiful outfits and intricate steps keep the traditions of Mexican baile folklórico alive at Adams State University. Photos from over five

decades of Semillas de la Tierra performances are currently on display in the Adams State University Luther Bean Museum.

A reception celebrating the music, stories, and dances is scheduled from 4 until 6 p.m. Thursday, July 18, in the museum, located on the second floor of Richardson Hall.

The event also features wardrobe fashions, worn by current Semillas de la Tierra members, and event posters, created by Ro-

gelio Briones, Audrey Liu, Javier González, and Cathy McCurdy.

Herman, Ph.D., Class of 1969, and Patsy, Class of 1970 and 1990, Martinez founded Semillas de la Tierra in the fall of 1972. They will join current director Domingo Estrada for brief remarks.

The reception is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The Luther Bean Museum is open from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays.



Courtesy Adams State University

A reception for Semillas de la Tierra will feature photos of their performances over five decades. The event begins at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, in the Adams State University Luther Bean Museum, located on the second floor of Richardson Hall.

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Record

100 years ago in the San Luis Valley – July 1924

By BARBARA KRUSE
SAN LUIS VALLEY

The month of July 1924, seemed mild and pleasant in the San Luis Valley. Del Norte was swelling with pride over their Fourth of July celebration and claimed to be the biggest ever in the valley. "The lid came off with baseball tournaments, boxing, foot races, sack races, water fights with high pressure hoses, \$1,000 worth of fireworks and five dances to fill the evening." The streets were impassable during the two-day event. There were 500 cars in the parade, unique and patriotic floats and horses and men races.

Cumbres Pass was not open until July 15th. Motorists had been trying to use it but found themselves spending the night in their cars stuck in a mud hole. A new road from Lake City to Creede

offered a clear view of Clear Creek Falls from the road.

Frink Creamery in Mannassa was the only company manufacturing commercial quality full cream cheese in the SLV. They supplied cheese for the Rotary Club meeting. A Colorado Wyoming company was planning a canning factory in Monte Vista.

State raids for alcohol violations got six men from Alamosa and eight men and one woman from San Luis all in jail. The state officers represented themselves as racehorse men going to the Blanca rodeo and inquired where they could get some refreshments. Veterinarians in the area were taking tests for certification in tuberculosis eradication work. A bucket of candy was the temptation that led two Alamosa boys to the State Reformatory. They had recent-

ly rifled a cash register and were known for their mischievousness. Their parents consented in advance that they should be sentenced.

Construction of a new Episcopal Church in Alamosa had begun with \$11,000 dollars raised. The parish house would be constructed first.

A six-pound trout, caught in the Rio Grande near Wrights Ranch, was on display in Pueblo.

Invasive Beet Worm was doing considerable damage at the Star and Newsom farms. At Star, the winged swarm reached up the side of the house and into the house. Practically every crop was consumed. Folks were advised to use crop rotation next year.

The Stampede Parade, July 30 and 31 predicted record-breaking crowds. It was advised that everyone should start building a float, today.

OBITUARIES

Betty Lou Brown

ALAMOSA – Mrs. Betty Lou Brown, passed away on Jan. 23, 2024, leaving behind a legacy filled with warmth, passion, and dedication. Betty was born on April 23, 1935, in the quaint town of Hooper, Colo., where she cultivated a life that was as vibrant and nurturing as the gardens she so lovingly tended.

Betty's journey through life was one marked by an unwavering commitment to her family. A proud graduate of Hooper High School, she carried the lessons of her youth with grace and determination. Her professional path led her to Haynie's Auto Parts, where she honed her skills and dedication. Eventually, Betty's expertise and meticulous nature found a perfect fit as a bookkeeper with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a role she fulfilled with excellence and pride.

Betty's life was a testament to the power of love and support. She saw her family and friends not just as individuals but as extensions of her own heart. She is survived by her loving daughter Patricia

Brown and her son Scott Brown, both of Alamosa, Colo. Her light will continue to shine through her nieces Lori James (Dennis Mills) of Amarillo, Texas, Kay (Clinton) Tamada of Pueblo, Colo., and her nephew Mark (Douda) James of Broomfield, Colo.

Though Betty was preceded in death by her beloved husband Edwin, her son Robert, her parents Henry and Hazel, her sister Winnabeth James, and her brothers Charles and Keith Schwartz, as well as her brother-in-law K.W. James.

Betty found joy in giving back to her community. She dedicated countless hours volunteering at the Alamosa Senior Center, where she was not just a helper but a cherished friend. Betty's spirit of generosity and compassion was a cornerstone of the center, and her presence there will be deeply missed but fondly remembered.

Betty's zest for life took her on adventures far and wide. She traveled, and explored the majesty of Alaska, the charm of Canada, the allure of California, and the warmth of San

Antonio. These trips were more than mere vacations; they were a source of joy and camaraderie, particularly when shared with her close-knit group of friends from the Senior Center.

An outdoor enthusiast, Betty found solace and delight in the embrace of nature. Whether she was perfecting her swing on the golf course, scoring strikes at the bowling alley, or nurturing her garden into a spectacle of color and life, Betty did it all with a sense of passion that was unmistakable. Her gardens were not just a hobby but a canvas for her soul, a place where her love, care, and creativity blossomed for all to see.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on July 13, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alamosa Senior Citizens Center. Memorial contributions may be directed to Alamosa Senior Center, 92 Colorado Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101.

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

grandchildren, as well as two nephews, Carl (Linda) Morris, Scooter Morris and niece Ginger Westphal.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Lois McCarty, husband, Don Martin, sister, Christine Morris, brother, Jimmy McCarty and nephew, Shane Morris.

A celebration of life and location is pending.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the San Luis Valley Church of Christ in Alamosa, Colorado or an organization of your choice.

Services are in the care of Rogers Family Mortuary. To leave online condolences, tributes, and word of comfort for Virginia's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

Virginia Lois (McCarty) Martin

Virginia Lois (McCarty) Martin, 86, passed away peacefully at her home in Alamosa, Colo., on Wednesday, July 2, 2024. Virginia was born on Jan. 11, 1938, in Ballinger, Texas, to Jim and Lois McCarty.



Virginia graduated from Sterling City High School in 1955 when she met the love of her life, Don Martin, whom she married on April 7, 1955, in Loving, N.M. Don and Virginia had two children, Teresa (Frank) Durham of Edna, Texas, and Marvin (Kellie) Martin of Taft, Calif.

She was an active member of the San Luis Valley Church of Christ, Mariposa Social Club and a ladies coffee club. Virginia was active until the minute she died. Virginia loved Jesus first, her fam-

ily second, and all her many friends. Virginia is survived by her children, Teresa and Marvin, her seven grandchildren, Chance (Stacy) Martin, Kendall (Lance) Tipton, Casey (Cassie) Martin, Nathan (Amanda) Fraser, Melissa (Alex) Dewing, Paige (Robert) Richie and Blake (Kelsie) Martin. Also, Virginia is survived by 13 great-

BIRTH

Zayanna Hosanna Chavez

Zayanna Hosanna Chavez was born June 13, 2024, to parents Ashley Chavez and Donovan Chavez both of Alamosa, and weighed

6 pounds and was 19 inches.

Maternal grandparents are John and Sandy Medina of Brighton, Colo.

Paternal grandparents is Esther Chavez of Capulin, Colo.

Great-grandparents are Arthur Ruybal and Elva Martinez.

Connecting with the spikes



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Creede's Zach Northrup competed in the spike driving contest as part of the Days of '92 Colorado State Mining Championships in Creede on Friday. Driving one spike upward and three downward, his time of 46.38 seconds was leading the event upon his completion. A contractor by trade, Northrup is accustomed to driving nails, even big ones. The two-day competition has been ongoing for 46 years.

RGC commissioners discuss Dominion Voting System again

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

RIO GRANDE COUNTY – After hosting an informational work session pertaining to Dominion Voting Systems earlier in June, the Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners opened another public forum on June 26 to consider their previous decision to renew a contract with the voting machine company.

The discussion was opened by Rio Grande County Commissioner Gene Glover who began by stating that he was not happy with Dominion Voting Systems and though it was too late to rescind their previous decision for the election in November, he was for rescinding the expansion of the system, but to replace it would take more time.

"None of us are happy with Dominion. We all know that, and we all know it is too late to stop it this year. It is a federal mandate that you have an electronic voting machine. I am not in favor necessarily, in expanding the system that we originally approved, but as far as getting rid of the Dominion Voting System, we are in a process where it is going to take time after this election," said Glover. Rio Grande County Commissioners were approached several months ago by Rio Grande County Clerk

Cindy Hill to approve a standard upgrade to the existing contract with Dominion Voting Systems and approve the initial update to the contract.

The machine used by Rio Grande County has passed all of the audits, tests and requirements presented by the Colorado County Clerk Association or CCCA. According to Hill, this is an upgrade to the existing contract and is a first amendment to the original contract signed March 31,

2017. No new equipment is being added, no programming changes have been made since 2017. The contract renewal approved by commissioners will include new equipment and improved software scheduled to be installed in July.

Hill also explained that the new software and equipment must undergo the Logic and Accuracy Testing (LAT) and pass all Colorado State requirements before it is used in the election this fall. During the testing LAT Judges mark 25 ballots each, will run all possible voting combinations, all ballot marking devices must be tested and the results are hand counted to confirm accuracy. If there are any errors detected or found the process is repeated until 100 percent accuracy is

confirmed.

Rio Grande County Commissioner and Chairman Tyler Ratzlaff said, "We have done our research. We have talked with Dominion and to the State of Colorado. It is not just federally mandated to have an electronic voting system; it is state statute as well. You have to have computerized counting. So, I am afraid it is a fight. We think it is a fight we need to fight, but those fights have to happen at the state and federal level."

Commissioner Scott Deacon said that the fight needed to start somewhere.

The meeting continued with people urging the commissioners to ensure all updates and security patches are properly installed. The commissioners stated this was a part of the contract that was approved.

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Rocky Mountain Estates Firehouse Art Show and Fundraiser

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— The 11th Rocky Mountain Estates Community Firehouse Art Show and Fundraiser will take place July 13 and 14.

People can enjoy live music and refreshments while browsing the work of world-class artists in a beautiful mountain setting. The show begins on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located 24 miles from Antonito on State Highway 17 to Horca at FDR 250, where event signs will be posted, then 7 miles north. The firehouse is adjacent to Rocky Mtn Lodge, 7700 FDR 250 Antonito.

Featuring the work of renowned artist from Rocky Mountain Estates and the surrounding area, the show will include paintings and sculptures by Charles Ewing, Jim Gilmore, Gwen McBride, and Dave Spensley, as well as the work of gourd artist Andi Wardlaw, silversmith Gene Chris-

tensen, and woodworker David French.

New this year will be a drawing for prizes, including some big-ticket items, such as two United Airlines super-saver tickets for anywhere in the USA, horseback trail ride for two, fly fishing lessons, iron elk wall hanging, redwood outdoor bench, a fire pit, and a Texas weekend guest cabin rental. Tickets for the prize drawings may be purchased at the door.

Proceeds from the show benefit the local volunteer fire department and firehouse. Since it can take up to an hour for one of the local fire departments to reach this remote mountain community, it is a goal to provide safety for residents and visitors to the area until professional help can arrive. The volunteer fire department and firehouse are supported almost entirely through contributions from the community and fundraisers like this.



Courtesy photo
Charles Ewing is a well-known western artist, known for his figurative paintings of people, wildlife and nature using oils, clay board and bronze sculpture. Also pictured is Lee Ann Nielsen.

Spark Speaker Series continues July 10

By NANCY HARRIS
ALAMOSA — Spark the Change Colorado, a leading volunteer nonprofit dedicated to service and community health, invites the public to its monthly speaker series, “Spark Speaker Series: Empowering Aging in Colorado.”



Courtesy photo
Certified Music Therapist Deborah Palmer will speak at the Alamosa Senior Center on July 10 regarding ‘Music’s Influence on Aging and Well-Being.’

The next event in the series is at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, at the Alamosa Senior Citizens Center. Hosted by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Alamosa County, the series addresses issues pertaining to older adults and their health and features local expert speakers on topics such as well-being, nutrition, volunteering, memory, physical health, and much more. All are welcome and no registration is necessary.

Each presentation in the series will take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the activity room of the Alamosa Senior Citizens Center, 92 Colorado Ave.

The featured speaker for July 10 is Deborah Palmer, MM, MT-BC, Board Certified Music Therapist, who has over 17 years of experience working with older adults, hospice, rehabilitation, and persons with special needs. Palmer’s presentation is titled, “Music’s Influence on Aging and Well-Being.” The presentation will cover the basics of music therapy, how music impacts various aspects of aging, and how older adults can utilize music to maintain and improve health. The

presentation will also include a live music demonstration.

In addition to Palmer’s presentation, Nancy Harris, Spark the Change Colorado’s RSVP Manager for Alamosa County, will talk about the benefits of volunteering in one’s community and ways to get involved with RSVP.

“Come with an open mind, a desire to learn more about seniors and their well-being, and with your own ideas of future topics and speakers. We will be gathering input from participants at each of the events to determine what folks from our senior community are interested in learning about through the monthly series,” organizers stated.

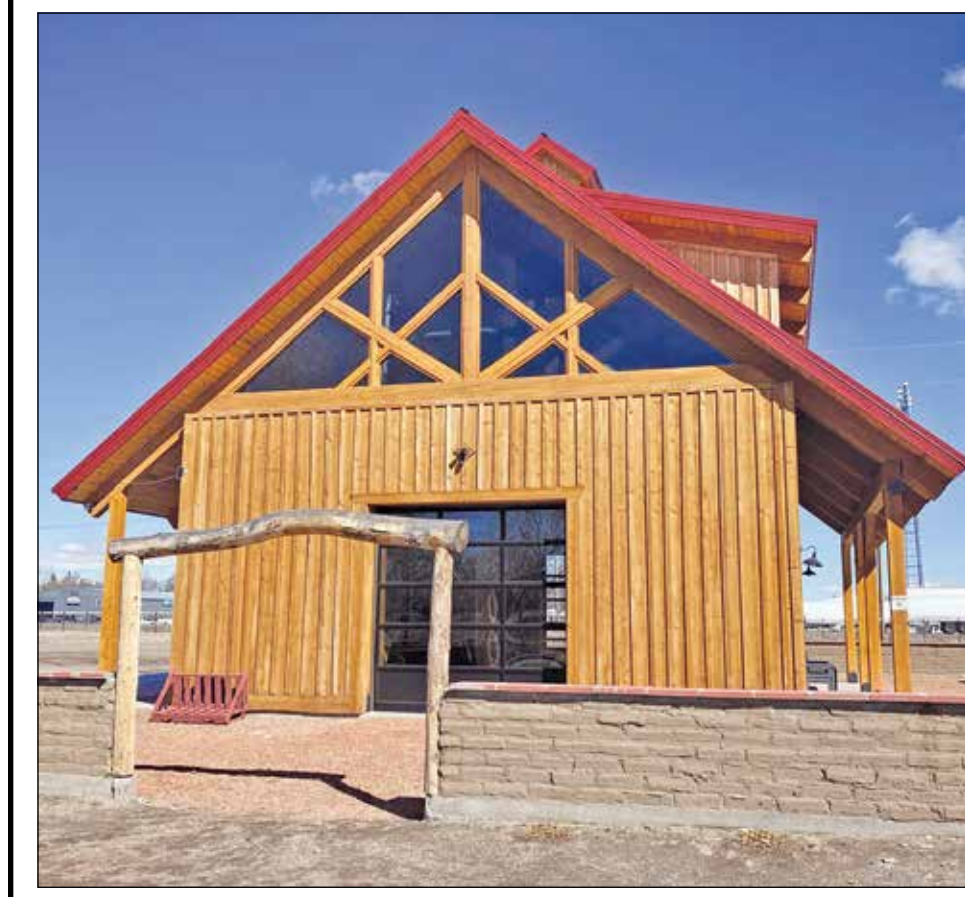
For more information about the Spark Speaker Series, or to become an RSVP volunteer, contact Harris at nharris@sparkthechangecolorado.org or 303-867-0868, or visit www.sparkthechangecolorado.org/rsvp.

Weather

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As a whole, above-normal temperatures were experienced across south-central and southeast Colorado, with generally above-normal precipitation across south-central Colorado and pockets of above-normal and well-below-normal precipitation across southeast Colorado.

Alamosa for June was 64.3 degrees. This is 3.7 degrees above normal and makes June of 2024 the second-warmest June on record in Alamosa, just behind the 64.5-degree average June temperature in 2012. The average June maximum temperature in Alamosa was 82.3 degrees, which is 2.1 degrees above normal. The average June minimum temperature in Alamosa was 46.3 degrees, which is 5.4 degrees above normal.

Colorado Department of Agriculture in Alamosa July 9



Join CDA staff and members of the Colorado Agricultural Commission for an in-person meeting in Alamosa to learn more about how the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) is present in communities across the state, including the San Luis Valley. The forum starts at 5:30 p.m. on July 9 at the Rio Grande Farm Park, 6935 Colorado Highway 17, Alamosa. Hear from CDA staff about how the Department is structured and how it serves the agricultural community across the state, meet CDA staff members, and get an overview of how policy and legislation moves through the legislature. The meeting will include time for a Question & Answer session with CDA staff. To RSVP go to ag.colorado.gov/events.

Courier photo by John Waters

SCOTUS

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depending upon Alamosa’s response, this 2024 ruling could, too.

A summary of local history helps to provide context.

For the past six years or longer, Alamosa has had a growing population of people who were unsheltered. According to City Manager Heather Sanchez, many of those who were homeless were camping in places that led to numerous, sometimes daily, complaints to the city.

With no alternative place for unsheltered people to sleep, the 2018 ruling alerted the city to the possibility of being sued and, if so, losing in court.

When COVID hit, the rationale for a place where people could camp became even more evident, resulting in the construction of St. Benedict’s Campsite in May of 2020.

“In order to keep unsheltered individuals in Alamosa from camping throughout the community in alleys, trails, parks, sidewalks, open space or other public lands,” Sanchez told the Valley Courier in 2021, “it is legally necessary for the city to have a location where people who are homeless can camp.”

After the SCOTUS ruling

was released last week, the Valley Courier reached out to Sanchez, asking if the city planned on revisiting the need for St. Benedict’s since the legal justification no longer existed.

“This ruling does change the justification for having St. Benedict,” Sanchez responded. “Our plan is to host some sort of public meeting where City Council can hear from the public on their thoughts of keeping St. Benedict and provide direction to staff.”

“The details of this meeting have not yet come together, but we will obviously want to get the details out as broadly as possible once they are set. Homelessness is such a complex and controversial topic that we want to make sure we handle this discussion appropriately and transparently.”

While the City of Alamosa considers what different path, if any, to take going forward, other cities are applauding the 2024 ruling, saying the 2018 ruling was too ambiguous or tied their hands in keeping public spaces open and safe.

Others are hoping that exercising legal authority to ticket or arrest people will strongly encourage them to access what services are available or force them to move on to some other place.

Those who oppose the ruling are asking questions that are not easy to answer.

Homelessness is on the rise, everywhere. In 2023, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 653,104 people experienced homelessness in the U.S., marking a record-high tally and a 12 percent increase over 2022. Among them, 111,620 were children without homes.

While there clearly are other contributing factors, there is widespread agreement that the number one cause of homelessness is a lack of affordable housing.

If someone has to sleep on a sidewalk, it’s likely due, at least in part, to no place to rent or what places there are to rent costing more than they can pay.

With that in mind, what will issuing a ticket accomplish other than forcing him or her to move where she will likely get another ticket?

And for those who are issued so many citations that they end up in jail, what is accomplished by having a record that makes it even more difficult to get a job or place to live?

Lance Cheslock, executive director of La Puente Home Inc. and longtime advocate for people who

are homeless, voiced similar oppositions.

“This ruling will have national and Colorado implications. It’s a progression of events that ultimately creates barriers to people being able to be sheltered when the lack of shelter is what is causing the problem.”

“Progressively, as people get ticketed and are unable to pay their fines or unable to relocate to a different place, ultimately the inability to pay those mounting fines makes it difficult for a person to stay within the boundaries of the law.”

“When people end up in jail for a situation that, for whatever reason, they currently are unable to change, that’s basically turning someone who is homeless into someone who will be identified as a criminal.”

“Life is going to get harder for those we all serve. Outside of shelters and the couches of friends, where will people experiencing homelessness be welcome?”

Homelessness is complex. How this ruling helps or makes it worse is yet to be discovered.

The Valley Courier reached out to Alamosa Police Department Police Chief George Dingfelder for his reaction but there was no response prior to press time.

Opinion

I don't know

I don't know, he said.
You don't know? What do you mean you don't know?
I don't know, he said again.
My goodness — I thought to myself. Are you sad, mad, glad or restless? Please explain.

Movin' On with Nellie

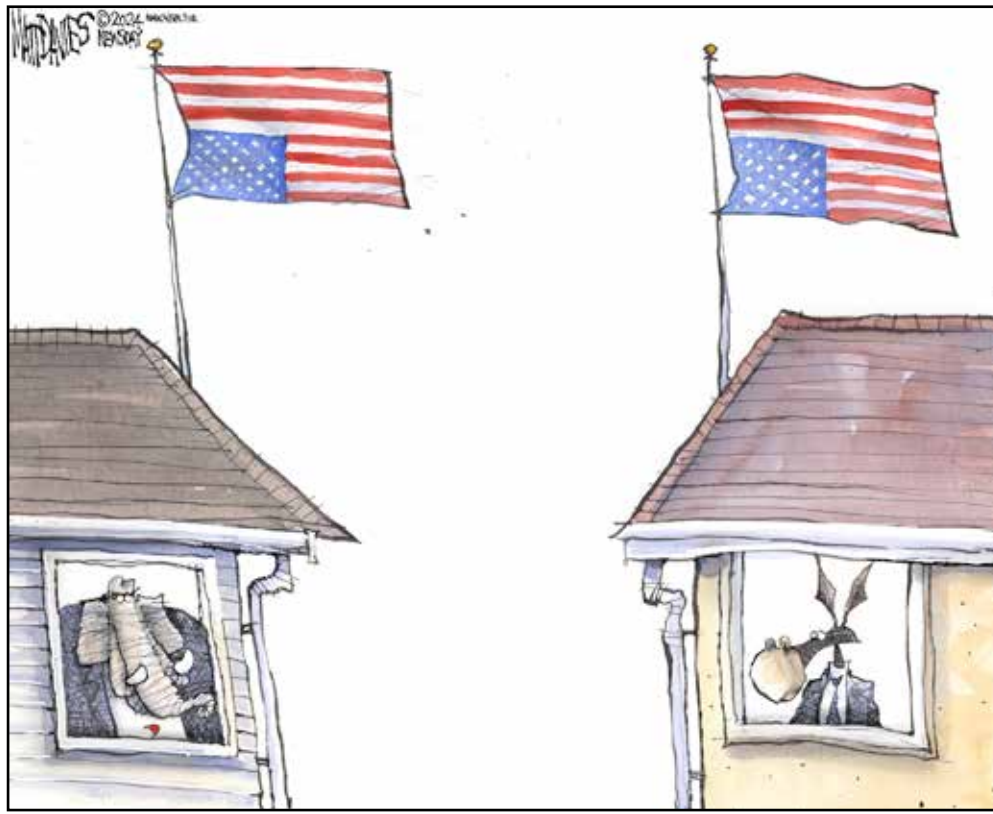


Nelda Curtiss

That conversation made me think about my mom who has now been in heaven for 14 years. It doesn't seem that long. My aunt, her sister, has been gone 17 years now. I didn't know who to talk to when Mom left; she had been my long-distance confidant, my comedic partner when we dissected those Saturday-Sunday puzzles.

It wasn't long ago that my son, my cousin and I went to Aunt Nono's grave in the Alamosa Cemetery to pray and sing one of her favorite songs. My son led the song based on the verse prominent on her headstone: The joy of the Lord is my strength. Wayne also helped me when I didn't know, when I didn't have the strength to walk and fetched my two-seater so I could move to Aunt Nono's grave site across the section from Edna's husband's site.

I think it is difficult to live our lives from time to time and so my son's "I don't know" has probably been everyone's response during duress, whatever



er it might be from unexpected death to the end of long suffering. It is difficult for parents to release their children to the world; bird families do this, lion families do it, elephants do it and humans must do it as well. Whether parent or offspring, we all face the uncertainties of life and say to ourselves: I don't know. I don't know what to do. I don't know what to say. I don't know where to go. I don't know what to do with the tax forms. (And on, and on and on.)

When my students didn't know what to write, I would ask them to free write and just think about questions in the textbook or one I asked: "What was your earliest experience with fishing?"

Somewhere in their free writing expressions, students would come to an idea that captured them.

Sometimes we have to be still and know that God is God, to borrow an idea from the Bible, Koran, or Tanakh. This activity might be the most difficult of all for some of us. Our lives, even in the rural San Luis Valley, are abuzz with trips here, activities there, and chores to do before sunset. It's in meditation that so many find their lost centers and their deep soulful thoughts. Meditation might take the form of yoga, squarely sitting on the floor or in a chair or it might be delving into an interest with all your thoughts: like painting, sculpting,

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sewing, cooking, weed eating, walking, running or reading.

Whatever form your meditation takes this week, don't be afraid of "I don't know"; instead take the lead for yourself and be mindful of what comes along: your toes, foes, woes, knows, no's, and your supposes. My mom would say to me: Count your blessings, Nellie. So finally, be sure to count your blessings when "I don't know" pleads with your mind.

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Senility-gate and Mrs. Alito's flags

By ANN COULTER

Can you imagine if The New York Times had covered the Biden White House as closely as it covered Justice Samuel Alito's wife's collection of novelty flags?

The media's playing Praetorian Guard for one party isn't good for democracy, but oddly, it's not even good for the Democrats. Biden's open-mouthed, faraway stare at a nationally televised debate isn't the first shock revelation to rock a Democratic candidate in the middle of a presidential campaign.

Al Gore spent 20 years boasting about his service in Vietnam. "I took my turn regularly on the perimeter in these little firebases out in the boonies. Something would move, we'd fire first and ask questions later," he told Vanity Fair, among other macho quotes. And then he decided to run for president, and we found out Gore had a personal bodyguard in Vietnam, the most dangerous weapon he carried was a typewriter, and he left after three months.

John Kerry claimed to be a valiant, Purple Heart-deserving Vietnam veteran who spent Christmas 1968 in Cambodia "despite President Nixon's assurances that there was no combat action in this neutral territory" -- all dutifully reported in the press. Then he ran for president, and it was suddenly discovered that more than 280 Swift Boat Veterans for Truth called Kerry a liar, his Purple Heart was based on a self-inflicted wound that required the life-saving application of a Band-Aid, his boat was never in Cambodia, and Nixon wasn't president in 1968.

Right up until last Thursday, we've been assured by the entire media conglomerate that Joe Biden is the sharpest he's ever been, "intellectually, analytically" -- the words of MSNBC's Joe Scarborough just last month.

Then 50 million people watching the first presidential debate found out the leader of the free world barely knows his shapes and colors. About halfway

through the debate, the stenographer typing the closed-captioning committed suicide.

Typical Biden sentence: "We're able to make every single solitary person eligible for what I've been able to do with the with the COVID, excuse me, with, um, dealing with everything we have to do with, uh, look, if. We finally beat Medicare."

Cut to senior deputy press secretary Andrew Bates: "President Biden takes round-the-world trips that reporters publicly call exhausting and has gone to two active war zones. [He] works around the clock and does many evening events." Right. The only clock Biden works around is the one that tells him it's time to take his meds.

Reporters' suck-uppery to Democrats is the mirror opposite of what I describe in "Resistance Is Futile!": The media's hate-fueled attacks on Trump -- He's Hitler! He's a rapist! He's a Russian collaborator! -- not only fall apart upon the slightest examination, but they keep helping him. At this point, Trump's about one mug shot away from a landslide this November. Maybe journalists should try working through their rage with psychiatrists instead of in their reporting.

Has the debate fiasco finally led them to learn their lesson?

Nope!

In the least surprising opinion of the term, this week the Supreme Court found that the president has absolute immunity from criminal prosecution for official acts that are exclusively committed to him by the Constitution; presumptive immunity over all other official acts; and zero immunity for unofficial acts. Courts are to determine what is or isn't an official act based on precedent, context, etc.

In a dissent that sounds like it came from someone with the Twitter bio "mom.artist.loves birds," Justice Sonia Sotomayor alleged that the court's ruling permits a president to do the following:

"Orders the Navy's SEAL Team 6 to assassinate a political rival? Immune. Organizes a military coup to hold onto power? Immune. Takes a bribe in exchange for a pardon? Immune. Immune, immune, immune."

This demented interpretation was wholeheartedly endorsed by The New York Times and fanboied by the rest of the media. Twitter and MSNBC have been chockablock with hysterical women claiming the opinion gives the president the right to be a dictator and assassinate rivals.

Try to grasp what they are saying. Their argument is: OMG! The courts are going to find that assassinating political rivals is within the president's exclusive constitutional duties! Therefore, our only protection is to submit a president's acts to the courts -- the same courts that we expect to find a "The president shall assassinate political rivals" clause in the Constitution.

Liberals are incapable of thinking in abstract terms. They can't conceive of life beyond the next election or the possibility that a rule of general applicability will also apply to one of their guys someday. (Anybody remember Bill Clinton?) Every court opinion is evaluated on a single metric: Will this help or hurt Trump right now?

Thus, for example, the Times editorial denounced the immunity ruling solely because the decision would allow presidents to "encourag[e] an insurrection at the U.S. Capitol."

No mention of presidents interning Japanese (FDR); expropriating gold from U.S. citizens (FDR); seizing the steel mills (Truman); using the CIA to spy on a rival's political campaign, and the FBI to bug an opponent's campaign plane (LBJ); bombing a foreign country on the eve of his scheduled impeachment (Clinton); or flinging open the border in direct violation of federal law (Obama, Biden).

But that's not even the Times' most ridiculous response to the immunity ruling. Moments after the (mundane)

decision came out, the Times slapped this headline on its homepage:

"Thomas and Alito took part in the case, despite calls for their recusal."

Yes, despite demands by utter imbeciles at the Times that Alito recuse himself because his wife collects novelty flags, and Thomas because the Democratic Party has never hated anyone so much ... they declined.

It's a wonder these media bloodhounds had no idea that the sitting president of the United States is a vegetable.

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Should Vatican stop showing art by a problematic priest?

When members of the Society of Jesus gather at Borgo Santo Spirito, their headquarters near the Vatican, they worship surrounded by the relics of Jesuit saints and works of sacred art.



Terry Mattingly

This includes the work of Father Marko Ivan Rupnik, who the Jesuits expelled in June 2023 after long investigations into allegations that he sexually and emotionally abused as many as 30 women in religious orders.

The Vatican excommunicated the Slovenian priest in 2020 -- but quickly withdrew that judgment.

Some abuse, according to alleged victims, took place while nuns were serving as models for Rupnik's art.

The question the Vatican should answer, according to the leader of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, is whether it's time to remove Rupnik's art from Vatican websites and publications, as well as holy sanctuaries.

"We must avoid sending a message that the Holy See is oblivious to the psychological distress that so many are suffering," wrote U.S. Cardinal Sean

P. O'Malley of Boston in a June 26 letter to leaders throughout the Vatican curia. "I ask you to bear this in mind when choosing images to accompany the publication of messages, articles, and reflections through the various communication channels available to us."

O'Malley's full text has not been released, but quotations have appeared in Catholic media, including in a report posted on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website.

Still, the Vatican News website continues -- as seen on the June 28 "Saint of the Day" page -- to feature an image of St. Irenaeus drawn from a Rupnik mosaic in the Catholic diplomatic office in Paris. The website of the Rupnik-linked Centro Aletti in Rome documents that his images are displayed in 200-plus locations around the world.

O'Malley stressed that "pastoral prudence" would suggest that displaying Rupnik's art could "indicate indifference to the pain and suffering of so many victims of abuse."

Two days after the cardinal's letter, five former

nuns who have claimed abuse by Rupnik sent a letter of their own to more than 100 bishops and other Catholic leaders linked to institutions displaying the priest's art. The Associated Press quoted the letter: "Notwithstanding the years that have passed, the trauma that each suffered has not been erased, and it lives again in the presence of each of Father Rupnik's works."

This drama is unfolding soon after remarks by Pope Francis, who said it has been positive for church life that journalists have avoided "profane" and "political" coverage of scandals.

"I would like to add the delicacy that you so often have in speaking of scandals in the Church: There are some and many times I have seen in you a great delicacy, a respect, an almost, I say, 'abashed' silence," said Francis during a January meeting with accredited Vatican reporters. "Thank you for the effort you make to maintain this vision that is able to look behind appearances, to grasp the substance, that does not bend to the superficiality of stereotypes and preconceived formulas of the information-spectacle..."

Then, during the Catholic Media Conference in

Atlanta, Paolo Ruffini, the leader of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication, delivered a June 21 address to journalists, urging them to stay positive and help promote Catholic unity.

Ruffini noted: "Changing the narrative towards hope, recognizing the dynamism of good, setting hearts ablaze and orienting them towards communion, witnessing a different type of storytelling, which is generative and creative, this is the way to spread the good news and to give a Christian interpretation to anything that happens in the world."

Asked about Rupnik during a question-and-answer session, Ruffini replied -- according to a participant's video obtained by The Pillar website -- that removing art from church life would not reflect the values of "civilization." Also, Catholics around the world have become accustomed to praying in the presence of Rupnik art and, he added, it is "inspiring" that the Jesuits have not removed the mosaic in Borgo Santo Spirito.

A journalist asked if Ruffini thought pulling Rupnik's work from Catholic sites would show

a Vatican commitment to comforting victims. Ruffini replied: "Well, I think you're wrong. I think you are wrong. I really think you are wrong. ... Removing, deleting, destroying art does not ever mean a good choice. This is not a Christian response."

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Bible Digest

Saturday, July 6
"I acknowledge my sin to you, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD; and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah." (Psalms 32:5 AKJV)

Sin is the problem. The Lord is the answer. All the world needs to know this.

Sunday, July 7
"I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." (Psalms 34:4 AKJV)

Let the Lord give you the courage you need. He will take care of you.

Monday, July 8
"The angel of the LORD encamps round about them that fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusts in him." (Psalms 34:7-8 AKJV)

Trust the Lord. You will be blessed.

Tuesday, July 9
"Then Moses said to Aaron, This is it that the LORD spoke, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come near me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace." (Leviticus 10:3 AKJV)

We must regard God as holy. We cannot treat Him with little to no respect. God is holy!

Wednesday, July 10
"And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful." (Mark 4:19 AKJV)

We must be careful to not let the things of this world keep us from serving the Lord.

Thursday, July 11
"A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked." (Psalms 37:16 AKJV)

Riches are found in our relationship with the Lord.

Friday, July 12
"Delight yourself also in the LORD; and he shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." (Psalms 37:4-5 AKJV)

Amen! This is life at its best.

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What Real Love Really Looks Like

Editor's Note: A new Joyce Meyers column was not available this week, please enjoy this column from the past.

I have made it a priority to study about love in the Word of God. Getting a revelation about how much God loves me and learning to receive His love has been life-changing for me. It's the key to being able to really enjoy my life because when I learned how to receive God's love, then I could love others.

This is so important because the best way—the only way—you can have a happy, powerful life is to get your mind off yourself and do something for someone else. Helping people, being a blessing and adding value to other people's lives is what it means to walk in love and follow the example of Jesus.

Jericho when "he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead."

A priest and a Levite both passed by him and neither stopped to help. Verse 33 says, "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion" (NKJV). Notice that he "had compassion" for this man and he was moved to do something to help him.

He dressed his wounds and took him to an inn where he could get the care he needed. He paid the innkeeper and told him, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you" (v35). There are a few things I want you to notice here. First, the Samaritan was traveling the road and was probably going somewhere he needed to be; he had a plan but he was willing to stop and help this man even if it meant his plan was interrupted. Also, he gave his best effort to make sure the man had good care and then paid for him to get it. He was obviously willing to pay whatever it was going to cost because he told the innkeeper, "Whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you." So he was planning to come back and make sure everything the man needed was covered.



Want to tell you, "Yes, you can!" You can love others like this because as a born-again Christian, you have everything you need to be like Jesus. It's not always easy because we have to resist the temptation to be selfish, but 1 John 4:4 says that the Spirit of God in us is greater than our enemy. So in Christ, we have the power we need to walk by faith and live a life of love. It's important to understand that God is not expecting you to be perfect in your love walk or to do it without His help. What He wants is for you to see Him through prayer and studying the Word, and as you do, lean on Him for the grace to do what He's asking you to do each day. God is love, so you can rest in the truth that He is patient with you. He's always with you. He believes in you and He will not give up on you. With God's love in your life, you can learn how to live a life of love!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource *What Is Love? You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.* Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored more than 140 books, including *BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND* and *THE ANSWER TO ANXIETY (FaithWords)*. She hosts the *Enjoying Everyday Life* radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.joycemeyer.org.

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Lifestyles

Cool ways to protect yourself from heat-related illness

(NAPSI)—Much of the U.S. could face hotter than normal conditions this year as the climate crisis drives higher temperatures—but you can keep yourself and those you care about safe.

Consider these facts and figures:

- 2023 was the hottest year on record, and scientists warn that 2024 could break records again.

- Since the 1960s, heat waves have become more frequent, more intense and longer lasting.

- Heat-related deaths are on the rise.

What You Can Do

When extreme heat blankets the country, the American Red Cross recommends you take these steps:

1. Slow down by postponing or limiting outdoor activities, including strenuous exercise. If you must work outdoors, take frequent breaks and try to schedule tasks early or late in the day. Remember, hot cars can be deadly—never leave children or pets in a vehicle.

2. Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water and avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks. Be sure animals have access to plenty of fresh water and shade.

3. Spend time indoors in an air-conditioned place. If you don't have air conditioning, go to a public library, shopping mall or public cooling center. Call 211 to find an open location. Check on loved

ones and neighbors who may be at risk and lack air conditioning to ensure they are safe.

Signs of Illness

You should also know how to recognize the signs of heat-related illness and what to do. It's critical to react quickly.

- Heat can make anyone ill, especially older adults, the very young, pregnant women and those with chronic medical conditions. People who work outdoors, have limited personal resources and live in places without green spaces are also at higher risk.

- Heat cramps are an early sign of trouble and include heavy sweating with muscle pains or spasms. To help, move the person to a cooler place and encourage them to drink water. Get medical help if symptoms last longer than an hour or if the person has heart problems.

- Heat exhaustion is a more severe condition signaled by cool, pale and clammy skin; a fast or weak pulse; nausea or vomiting; tiredness or weakness; or a headache, dizziness or passing out. To help, move the person to a cooler place, loosen tight clothing and encourage them to sip water slowly. Use wet cloths, misting or fanning to cool them off. Get medical help right away if symptoms worsen or last longer than an hour, or if the person vomits or acts

confused.

- Heat stroke is a deadly condition that requires immediate medical help. Symptoms include a high body temperature; hot, red, dry or damp skin; a fast or strong pulse; a headache or dizziness; or nausea, confusion and passing out. Call 911 right away if you think someone may have heat stroke. Then move the person to a cool place, and use wet cloths, misting or fanning to help cool them off. Do not give the person anything to drink.

Extreme Weather on the Rise

Along with heat waves, the U.S. is experiencing

more frequent and intense disasters. The Red Cross encourages everyone to prepare now by making a plan to stay safe, gathering important supplies and knowing how you'll stay connected. Visit redcross.org or download the free Red Cross Emergency app for real-time weather alerts and safety information in English and Spanish. Find the app in smartphone app stores by searching for the "American Red Cross."

Extreme heat can be deadly, but you can take steps to stay safe

Courtesy photo



Fourth human case of bird flu diagnosed in Colorado dairy farm worker

By JENNIFER SHUTT

Colorado Newsline

WASHINGTON

Public health officials have diagnosed a Colorado farm worker with the country's fourth human case of highly pathogenic avian influenza, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state's department of health reported Wednesday.

The Colorado case, the state's first this year related to spread from dairy cattle to humans, was reported after an adult man working on a farm in the northeast region of the state experienced conjunctivitis or pink eye.

The unidentified man, who has since recovered, was being monitored by public health officials after dairy cattle on the farm he worked on tested positive for H5N1, or bird flu.

Dr. Rachel Herlihy, an epidemiologist with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, wrote in a statement announcing the diagnosis that the "risk to most people remains low."

"Avian flu viruses are currently spreading among animals, but they are not adapted to spread from person to person," Herlihy wrote in the statement. "Right now, the most important thing to know is that people who have regular exposure to infected animals are at increased risk of infection and should take precautions when they have contact with sick animals."

Nationwide, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has reported bird flu in 139 dairy herds throughout a dozen states, including Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.

In Colorado, there have been 27 dairy herds where at least one cow has tested

positive for H5N1 since the outbreak began, according to data from the USDA.

The other three human cases reported this year include two dairy farm workers in Michigan and one in Texas. Two of the cases were pink eye, while one of the Michigan patients experienced mild respiratory symptoms.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment wrote in its announcement Wednesday that 2022 was the last time a person within the state was diagnosed with bird flu. That time it was the result of infected poultry.

Bird flu continues to spread in the country's poultry flocks as well, though that industry has had much more time to adjust and get its workers used to wearing personal protective equipment than dairy farmers have.

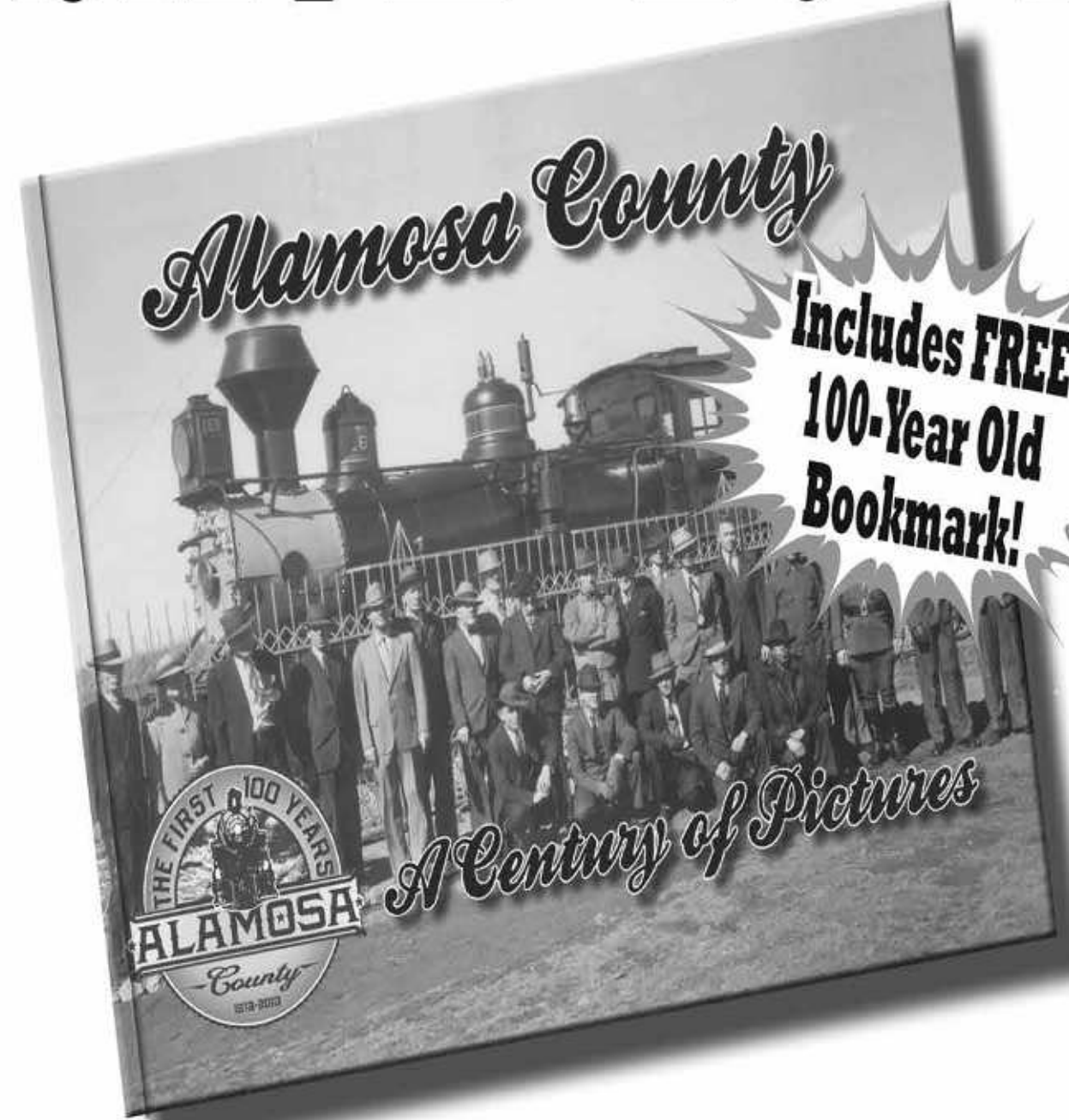
More than 97 million poultry throughout 48 states have tested positive for H5N1 since this outbreak began in January 2022, according to reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Unlike dairy cows, which generally recover from bird flu, poultry flocks are culled after a diagnosis, making response and recovery to H5N1 vastly different.

The USDA began a voluntary pilot program for dairy farmers in late June that gives them the option to have their herd's bulk milk tanks tested. The program is designed to make it easier for farmers to transport their cows across state lines.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced Tuesday that it would direct \$176 million to Moderna to develop a vaccine that would inoculate people against the virus.

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Lifestyle

Ladies Aid prepares for annual rummage sale

Group is celebrating 125th anniversary this summer

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

CREEDE — With Fourth of July celebrations happening this week, the Creede Ladies Aid is ready to come out and celebrate its quasiquicentennial (125th) year with the community they are proud to serve. The organization has been hard at work planning for their rummage sale and the two-day event is set to capture the love, pride and joy the society has for Creede.

Creede Ladies Aid is ready to celebrate its 125th anniversary. This organization is the oldest community organization in Creede's history and in honor of that heritage, the group is planning to celebrate all summer with a variety of events geared toward the community they love to serve.

On July 17 and half a day on July 18, the Virginia Christensen Multi-use Facility will be transformed into a treasure trove of used items, antiques and so much more. From baked goods to auction items to help raise funding for the organization, there is something for everyone at this area-favorite event.

Beginning two days

prior to July 17, Ladies Aid will be receiving donations from anyone who may have something to give for the rummage sale and if someone needs help gathering or transporting the items, they need only call for help. Email Janet Harrison at janet.baltesharrison@gmail.com, to schedule a pickup.

For the past 125 years, Ladies Aid has helped the Creede community in so many ways and while looking back through the years, only one word comes to mind, "blessed."

"This is really exciting for us, and it makes me very proud to be a part of this organization. When you look at the bigger picture and look back through the years and all the good things the Ladies Aid has done for Creede and the support of the community for us, it's just amazing," said Ladies Aid Member Janet Harrison.

As their quasiquicentennial year gets started, the committee planning events is looking for recipes, photos, historical anecdotes or any other historical information about the organization from anyone willing to share. The theme for the year beyond the whimsical word "quasiquicentennial" is Hearts and Hands Moving Mountains. This theme will be present in everything the organization plans to do this summer.

Though details are

still being worked out, the group plans to participate in the Fourth of July Parade, to host a community celebration and to hold their annual Ladies Aid Rummage sale for two days in July.

Through the years that Ladies Aid has served Creede they have done everything from providing the first safety net for Creede residents including supporting other local organizations like the Mineral County Search and Rescue, the Creede Repertory Theatre, Creede Early Learning Center, the local veterinary clinic, the Care and Share Program and more.

Not only do they support other local organizations, but the group also provides medical help and other financial assistance, grocery vouchers for fresh food for families in need, bereavement dinners for mourning families, make and sell migrant worker and foster child bags and much more.

"We are just so proud of the work we do and the community we serve. It is our greatest blessing, and we want to make sure and thank the many women who are here during the summer, our generous and outstanding men who come out every year to help and to the Creede community for all of the support. This will be a great year, so get excited," said Harrison.

Supporters of Colorado mountain lion hunting ban submit petition signatures

By **SARA WILSON**
Colorado Newsline

Organizers of a proposed ballot initiative to ban large cat hunting in Colorado said they delivered over 180,000 signatures to the secretary of state on Wednesday, getting them one step closer to posing the question to voters in November.

"Today we submit signatures to give Colorado voters an opportunity to stop the inhumane, unsporting killing of mountain lions and bobcats for their heads and their beautiful coats," Samantha Miller, campaign manager for Cats Aren't Trophies, said in a statement.

To qualify for the ballot, initiative supporters must gather 124,238 valid signatures of registered voters across the state. Cats Aren't Trophies, which is endorsing Initiative 91, had until July 5 to submit those signatures.

The initiative would declare that trophy hunting — meaning it is not a defensive act — is inhumane. It would outlaw hunting of mountain lions, and hunting and trapping of bobcats and lynx. That type of hunting would be classified as a Class 1 misdemeanor and punishable by a five-year wildlife li-

cense suspension. Multiple offenses would result in a lifetime license revocation.

It would still allow the killing of mountain lions and bobcats if they are deemed a threat to human life, livestock and property.

Currently, there is a hunting season for mountain lions that runs from November to May. Hunters killed 502 mountain lions during the 2022-2023 season, according to a report from Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

In Colorado, hunters are required to prepare big game, such as lions, for human consumption. It is a felony to take a "trophy" from the animal such as the head or hide and then abandon the carcass.

There are also hunting and trapping seasons for bobcats. Lynx are federally protected and can't be hunted or trapped, but hunters sometimes mistake them for bobcats.

Initiative backers say that trophy hunters hire professional guides to guarantee a mountain lion kill. The killing of female lions creates orphaned kittens, which typically stay with their mothers for 18 months.

CPW asks hunters to

voluntarily reduce kill-

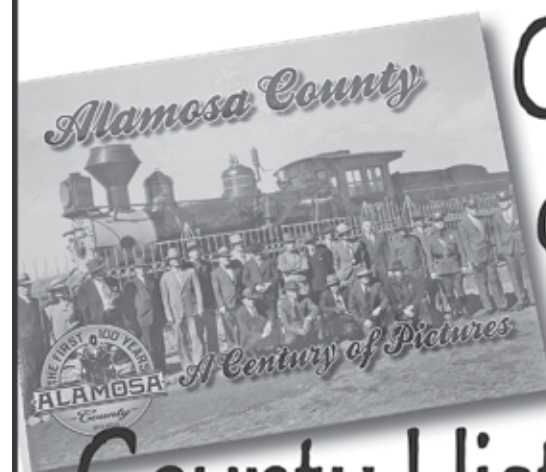
ing female lions. Opponents of the initiative include the Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project, a coalition of hunting organizations. That organization contends that harvest limits and hunter reporting and inspection requirements are strong regulations that ensure a healthy mountain lion population.

"The future of Colorado's wildlife management is at a crossroads. The underpinnings of science-based wildlife management administered by wildlife professionals may be on the ballot this November, and the stakes couldn't be higher," Gaspar Pericone, chair of CWCP, said in a June statement.

A 2022 bill to ban mountain lion hunting died in its first legislative hearing.

The secretary of state's office has 30 days to review signatures. There are two citizen-led initiatives that already have a place on November's ballot. One would recognize the right to abortion in the state Constitution and another would set a 4% cap on yearly growth in statewide property tax revenue collection.

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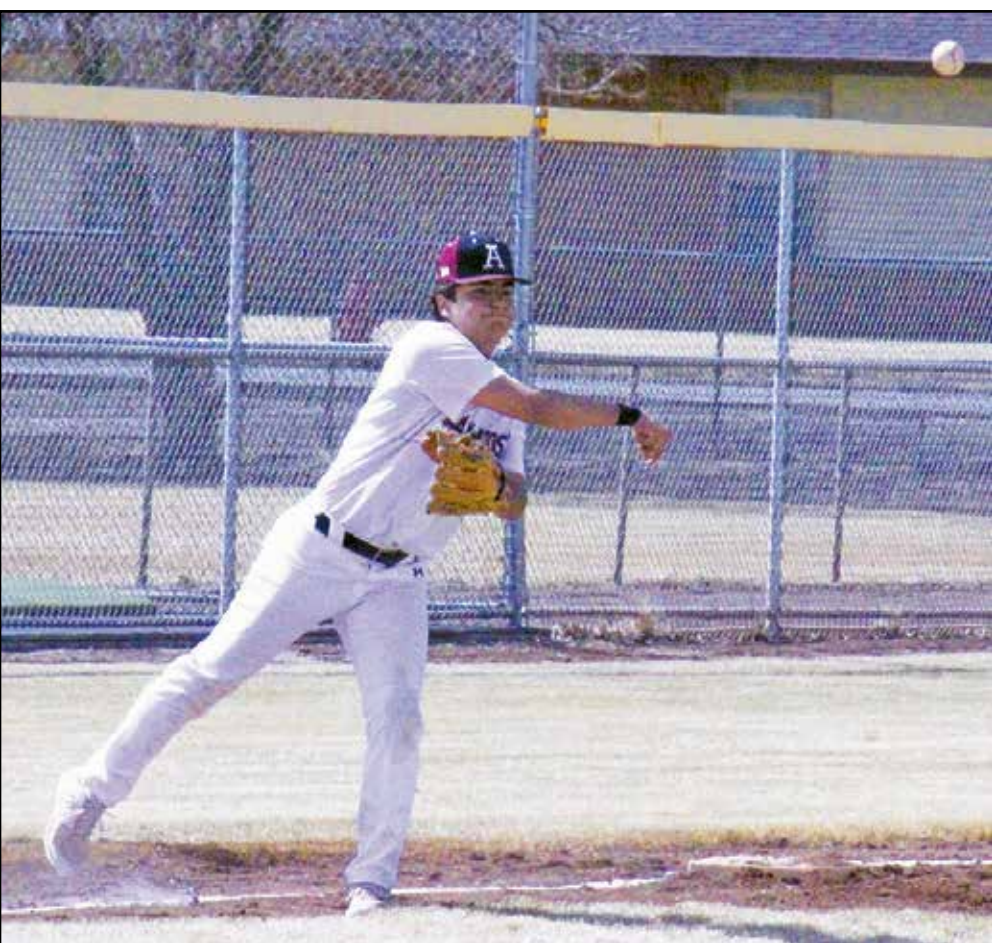
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Sports

Alamosa, Centauri each place three players on All-IML baseball team



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Alamosa's Xavier Lujan.

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor
ALAMOSA – The Intermountain League released its All-League baseball team in late May with both Alamosa and Centauri each placing three players on the squad.

For the Mean Moose, Xavier Lujan and Nelson Arambula on the first team, while Tony Griego was honorable mention.

Lujan batted .208 with one double and 10 RBIs. He had the top earned run average at 5.70 and he struck out 40 and walked 20.

Arambula led Alamosa in batting with a .418 average which included six doubles, one triple and 16 RBIs.

Griego batted .406 with two doubles, one triple and nine RBIs. He had an 8.56 ERA with three strikeouts and six walks. He also stole eight bases.

The Mean Moose had an overall record of 7-16 and were 4-4 in league play.



Alamosa's Nelson Arambula (10) and Centauri's Kamryn Garcia.

The Falcons had two first team players including Jace Haslett and Diego Hernandez. Kamryn Garcia was honorable mention.

Haslett led the Falcons in batting with a .460 average. He had eight doubles, one triple and 15 RBIs. Pitching-wise, he recorded eight strikeouts and 13 walks.

Hernandez batted .298 with four doubles, one triple and 15 RBIs. He

had 32 strikeouts and 32 walks.

Garcia had a .333 batting average with two doubles and 25 RBIs.

Centauri's overall record was 8-15 and it was 1-7 in league play.

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ALAMOSA PARKS AND RECREATION BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

12-14 Baseball At Ortega Middle School south field TUESDAY
 Sanford B vs. Alamosa, 5 p.m.
 Sanford A vs. Alamosa, 6:30 p.m.
End of season

9-11 baseball At Cole Park TUESDAY
 Angels vs. Pirates, 5 p.m.
 Cubs vs. Red Sox, 6:15 p.m.
 Rockies vs. Dodgers, 7:30 p.m.

9-11 girls softball At Lee Field #3 TUESDAY
 Monte Vista vs. Ace of Bases, 6 p.m.
 Monte Vista vs. Battitudes, 7:15 p.m.

7-8 coed machine pitch At Sunset Field WEDNESDAY
 Longhorns vs. Predators, 5:30 p.m. (southwest)
 Strikers vs. Little Rascals, 5:30 p.m. (northeast)
 Sliders vs. Thunderdogs, 6:30 p.m. (northeast)

Co-ed Tee-ball At Tee-ball field MONDAY
 Sandhogs vs. Rug Rats, 5:30 p.m. (north field)
 Little Hitters vs. Outlaws, 5:30 p.m. (south field)

Wolfpack vs. Little Giants, 6:30 p.m. (south field)

Men's softball league At Lee Field 2 End of Season Tournament TUESDAY

99 Problems vs. Happy Mountain/NGNL, 7 p.m.
 Winner Game 1 vs. REC/Deuces, 8 p.m.
 WOLO vs. Platinum, 9 p.m.

Coed Leisure softball At Lee Field MONDAY

Cutthroats vs. CRP Dust Devils, 7 p.m. (Field 1)
 TopNotch vs. Livingstone Trucking, 7 p.m. (Field 2)
 WOLO vs. Steel line, 7 p.m. (Field 4)
 Bomb Squad vs. The Dirty Dozen, 8 p.m. (Field 1)
 Where My Pitches At vs. The Undertakers, 8 p.m. (Field 2)
 Bros Before Throws vs. All Valley Towing, 8 p.m. (Field 4)
 Where My Pitches at vs. CRP Dust Devils, 9 p.m. (Field 1)

La Puente Homers vs. WarTurtles, 9 p.m. (Field 2)
 Battitudes vs. SOS Misfits, 9 p.m. (Field 4)

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Livingstone Trucking vs. Bros Before Throws, 7 p.m. (Field 1)
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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a HS ASST. VOLLEYBALL 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 July 9, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (7/17/24)

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)

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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@sierragrande-school.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)

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420 - LOTS & ACREAGES

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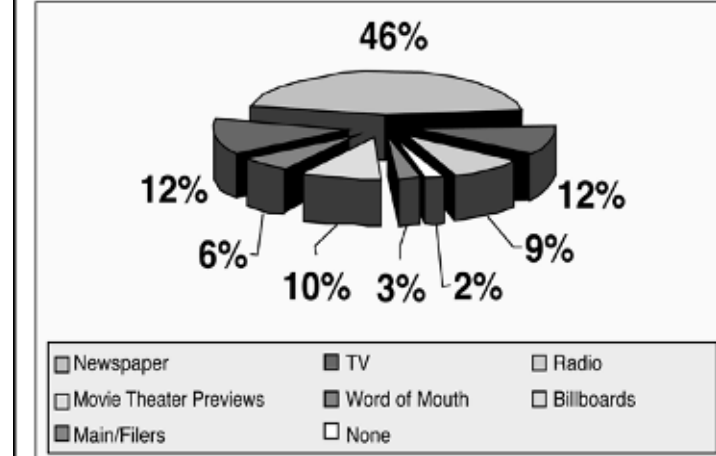
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Sailor
- 4 New Zealand bird
- 7 Mediocre (hyph.)
- 11 Regret
- 12 Bivouac
- 13 Group of workers
- 14 Playing card
- 15 Musical work
- 16 Eye
- 17 Small crustacean
- 19 Peers
- 21 Tricky deed
- 23 Samovar
- 24 Allow in
- 27 Puppet
- 29 — a girl!
- 32 Enemy
- 33 Collar insert
- 34 Actor — Efron
- 35 Totality
- 36 Urban area
- 37 Baseball stat.
- 38 Yank's foe

39 Mimic

- 40 Passion
- 42 Rower's need
- 44 Ready to eat
- 46 Strong
- 49 White water
- 53 Rabbit kin
- 54 Aroma
- 56 Baseball's — Hodges
- 57 Grammatical gaffe
- 58 Yarn fuzz
- 59 Yoko —
- 60 Delight
- 61 Essential
- 62 Soak flax

DOWN

- 1 Mardi —
- 2 "That stings!"
- 3 Lager
- 4 Phi Beta —
- 5 Earthbound bird
- 6 Domed church area
- 7 Scrub
- 8 In good order
- 9 Vend

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 10 Is in the red
- 12 Celestial body
- 18 " — Were a Boy" by Beyonce
- 20 Wharf
- 22 Go unsteadily
- 24 Remotely
- 25 Distribute (with "out")
- 26 Australian city
- 28 No vote
- 30 Poi source
- 31 Lasting mark
- 33 Drink a little of
- 36 Stiff paper
- 40 To pieces
- 41 Ribbed cloth
- 43 Ridge among mountains
- 45 Socrates' forte
- 46 Rug pile
- 47 Follow
- 48 Yellow of the egg
- 50 Prince in opera
- 51 Wine and —
- 52 Narrow opening
- 55 " — Fledermaus"

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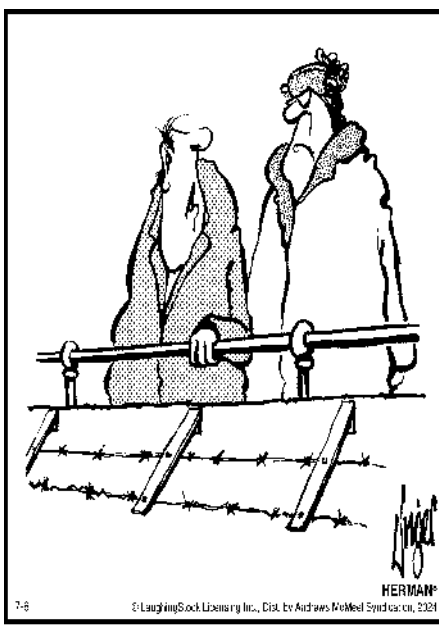
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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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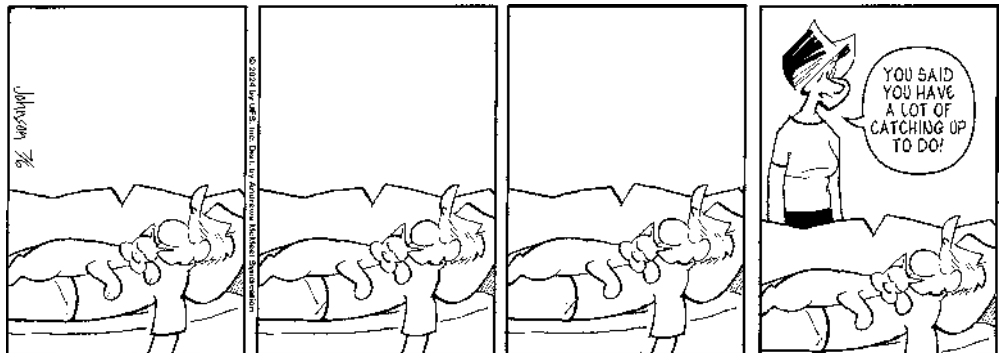


"That's nice! You show up and all the gorillas run inside."

ALLEY OOP



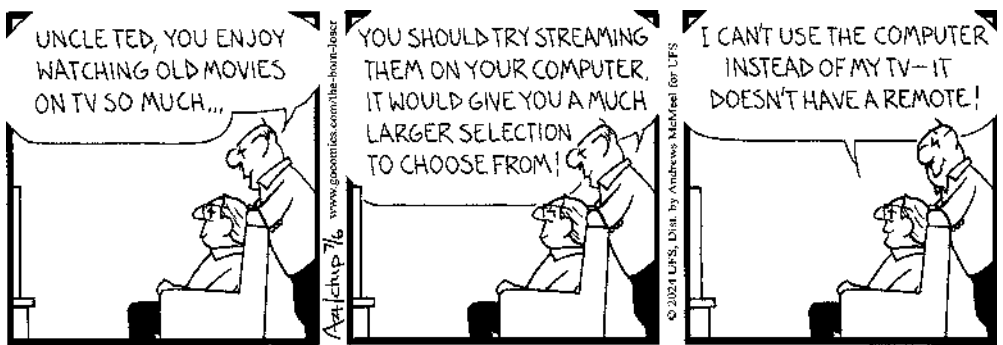
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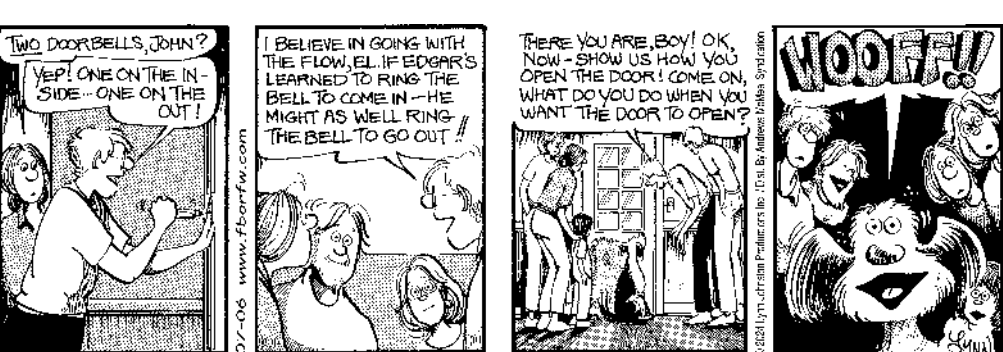
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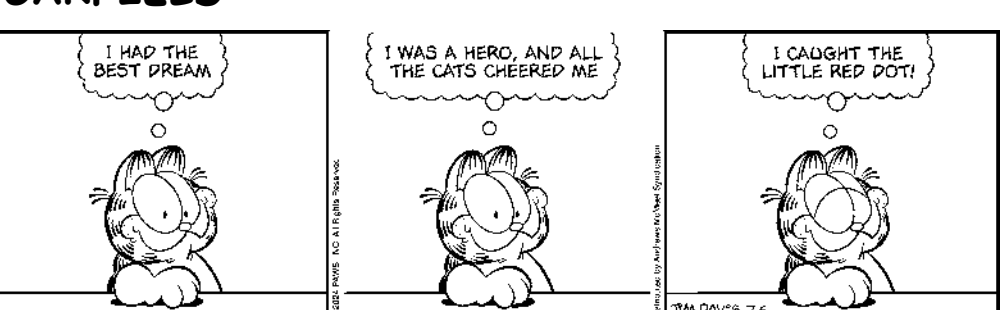
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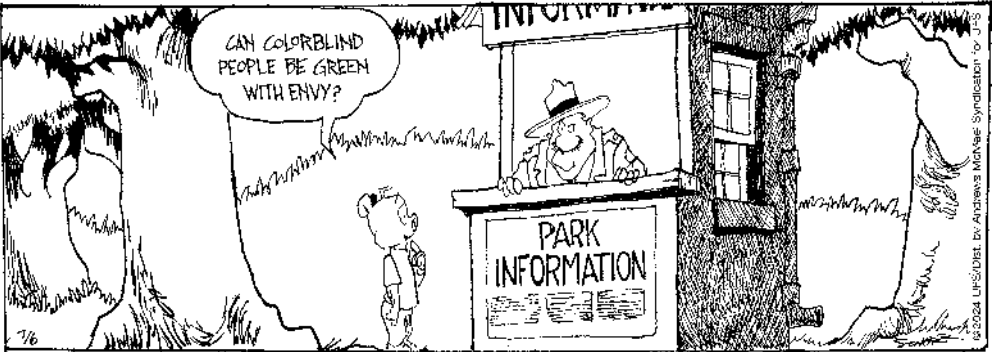
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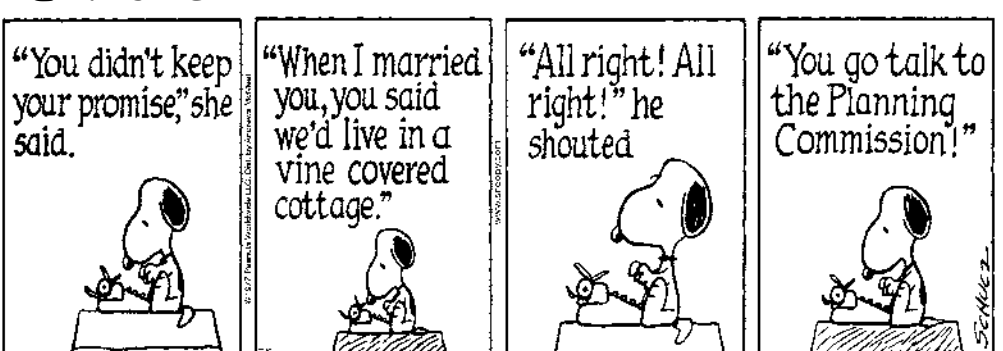
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THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS



Father and son reconnect but they've yet to 'connect'

DEAR ABBY: My husband of two years was estranged from his children after a nasty divorce. He reconnected with his son "Mack" four years ago and has made every effort to show him he's a good man and is truly sorry for not being there for a time.

The only time my husband gets to spend time with Mack is when he's asked to do a project at Mack's house. He is not invited to any social events. We've asked to take Mack's family to dinner, and he won't give a straight answer. My husband is so hurt. He wants to get to know Mack and his grandchildren, yet he is kept at a distance.

We are at our wits' end trying to figure out why Mack won't let his father into his life. I have never even met him. My husband has expressed his feelings, asked Mack what's holding him back and promised he'd never hurt him or his family. We don't know what to do next. Please help. -- NO PROGRESS IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR NO PROGRESS: And ... where is Mack's MOTHER? How long did she keep the children away from their father? To what lengths did she go to alienate them?

Mack may not want to meet you because he thinks you destroyed his parents'

marriage and took his dad away. He may be unwilling to get closer because he doesn't trust his father or because he's afraid it will hurt his mother. Or, Mack could simply be using his father for the labor he provides on those projects he's invited to work on.

What to do next would be for your husband (and you) to take a long, hard look at what is and isn't going on with Mack, and move on with your lives if necessary.

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I were born seven years apart and didn't have a relationship. This continued into our adult life and actually became worse. She was almost bordering on cruel. Our parents didn't know. She married an abusive man who isolated her once our parents died. When my father passed away, they went in and took his belongings. Things like this were the norm for them. We barely spoke for 30 years unless I initiated a short, uncomfortable conversation.

Three years ago, my sister's husband died suddenly, leaving her in a house that is infested with vermin and could be condemned. She and I now talk regularly, and I help her with some expenses. More costly things like major plumbing and roofing now need to be done.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

My sister wants to borrow money and pay it back in the future. I am not comfortable with that, and I'm struggling based on our past. I have a good life and am feeling very guilty. What should I do? -- OBLIGATED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR OBLIGATED: What you should do is listen to your gut -- it is guiding you in the right direction. That your sister went in and stole your father's property with no regard to what you should have received tells you all you need to know about her morals. Do not feel guilty for the good life you have created for yourself. You deserve it. Give your sister no more than you can afford to lose and you won't be disappointed.

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Rio Grande Basin

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Beaver Creek Reservoir (114 ac)

This popular fishing destination is located 8 miles southwest of South Fork. Dam repairs were completed in 2016 and the reservoir has been refilled. Rainbow trout, brown trout, and kokanee salmon have been stocked in the reservoir for multiple years. The water levels in the lake will allow for boating access through the summer. Historically, traditional trout fishing techniques such as bait fishing with worms or power bait and spin fishing with Kastmasters, Panther Martins, or Rapalas have worked well.

Big Meadows Reservoir (114 ac)

This popular fishing destination is located at the headwaters of the South Fork Rio Grande, 13 miles west of South Fork. Mountain scenery is outstanding at this high country reservoir. Water level will be normal throughout the summer allowing boaters to launch on the lake. Stocking rate will be similar to past years with 25,000 catchable (10 inch) rainbow trout scheduled to be stocked from May through September. Although the majority of fish caught will likely be recently stocked rainbow trout, a 2015 survey of the reservoir showed that a good number of rainbow trout survive the winter in the reservoir which provides anglers an opportunity to catch these larger, over-wintered fish. When available from



our hatcheries, Big Meadows is typically stocked with a small number of "broodfish" rainbow trout (16-20 inch) to give anglers an opportunity to catch large fish. Fishing is expected to be good to excellent throughout the summer for rainbow trout (10-14 inch) and brook trout (10-12 inch). Traditional trout fishing techniques usually work well, including power bait, worms, and lures (Kastmasters, Panther Martins and Rapalas). Fly fishing in the evening should produce good results for brook trout as well as rainbow trout.



Mountain Home Reservoir (631 ac)

Mountain Home Reservoir is a popular fishing destination located 4 miles southeast of Fort Garland. This reservoir provides outstanding views of the Sangre de Cris-

to Mountains. Fluctuations in water level are expected throughout the summer due to irrigation water releases. Stocking level will be similar to past years, with 36,000 catchable (10-inch) rainbow trout scheduled to be stocked from May through June. Sub-catchable (3-inch) rainbow trout are also stocked annually to allow these smaller fish to grow naturally in the reservoir. When available from our hatcheries, Mountain Home is typically stocked with a small number of "broodfish" rainbow trout (16-20 inches) to give anglers an opportunity to catch large fish. Fishing for rainbow trout from the bank or boat should be good throughout the summer. Earlier this spring, the reservoir was stocked with 700 12-20 inch Cutthroat Trout. Traditional trout fishing techniques usually work well, including power bait, worms, and lures (Kastmasters, Panther Martins and Rapalas). Northern pike were discovered in 2011 by CPW biologists during their standardized sampling

efforts. This was most likely due to an illicit introduction. Anglers are encouraged to keep all northern pike they catch as the bag and possession for this species is unlimited statewide. Reducing the completion between the Northern Pike will also allow for better growth of the pike themselves.



Rito Hondo Reservoir (39 ac)

Rito Hondo Reservoir has historically grown large brook trout, but emergency dam repairs caused the reservoir to be drained in late 2022. The reservoir remained drained for all of 2023, for the dam to be repaired. The low water allowed for the removal of the non-native brook trout, and the lake and drainage above

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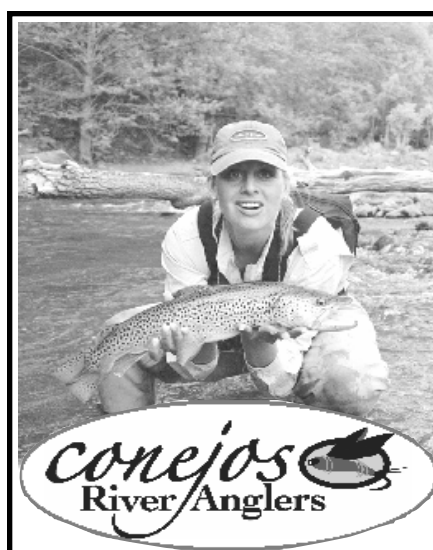
This report is based on the best information available as of July. Water levels and stream flows, conditions that are not usually under CPW control, can change significantly and can have some effects on access, stocking, and fishing. Surface acreages listed are for full lake volume unless otherwise noted. For the most up-to-date information, readers are encouraged to visit the CPW Web Site at <http://www.cpw.state.co.us> and go to Things to do / Fishing / Statewide Conditions or Stocking Report. You can also call the CPW Biologist or your local CPW Area Office for more detailed information. A valid Colorado fishing license

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Fishing

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will be stocked with Native Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout this year. The cutthroat will take 3 to 5 years to grow to catchable levels. There are no catchable fish in Rito Hondo Reservoir at this time.

Road Canyon Reservoir (140 ac)

This popular fishery is located in the upper Rio Grande basin, 29 miles west of Creede. Sub-catchable (3 inch) rainbow trout and brook trout are stocked annually to allow these smaller fish an opportunity to naturally grow in the reservoir to a size in which anglers can catch these fish. The water level should be normal with minimal fluctuations later in the summer. The trout fishery consists of rainbow trout (10-18 inches) and brook trout (12 - 16 inches). Good fishing for rainbow trout and brook trout using traditional trout fishing techniques should be expected from May to July. Trolling lures or casting artificial flies from boats and float tubes work well, especially early in the season. Algae blooms and aquatic vegetation growth may impact bank fishing in late summer.

Sanchez Reservoir (4571 ac)

This popular coolwater fishery is located 8 miles south of San Luis. Outstanding views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains may be observed

from this reservoir. A few northern pike and walleye are still in the reservoir, but common carp, white suckers, and channel catfish dominate the fishery. Yellow perch are gradually returning, but abundance continues to be low. CPW is currently working to reestablish the yellow perch through annual stocking efforts to provide a prey base that allows the re-establishment of predatory fish in the future. Recently, there have been some reports of 12-18 walleye being caught in Sanchez Reservoir.

Smith Reservoir (280 ac)

This highly productive trout fishery is located 4 miles south of Blanca. The reservoir was drawn down very low during this last winter and few fish are expected to have survived. The lake will be stocked with a total of 24,000 catchable (10 inch) rainbow trout in 2024 to mitigate the loss of fish over the winter. The reservoir has been getting stocked since May and is scheduled to be stocked every two weeks through mid-July. Traditional trout fishing techniques usually work well, including power bait, worms, and lures (Kastmasters, Panther Martins and Rapalas).

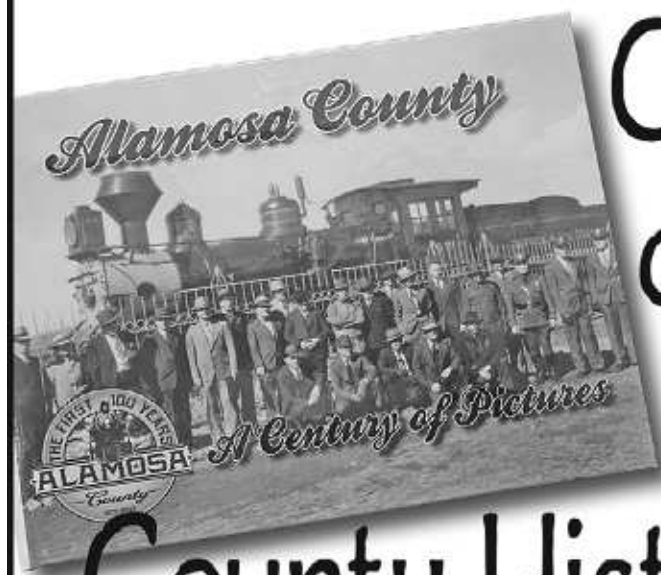
Trujillo Meadows Reservoir

Located 24 miles west of Antonito, Trujillo Meadows Reservoir offers good fishing opportunity for rainbow trout and brown trout. This

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reservoir is stocked with sub-catchable brown trout on an annual basis allowing those fish to naturally grow in the reservoir to sizes anglers can catch. The reservoir will be stocked with 10,000 catchable (10 inch) rainbow trout throughout the summer. Fishing is best from ice out through September. Traditional trout fishing techniques usually work well, including power bait, worms, lures (Kastmasters, Panther Martins, and Rapalas), and flies.

Conejos River

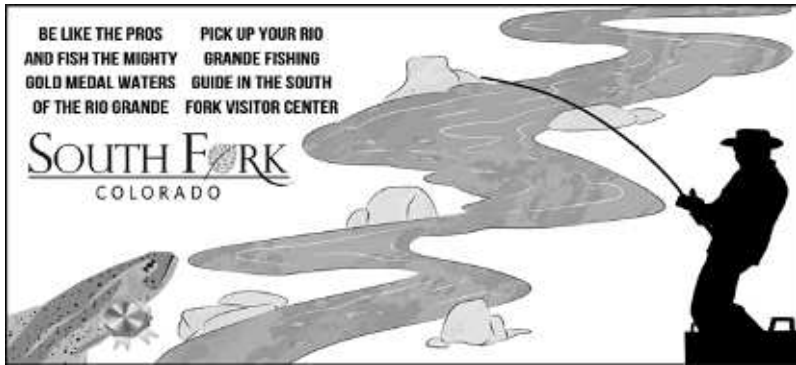
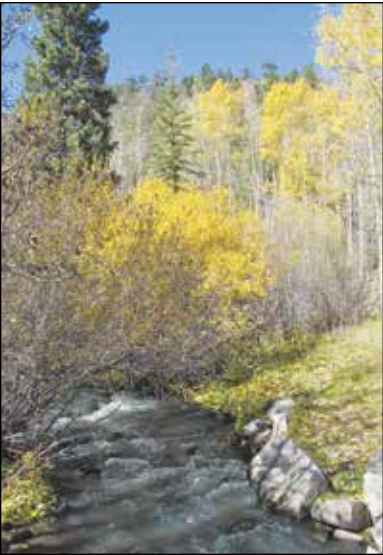
Fluctuations in water levels should be expected due to irrigation water releases from Platoro Reservoir. Angling for brown trout should be good to excellent from Mogote to Platoro. Best fishing areas include the Fly Water from Aspen Glade Campground upstream to Menkhaven Resort, the Pinnacles Section and the meadow below Platoro Reservoir. Best fishing time is before snowmelt and after runoff in late June through July. Mayfly, stonefly and caddis fly hatches occur throughout the summer providing outstanding fly fishing opportunities for quality size brown trout and some rainbow trout in the meadow below Platoro Reservoir. The Rio Grande Drainage is predicted to be hot and dry this year, which may lead to voluntary angling closures late in the summer to protect the fish populations.

Rio Grande

The Rio Grande provides good to excellent fishing for brown trout and rainbow trout. Trout fishing should be good to excellent from Del Norte to Rio Grande Reservoir. Best time to fish is after snowmelt in mid-June through July, especially during caddis fly, stonefly and Green Drake



mayfly hatches. Wade fishing is available on public land and CPW leases (contact Monte Vista Service Center for more information about leases). Multiple boat/raft launch sites on public land provide float fishing opportunities to fish long stretches of the river. The Rio Grande Drainage is predicted to be hot and dry this year, which may lead to voluntary angling closures late in the summer to protect the fish populations.



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