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## SLV Today Alamosa commissioners to meet Wednesday

**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., at 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa. On the agenda are Public hearings by Richard Hubler, land use director regarding Xcel 1041 and Korsail/Cornflower Solar.

Also on the agenda is a Taxable Property Assessed Value and Property Protests, and an update on Federal Aviation Administration requirements from Will Hickman with the San Luis Valley Regional Airport. Other county business will be discussed.

The meeting is open to the public and can also be accessed via ZOOM with meeting ID No. 270-314-6874.

## Third Annual BBQ and Politics

**MONTE VISTA** — The Rio Grande Democrats invite all Democrats to the 3rd Annual BBQ and Politics. The free event will be held on Saturday, July 13, beginning at 1 p.m. at Fullenwider Park in Monte Vista. Attendees will have a choice of Brazilian BBQ (churrasco) or smoked pulled pork along with all the sides. During the barbecue there will be several local and state candidates for office present. They will mingle with the crowd and then give remarks regarding their candidacy to the crowd. Confirmed guests include State Representative Matthew Martinez, Vivian Smotherman, candidate for Senate District 6, Ellen Angeles, candidate for State School Board, Rick Needham, candidate for Alamosa County Commissioner District 1, and Luke Rink, organizer for the Adam Frisch for Congress Campaign.

The Rio Grande Democrats will also be joined by Shad Murib, chairman of the Colorado Democratic Party, and Halley Hobbs political manager for the Colorado Democratic Party. Murib will give a special address to attendees of the third annual event.

## SLV WEATHER

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# Coroner IDs 2nd shooting victim

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
Courier Reporter

**ALAMOSA** — The second person who passed away after being shot multiple times in the early morning hours of June 23 has been identified as 37-year-old Gabriel Piña of Monte Vista. Alamosa County Coroner Joe Dzuris, who released the name after the au-

opsy was completed, stated that Piña's death was ruled a homicide.

Piña was one of three people shot in the altercation. The first person, who died of his wounds the night of the shooting, was identified as Gabriel's father, Aurelio Piña, of Texas. Aurelio Piña was 61 years old at the time of his death.

After being transported to a local hospital the night of the shooting, Gabriel and the third person, Manuel Flores, 43, were both flown to a hospital on the Front Range for treatment where Gabriel survived for a little more than week before passing away.

The condition of Flores is not known at this time.

The individual accused of

shooting the three men has been identified as 44-year-old Henry Corral of Alamosa. Corral is being held in the Alamosa County Detention Center where he has been charged with two counts of murder in the first degree and one count of criminal attempted murder in the first degree. His bond has been set at \$5 million cash.

# Fire departments respond to hay trailer ablaze

STAFF REPORT

**VALLEY** — Alamosa and Monte Vista firefighters both responded to a goose-neck trailer of alfalfa hay on fire about 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of the 10 South (Waverly Road) and Alamosa-Rio Grande County line.

Alamosa Fire Department Capt. Zach Cerny said the trailer and load of hay were a total loss. The truck towing the trailer was unhitched and unharmed. Firefighters were on scene for about three hours, but the cause of the fire is unknown.

Cerny said both departments responded with seven personnel each, Alamosa with four fire trucks and Monte Vista three.

Alamosa also responded to two fireworks-caused fires on Independence Day, Cerny said, one at the public display at the fairgrounds and another at a personal residence.



Alamosa firefighter Johnny Quintana is shown applying water to the trailer of hay on fire Sunday night southwest of town. Courtesy photo

# Alamosa council to discuss marijuana ballot issue

CONTRIBUTED

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa City Council has been asked by a few residents to place the question of allowing recreational and or medical marijuana stores within city limits on the ballot in November.

Because of these requests,

City Council will discuss if it will place a marijuana question on the November ballot at their July 17 City Council meeting.

Given the strong opinions that some may have about this issue, City Council wanted to make sure the community is aware of this discussion and

has an opportunity to provide input.

City Council encourages anyone interested in this issue to attend the City Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, in City Hall Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Ave. For anyone wanting to address Council, they

will need to complete the comment card prior to the meeting to speak at the public comment section of the agenda.

There will not be a public hearing on this issue, so the public comment section of the agenda will be the only opportunity to address Council.

# Educator award for June goes to Upward Bound summer faculty

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

Teachers who teach in the summer are something special. Just ask Curtis Garcia, Ph.D., the director of the Adams State School of Education who this week gave special attention to the summer faculty in the Upward Bound program at Adams State.

Each summer students, faculty and staff in the

Upward Bound program gather for an awards ceremony to recognize outstanding students and to appreciate the educators who teach in the program.

This summer the awards ceremony was extra special when Garcia showed up to make a surprise presentation to Upward Bound Director Amanda Atencio and her staff, recognizing



The June Adams State Educator Highlight Award was presented to the Upward Bound summer faculty. Courtesy photo

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# Record

## SLV Airport meeting on Thursday



Courier photo by John Waters

The San Luis Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board will meet at the airport at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday. Regular business will be discussed. Airport Manager Will Hickman will provide an update and discuss a Homeland Security Grant. Carl Denslow will have a general aviation update. Kale Mortensen will discuss the marketing committee and Tara Maugham will discuss FBO-Centric Aviation and Quest Car Rental.

## Town honors retiring Center Postmaster Arellano

By MARIE MCCOLM  
CENTER – In a ceremony that was held on June 25, at a Center Board of Trustee meeting, beloved recently retired United States Postmaster Paul Arellano received a plaque and was thanked by the town for his years of dedicated service.



Photo by Marie Mccolm

Retiring Center Postmaster Paul Arellano received a plaque from the Town of Center for his many years of service to the community. He was honored at a trustee meeting on June 25.

Town Trustee Bill McClure handed the plaque to Arellano and read the plaque as he handed it to him. "In appreciation of your years of service at the United States Post Office in Center, Colorado. We would like to thank you for the dedication and commitment you have shown to the citizens of our community. We hope you enjoy the retirement that you so richly deserve," McClure said.

I was still in and out of Center though. I was also hired to be the interim Postmaster in Crestone for a while. I thought I might just stay in Crestone when the position for Postmaster came up in Center. Since I already knew the office because I had been in and out of there I went to Center. James Sanchez was the Postmaster at the time, and he was retiring. He encouraged me a lot through the process. I applied for the job, and I was able to take over the office, when he retired."

We always got the job done together," he said. Arellano's wife, Peggy, said that when she thinks of how hard her husband has worked the thing, she is most proud of in his work was his commitment to his job and to people.

### OBITUARY

#### Jose E. Martinez

Jose E. Martinez, a cherished family patriarch, decorated combat veteran, and community stalwart, passed away at the age of 90 in Alamosa, Colo., due to natural causes. Born on Feb. 8, 1934, in Los Cerros, Colo., to Fermin and Ofrencia (Pacheco) Martinez, Jose led a life marked by dedication to his loved ones and to his country.



Casino in New Mexico, where he enjoyed gambling. Additionally, Jose was known for his fondness for playing Bingo, reveling in the camaraderie and excitement of the game.

Jose's journey alongside his beloved Lillian Madrid Martinez commenced in sacred matrimony on July 30, 1957, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Denver. Their union was a testament to enduring partnership, celebrated through 67 years of love, challenges, and triumphs. Together, they raised a family that included their son Dale Martinez (Delores Mondragon) of Manassa, Colo., and daughter Josette Martinez of Manassa, Colo. Jose was a brother to Orly, Cordy,

and Arlene, and his good friends Janet Vigil and Carl Atencio and was warmly regarded by his many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Jose E. Martinez will be remembered as a wise man who led by example, his life's narrative a testament to integrity, resilience, and unwavering love for his family. His legacy remains a beacon for all who knew him, and he will be deeply missed. Jose was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Freddy, Joe, Ramon, and Lydia. As we bid farewell, we do so with a profound sense of gratitude for the remarkable life and enduring spirit of Jose E. Martinez.

Jose proudly donned the uniform of the United States Marine Corps, serving valiantly during the tumultuous times of the Vietnam conflict. His military career was marked by a commitment to duty and country, earning the respect and admiration of those with whom he served. Upon his retirement from military service, Jose continued to live a life characterized by the values he upheld as a Marine.

A memorial mass will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic church followed by interment at the Manassa-Romeo Cemetery.

His interests, as diverse as his life experiences, saw him often revel in the ambiance of the OhKay

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of arrangements. To leave online condolences, tributes and words of comfort for Jose's family please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com)

### PENDING OBITUARY

#### Michelle Angela Salazar

Alamosa resident Michelle Angela Salazar, passed away July 6, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

### BIRTH

#### Madeline Joy Wehe

Madeline Joy Wehe was born July 6, 2024, to parents Beth and Josh Wehe of Alamosa. Madeline weighed 6 pounds and 1

ounce and was 20 inches. Paternal grandparents are Alan and Sandie Wehe of Alamosa. Maternal grandparents

are Mark and Lynette Russell of Alamosa. Great-grandparents are Herbert Marx and Virginia Wehe.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

"I was looking to try to get into the Post Office. I got hired in 1990 and began working at the Post Office in Alamosa. I worked all shifts because they ran 24 hours. I worked there for 5 years before I decided to apply for a job in Center at that Post Office," he said.

Arellano's daughter, Analisa, said that she recalled when her dad was working night shifts, because she was little, and she remembered her mom watching her brother and some other kids in the day and always telling them to be quiet because their dad was sleeping.

Arellano said he can recall when he first got started that they didn't have computers and that everything was done with paper. "There were reports due, and they were all through the mail. We didn't have computers. Then computers came in and point of service systems came in. I moved up from paper to technology," he said.

"Looking back on that, I know that we were noisy little kids. We always enjoyed having dinner with our dad though, that was about the time he would get up, was around dinner-time. We had a few hours with dad and then he would go to work. I look back now, and I am so proud of my father for being such a hard worker, even though I was such a noisy little kid," she said with a smile.

Arellano said that after taking over the office he worked hard. "I wanted to maintain the service that we had provided to that point. I wanted to make sure that we were providing excellent service, and that's what we did. My responsibility was to make sure that the office was running according to postal standards, and that everything that was required of that office was done daily. My job was to make sure that all the packages, the flats, the letters, arrived where they were supposed to," he said.

Arellano said that although he enjoyed his job at the Alamosa Post Office, his reason for applying to the Center Post Office was to see if there was a way to advance in his position, as the Center office was smaller.

Arellano said that throughout his years as a Postmaster he enjoyed the support that was given to him, and he enjoyed giving support to everyone. He said the people he worked with were more like family members than coworkers.

"I felt like I might have a better chance of moving up in a smaller office. Being in Center, I also had the opportunity to be able to work in different offices. I worked in Saguache, Moffat, Crestone, Manassa, and Hooper," Arellano said, adding that the offices had that interconnection, and he was able to go where he was needed.

Arellano said that throughout his years as a Postmaster he enjoyed the support that was given to him, and he enjoyed giving support to everyone. He said the people he worked with were more like family members than coworkers.

For a time, Arellano was also the Postmaster in Hooper.

"We all worked hard together. They were dedicated and worked so hard.

### School Menu Tuesday July 9, 2024

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# Valley News

## Community meeting on 8-foot fence on La Sierra

STAFF REPORT

**SAN LUIS** — In connection with a visit from Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, the La Sierra Environmental Guardians Committee and the Land Rights Council will be hosting a community meeting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, at the Centennial School in San Luis.

Weiser will be visiting San Luis, the oldest town in Colorado and home to the historic Sangre de Cristo Land Grant. The Attorney General is interested in hearing from the community regarding the impact the construction of the 8-foot-high fence on La Sierra has had on the watershed, erosion, wildlife, hunting, and community happiness and comfort.

**According to a press release from the La Sierra Environmental Guardians Committee and the Land Rights Council, a dramatic increase in streamflow caused by bulldozed fence line has uprooted trees, eroded land, damaged habitats and created sediment fields. The fence pictured also significantly impedes and restricts wildlife movement.**

Photo courtesy of Bernadette Lucero



## Acclaimed songwriter Klein coming to Society Hall on July 12

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**ALAMOSA** — Society Hall, the performance space, concert hall and community gathering place at 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa, is excited to present singer-songwriter Terry Klein, who has burst on to both the Austin and national scene with rave reviews from artists and critics alike, in concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 12. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Green Spot in Alamosa or online at [www.societyhall.org](http://www.societyhall.org). The concert will also stream live on the Society Hall Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Says Society Hall board member and Alamosa music producer Don Richmond, said, “We’re really looking forward to hosting Terry here at the hall. He’s a new artist for us, but we’ve had so many people (like Walt Wilkins) saying ‘You need to get Terry Klein’ that we couldn’t say no when the opportunity came to have him come do a show. We sure hope folks can come out and see what all the fuss is about.”

Klein is a performing songwriter whose growing catalog of finely wrought captivating songs has made him a respected member of the Folk and Americana music communities. The Austin American-Statesman calls him “one of Austin’s top singer-songwriters in recent years.”

Klein’s first two records, “Great Northern” (2017) and “Tex” (2019), were produced by Texas folk hero Walt Wilkins and garnered praise from Mary Gauthier and Rodney Crowell and press and radio outlets across the United States and Europe.

For his third album, Klein went to Nashville

and worked with producer and multi-instrumentalist Thomm Jutz. Recorded over a few breakneck days in October 2021 and released in February 2022, “Good Luck, Take Care” was a raw, visceral departure from the work he’d done before. Ten dynamic songs that took hold from the first measure, knocked you off balance, and wouldn’t let go without a fight. No Depression said, “Good Luck, Take Care,” “has a knack for telling poetic stories in songs about the sad, funny, ironic, and devastating ups and downs of our lives” and American Songwriter said the album “conveys honesty and emotion that gives the listener a clear connection.”

Klein’s fourth album, “Leave the Light On,” was also recorded and produced by Jutz in Nashville and was one of the most critically acclaimed singer-songwriter albums released in 2023. Tracked live over six hours on June 22, 2023, “Leave the Light On” is Klein’s most personal and vulnerable work yet. “Leave the Light On” is just as dynamic as Klein’s first three albums. But perhaps owed to the speed and requisite focus with which it was recorded, “Leave the Light On” has a cohesion and self-assurance that sets it apart. It made American Songwriter’s Top 17 Albums of 2023. Saving Country Music said, “the 10 songs of ‘Leave the Light On’ are like 10 little universes that you’re eager to unearth and unravel, hanging on every word, and re-racking them to catch what you might have missed the first time.” In Glide, Jim Hynes wrote, “With such a legacy of great Texas songwriters, in this millennium, after just four albums Klein stands among the best.”

Klein has played in some of the most hallowed rooms in the singer-songwriter business — Club Passim, The Bluebird, The Saxon Pub, and Godfrey Daniels, to name a few. He’s played sets and won over crowds at the Moccasin Creek Festival, the Blanco River Songwriters Festival, the Corpus Christi Songwriters Festival, the Hotel Turkey Songwriters Festival, and the Montrose Music Festival.

Before all that, a couple of lifetimes ago, he played in a heavy metal band in Los Angeles, thrashing around on grimy, storied stages like Troubadour and Whiskey A Go Go. Somewhere in the middle there, Klein worked in politics and then as a trial lawyer. He lives with his family in Austin, Texas. Here’s what folks are saying about Klein.

“Terry Klein has the poet’s heart and it’s very much in evidence on his brand new collection of songs,” said Rodney Crowell

“Terry Klein’s songs bring me into his world, they make the crossing from one heart to another with ease. ‘Better Luck Next Time’ could have been written by Springsteen, Van Zandt, or Earle. But, no, this amazing song came from the guitar of a wonderful new voice in songwriting — Terry Klein. Close your eyes, give a listen, and let his songs take you on a ride. It’s a beautiful journey,” said Mary Gauthier

“When I heard the songs on ‘Great Northern’ for the first time, I was floored. I knew I was hearing a true songwriter, and a true craftsman. These songs deal with real moments, elements, depths of the human spirit. The songs here still move me. Welcome a strong collection of songs and a new clear, bold voice,” said Walt Wilkins.



Courtesy photo

**Singer-songwriter Terry Klein, who has burst on to both the Austin and national scene with rave reviews, is performing on July 12 at Society Hall.**

### Award

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them with the Educator Highlight Award for the month of June.

The award was established two years ago by the ASU School of Education to recognize outstanding contributions educators make to the San Luis Valley’s K-12 educational system. It’s Adams State’s way of thanking teachers who have graduated from the university, and showcasing the important work they do with hopes of inspiring others to enter the field of teaching.

“Our staff who commit to the summer are phenomenal,” said Atencio. “They just finished a rigorous nine months in the classroom and then they move right into it.

I mean we end school on a Thursday, and then our students are moving in the following Monday for classes that begin the following day. So, it’s immediate and their commitment every summer is phenomenal.”

This summer around 80 students participated in Upward Bound and were supported by 12 instructional staff and 15 support staff.

Manuelito Casias, the assistant director for Upward Bound, said the focus of the summer program is to help students shore up the academic areas they are deficient in, which translates into a lot of math and science for students in the summer.

“I really think I am in the position I’m in today because of the people that have led me, that

have guided me, that have mentored me,” said Casias, a 2017 graduate of Alamosa High. “Gary Ramstetter (former Alamosa wrestling coach) is one of my biggest mentors in my life. Growing up, I would see myself in these types of people and that’s really what I want to provide to our students, to be a good role model.”

This monthly award recognizes Adams State University School of Education alumni, prominent local teachers, and other educators working within or hailing from the San Luis Valley. In so doing, Adams State University hopes to build familiarity with the community as a serious destination for future educators. To nominate and educator email Chrissy McKinney at [cmckinney@adams.edu](mailto:cmckinney@adams.edu).

# Lifestyles

## Biden tells congressional Dems he is staying in the race

By JACOB FISCHLER  
*Colorado Newsline*

President Joe Biden pledged Monday to stay in his race for reelection, even after a weekend in which a growing number of Democrats asked for him to withdraw and a key U.S. House Republican called for an investigation into the president's doctor.

In a letter to congressional Democrats, Biden argued that the calls for him to drop out of the presidential race — with just 119 days until Election Day — ignored the results of Democratic primaries and caucuses that he handily won and said he remained the best candidate to defeat former President Donald Trump.

The two-page letter ended with a call for party unity and an end to the public back-and-forth among Democrats over whether Biden should leave the race, after a June 27 debate performance that shook some high-ranking Democrats' confidence in his ability to overcome his polling deficit against Trump.

"The question of how to move forward has been well-aired for over a week now," Biden wrote. "And it's time for it to end. We have one job. And that is to beat Donald Trump."

Congress returns Monday from a weeklong July Fourth recess after several days in which members of both parties continued to press the issue of Biden's fitness for office.

Republicans also began pressing for more details. House Oversight and Accountability Chair James Comer on Sunday called for Biden's physician, Dr.

Kevin O'Connor, to submit to a transcribed interview about his assessments of Biden and O'Connor's business dealings with James Biden, the president's brother.

The Kentucky Republican said Biden and the White House had sent mixed messages about recent medical examinations of the president.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters last week that Biden had not been examined by a doctor since his regular checkup in February.

But Biden told a group of Democratic governors the same day that he was "checked out by a doctor" following the debate, Comer wrote.

Following the debate, Biden, attempting to explain a low, raspy voice, said he'd had a cold.

Comer also questioned if O'Connor could accurately report Biden's health, or if he was compromised by a conflict of interest because of his involvement with James Biden's rural health care company, Americore. James Biden has testified to the committee that he sought O'Connor's counsel for the business.

The White House did not respond to a message seeking comment about Comer's request.

The holiday weekend also saw more U.S. House Democrats join a list of those asking Biden to step aside rather than seek reelection.

In a written statement on Saturday, Minnesota's Angie Craig became the first member from a competitive district to call on the president to quit the

race. Craig is the fifth member to publicly call for the president's withdrawal.

Additional members are making private calls, according to media reports.

Four Democrats who lead House committees — Jerry Nadler of New York on the Judiciary Committee, Adam Smith of Washington on the Armed Services Committee, Mark Takano of California on the Veterans' Affairs Committee and Joe Morelle of New York on the House Administration Committee — said during a caucus leadership call on Sunday that Biden should withdraw, according to reports.

Other accounts reported more members on the call, including Susan Wild of Pennsylvania and Jim Himes of Connecticut, also opposed Biden's continued candidacy. Wild later told the Pennsylvania Capital-Star she expressed concerns about Biden's electability.

In an impromptu call in to the MSNBC show "Morning Joe" on Monday, Biden insisted again he was staying in the race and called for any opponents he had to "challenge" him at the party's convention in Chicago next month.

Biden, who has secured enough pledged delegates through primary and caucus wins to clinch the nomination, would be heavily favored in a contested convention. Democratic Party rules mandate pledged delegates "shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them," but are not legally required to cast their convention vote for their pledged candidate.

## Panel finds that Colorado Sen. Faith Winter broke ethics rule

By SARA WILSON  
*Colorado Newsline*

A Colorado legislative ethics committee decided Monday that Sen. Faith Winter violated chamber rules when she appeared to be intoxicated during an April public meeting in Northglenn.

The Senate Ethics Committee voted 4-1 that Winter, a Westminster Democrat and the assistant majority leader, broke a Senate rule that members promote public integrity and confidence in their official capacity.

Sen. James Coleman, a Denver Democrat and Senate president pro tempore, was the lone "no" vote. Sens. Julie Gonzales, a Denver Democrat, Dylan Roberts, a Frisco Democrat, Bob Gardner, a Colorado Springs Republican and assistant minority leader, and Paul Lundeen, a Monument Republican and chamber minority leader, voted "yes."

"The evidence that we received indicated that this was part of a larger pattern, that it was not the first instance," Gardner said. "In that sense, the perceptions and sense of those in the meeting — other elected officials and so forth — was taken (into consideration), and the totality of the circumstances are that Sen. Winter failed to uphold the integrity and conduct ex-

pected of a senator."

Coleman acknowledged the "repeated and indirect" traumatization the committee process might have had on its members and on Winter.

The committee also voted to send a report to Senate President Steve Fenberg, a Boulder Democrat, that summarizes the committee's process, expresses their disapproval of Winter's actions and lets him decide next steps, which might include a letter of admonishment. Additionally, the committee voted to invite Winter to address the full Senate.

The committee could have voted to recommend reprimand, censure or expulsion.

The complaint against Winter stems from an April 3 Northglenn public meeting to discuss opening a mental health transitional living facility in the city, a policy area Winter has worked on. At the meeting, she appeared to be intoxicated and had instances of slurred speech and abnormal pauses.

Local police advised her to not drive home and instead find a ride.

The following day, Winter announced she was seeking treatment for substance abuse disorder and stepped down from her Senate committee chairmanship.

Northglenn City Council submitted an ethics com-

plaint to the Senate, alleging that Winter failed to act in a "manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity" of the Senate chamber.

In a response letter, Winter wrote that she had a drink before attending the meeting, but did not violate chamber rules. She referenced the "commonplace" consumption of alcohol at the Capitol.

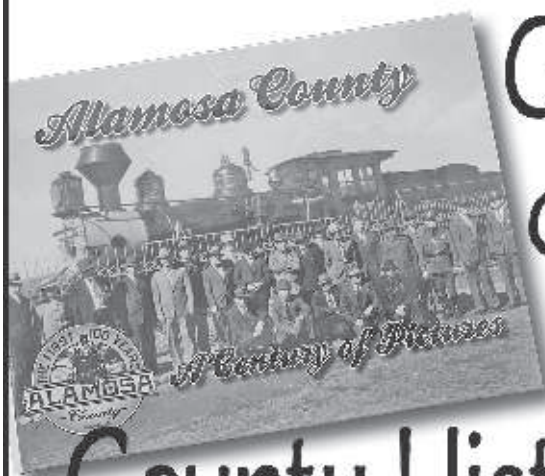
"I can confidently say that I have fulfilled my responsibilities and duties as a senator," she wrote.

Winter did not request an additional evidentiary hearing after the ethics committee found probable cause to proceed with the complaint. She told Colorado Newsline that because the meeting was recorded and she already admitted her mistakes, she did not want to prolong the committee's process by requesting another hearing.

"I appreciate the work the committee did. Ever since April 3, I have worked hard to take accountability, to apologize to those hurt, and to ensure I'm getting the treatment I need and will continue to do so. I will and always have worked very hard on behalf of my constituents," she said.

Winter was first elected to the Legislature in 2014 as a state representative. She joined the Senate after the 2018 election. Her current term ends in 2027.

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# Lifestyles

## Make the most of a national park visit

(METRO) – Many countries feature a national park system. Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Stephen Mather, and Horace M. Albright were the founders of what would become the National Park Service of the United States. On March 1, 1872, Yellowstone National Park in the territories of Montana and Wyoming became America's first national park, which led to a worldwide national park movement. The NPS says today more than 100 nations contain nearly 1,200 national parks or equivalent preserves.

National parks can be ideal spots to visit. In fact, many national parks do not even charge an entrance fee, so they can be affordable options for individuals and families who want to take in the majesty of nature and wildlife. Whether you're visiting for the first time or are a repeat customer, these tips can help you make the most of a national park trip.

- Time your visit correctly. Some parks are open year-round while others are not. Learn the operating schedule to determine when to visit. Also, the timing of a trip will depend on what you hope to gain from the experience. For example, many parks are quite busy during the peak of summer. If it's quiet and reflection you're after, it's probably best to visit during a less hectic time of year.
- Consider in-park lodg-

ing. If the national park you're visiting has a national park lodge, think about using it for your accommodations. You'll get to maximize time spent in the park, and won't have to travel long distances each day from a hotel or another lodging place. Also, there's nothing like waking up to the awe-inspiring vistas in national parks.

- Identify what you want to do. National parks can be massive and you won't be able to see every sight in just one visit. It's better to pick one goal and stick to it, so identify some things you feel you must do on an upcoming visit.

- Utilize the park rangers. Make visiting the ranger station your first stop in a national park. Park rangers know the park intimately and will have the insider information needed to guide your trip and keep you trucking along successfully.

- Try camping for a night. Unplug and remove yourself from the confines of indoor spaces. These parks are some of the best places to sleep under the stars. Leave no trace, and remember to be mindful of campfires, making sure they're completely extinguished before setting off anew.

- Utilize the internet. The NPS has various online resources you can use. Find A Park enables you to select from a list or search for parks by certain criteria, and there's also online park maps. These are easily ac-

cessible resources at your disposal.

- Follow the rules. Oftentimes visitors get too close to wildlife or even feed them. The NPS says a "fed bear is a dead bear." In 2022, Parks Canada staff said a fox and one of her kits (babies) which had grown used to being fed by humans were struck and killed by vehicles in Gros Morne National Park. Similar stories happen each year. Feeding or approaching wild animals can cause them to lose their natural fear of people. This endangers both the animals and park visitors. Follow the rules and regulations to ensure that national parks can be enjoyed for years to come.



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National parks are wonderful places to vacation.

## Safety measures to consider before offering a property as a vacation rental

(METRO) – Vacations have changed dramatically over the last several decades. Social media has opened doors to new places, as millions of people are inspired to visit locales they first caught sight of via platforms like Instagram. But it's not just where people are going that has changed, but where they're laying their heads when they arrive at their destinations.



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The online marketplace for vacation rentals has no shortage of inventory, as popular websites such as Vrbo and Airbnb continue to attract property owners and renters alike. Property owners may want to consider using a home or apartment to generate some extra money. According to Alltherooms.com, the average annual host earnings on Airbnb in North America exceeded \$41,000 in 2021. That income is notable, and it's undoubtedly one reason why Airbnb reported adding more than one million active listings in 2023.

Property owners must ponder the pros and cons to listing homes via a vacation rental service. Those that decide to go forward can take the following steps as they prepare to offer their properties as vacation rentals.

- Hire a home inspector. A certified home inspector is typically hired when individuals enter a contract to purchase a home, but these skilled professionals can be just as useful when preparing to offer a property as a rental. Certified, experienced professionals can identify any potential problems or safety issues with a home that could cause trouble when renting a home down the road. Address any safety or structural issues with a property prior to offering it through a rental service.

- Install new safety devices. New smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, locks on exterior doors, and other safety features should be upgraded prior to renting a property. In between each rental, test bat-

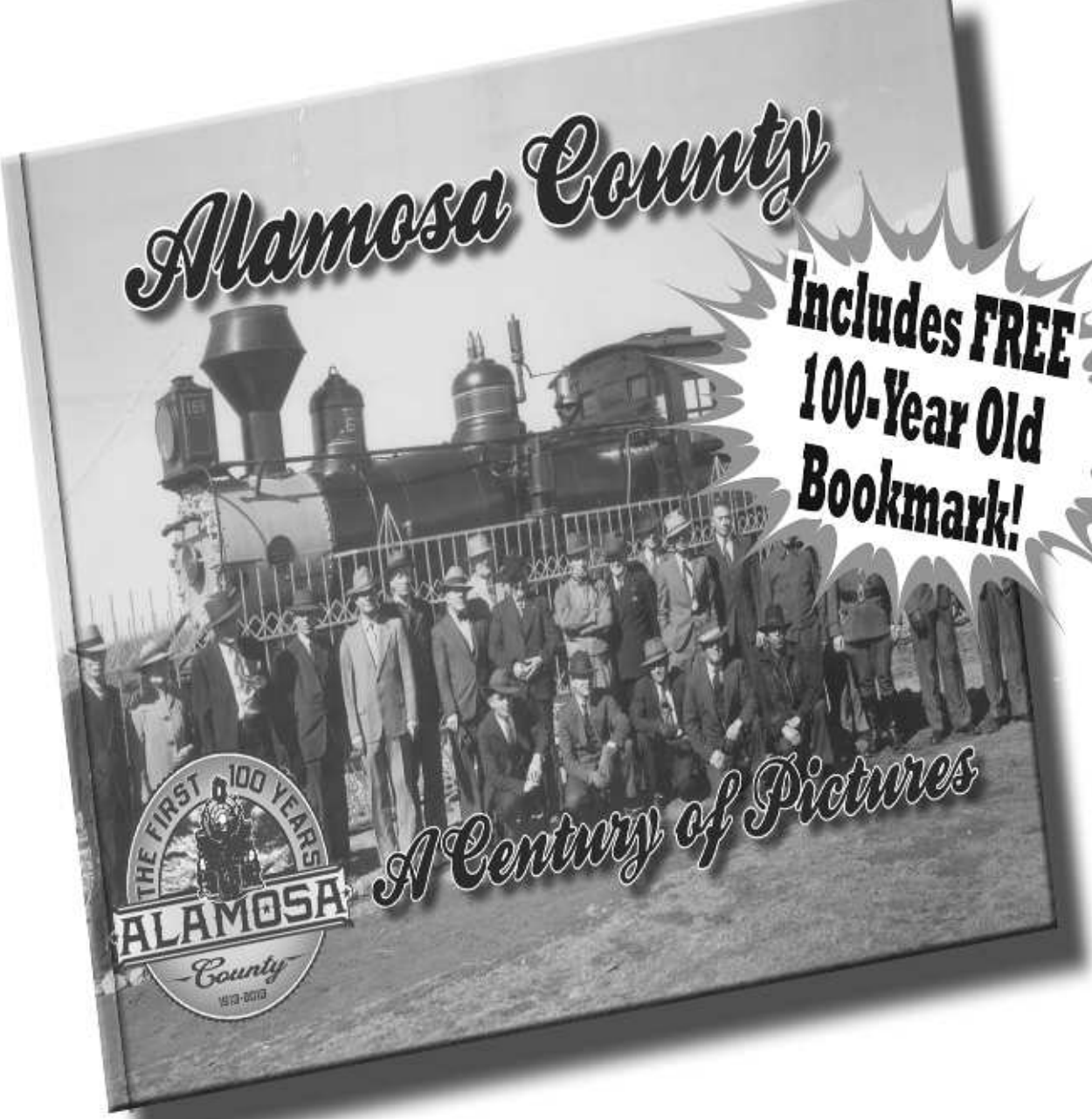
**Renting a property as a vacation home is a great way to generate extra revenue. But prospective hosts must take steps to protect themselves and their guests before renting a home or apartment.**

teries in alarms and detectors to ensure each device is operating at peak capacity. A new security system with external cameras also can reassure prospective renters that a property is safe. Remote locks that allow for keyless entry to a home is another upgrade that can make it more convenient for hosts and renters to access a property.

- Do your insurance homework. Existing homeowners insurance coverage likely will not apply when renting a home as a vacation property. Prior to listing a property for rent, confirm with your homeowners insurance company the coverage you need to ensure you are protected when renting a home or apartment. Liability and accidental damage coverage are two of the many variables prospective hosts must consider.

- Keep emergency supplies on site. A fully stocked first aid kit, functioning fire extinguishers (more than one) and a listing of local emergency responder contact information (i.e., police department, fire department, nearest hospital, etc.) should be made readily available to renters. Check supplies before each new group of renters gains access to the property, and restock when necessary.

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# Sports



## Del Norte Rotary tourney is July 19

**ALAMOSA** – The Del Norte Rotary Golf Tournament will take place on July 19 at the Rio Grande Club and Resort in South Fork. The entry fee is \$130 per person and a lunch will be provided.

It is a four-person scramble with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registrations are preregistration only. The deadline to register is July 12. To register or for more information, go to [mike@truelocalbank.com](mailto:mike@truelocalbank.com).

## Kahler golf tournament is Aug. 10-11

By **KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*

**ALAMOSA** – The annual Alex P. Kahler Golf Tournament will take place on Aug. 10-11 at Cattails Golf Course.

The tournament is a 36-hole stroke play event over the two days. There will be a practice round, horse race, dinner and Calcutta on Aug. 9.

The first round will be played Aug. 10, and the second round on Aug. 11.

Players will be flighted by handicap. The championship flight will shoot from the black tees, the first flight from the red tees, which is a combo of the black and blue tees, the second through fifth flight from the blue tees, and the senior flight from the green tees. Senior flight players must be 62 or older.

The entry fee is \$200 which will include the practice round, tournament rounds, range balls, tee gift, Calcutta and dinner. The add-ons are \$30 per guest on extra guest tickets, \$15 per day for golf carts and there will be no single rider carts, and

\$20 for skins/day money. The \$20 must be paid in cash before the first round.

Gross payments in each flight will be paid in shop credit.

Calcutta cash payouts will be determined by net scores in each flight. The Top 4 players in each flight will be paid out. For the Calcutta, payouts will be 90% of the pot. First place gets 40%, second place gets 30%, third place gets 20%, and fourth place gets 10%.

Skins are for round one and day money is for round 2 and are collected separately and not included in the entry fee.

Entries are due by Aug. 6. To register, go to the cCattails Golf Course web site at [amosacattails.com](http://amosacattails.com). Go to events and scroll on Alex P. Kahler Tournament and click on that. Click on <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/9442323422257396063> to go to the Alex P. Kahler 2024 information sheet and click on register now for Alex P. Kahler 2024.

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## Sports Bulletin

Follow sports editor Ken Hamrick on X. His handle is @KenHamrick1.

### SCHEDULE FRIDAY PRCA Rodeo

Ski-Hi Stampede local rodeo, 1 p.m.  
Ski-Hi Stampede, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY PRCA Rodeo

Ski-Hi Stampede, 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY PRCA Rodeo

Ski-Hi Stampede, 2 p.m.

### 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

Rug Rats vs. Wolfpack, 5:30 p.m. (north field)  
Sandhogs vs. Little Hitters, 5:30 p.m. (south field)  
Little Giants vs. Outlaws, 6:30 p.m. (south field)

#### End of season

### 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 WEDNESDAY

Livingstone Trucking vs. Bros Before Throws, 7 p.m. (Field 1)  
SOS Misfits vs. Tandberg's Angels, 7 p.m. (Field 2)  
Cutthroats vs. La Puente Homers, 7 p.m. (Field 4)  
War Turtles vs. Where My Pitches At, 8 p.m. (Field 1)  
The Undertakers vs. The Misfits, 8 p.m. (Field 2)  
All Valley Towing vs. Bomb Squad, 8 p.m. (Field 4)  
CRP Dust Devils vs. Top Notch, 9 p.m. (Field 1)  
The Dirty Dozen vs. WOLO, 9 p.m. (Field 2)  
The Misfits vs. La Puente Homers, 9 p.m. (Field 4)

#### MONDAY

Bomb Squad vs. Livingstone Trucking, 7 p.m. (Field 1)  
Where My Pitches at vs. Cutthroats, 7 p.m. (Field 2)  
Bros Before Throws vs. Top Notch, 7 p.m. (Field 4)  
WOLO vs. All Valley Towing, 8 p.m. (Field 1)  
La Puente Homers vs. CRP Dust Devils, 8 p.m. (Field 2)  
The Misfits vs. War Turtles, 8 p.m. (Field 4)  
Battitudes vs. The Undertakers, 9 p.m. (Field 1)  
SOS Misfits vs. Steel Line, 9 p.m. (Field 2)  
Tandberg's Angels vs. War turtles, 9 p.m. (Field 4)

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**SAN LUIS VALLEY LOCAL FOODS COALITION** seeks an HR & EQUITY COORDINATOR to provide human resources functions and equity best practices for our local nonprofit. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slv-localfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at [www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/](http://www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/). (7/13/24)

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE. This is a full-time position with benefits. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Maintenance and Custodial 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 18, 2024 or until the position is filled. (7/24/24)

### 221 - HELP WANTED

**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](mailto: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](http://urtigers.co). (8/6/24)

**FAMILY SERVICES MANAGER: CENTER HEAD START** is looking for a highly motivated FAMILY SERVICES MANAGER. Applicants must have strong interpersonal and communication skills. Required to have a degree, certificate or credential in social work, human services, family services, or counseling related field at hire or within 18 months of hire. This position works closely with our families to help them reach their goals and create community partnerships. Highly preferable if bilingual (English/Spanish). Applications can be picked up at the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions, please call the office at 719-759-9259. (7/31/24)

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**JR/SR HIGH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER** needed at DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a secondary Language Arts endorsement. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, DNHS Principal at [ahardy@urtigers.co](mailto:ahardy@urtigers.co) or contact Mrs. Hardy at 719-657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at [www.urtigers.co](http://www.urtigers.co). (8/7/24)

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**THE TOWN OF CENTER** is excited to announce an opening in our **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**. We are seeking a motivated and skilled individual to join our team. This position offers the opportunity to directly serve the Center community, playing a vital role in Serving as the town's Enforcement agent in code, building and animal control. It is a full-time position. We are recruiting for one **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**. Applicant must also have the ability to interact with customers and possess good communication skills. Applicant must also pass a background check and pre-employment drug testing. The candidate will also be subject to random drug testing. The job description and the application is on the Towns website, [townofcenter.colorado.gov](http://townofcenter.colorado.gov). Please submit your application to Town Hall or email to [jhurtado@centerco.gov](mailto:jhurtado@centerco.gov). The deadline is until positions are filled. (7/20/24)

**LA PUENTE STREET OUTREACH** is looking for an **OUTREACH COORDINATOR** who is passionate about working with homeless and vulnerable people in the San Luis Valley. The Outreach Coordinator will be involved in supplies management, community engagement, contact with community partners, and on the ground support for people who are experiencing the effects of poverty. This position will also require creation and maintenance of Street Outreach data tracking, analysis, and reporting. \$38-\$42, DOE. Full benefits package. Please send resume and cover letter to [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net). (7/10/24)

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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)

**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. Stagner @ [Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us](mailto:Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us) or call 719-655-2578. (7/10/24)

**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)

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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](mailto:kjones@sierragrande-school.net). Applications are available at the District office, 17523 Hwy. 160, Blanca, CO 81123 or online at [www.sierragrande-school.net](http://www.sierragrande-school.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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### 341 - GARAGE SALE

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**1 BEDROOM: UTILITIES** included. Deposit, employment, references required. \$665 rent, \$750 deposit. 719-580-3710. (7/17/24)

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**1 BEDROOM APARTMENTS** with WASHER/DRYER for rent. Across from ASU. Call 719-251-3597. (7/13/24)

### 611 - HOMES FOR RENT

**2 STORY HISTORIC RENOVATED 4 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH**. Appliances furnished. Deck, shop, garage, large fenced in backyard. Excellent neighborhood; 416 2nd Ave., MONTE VISTA. \$2150/month, plus utilities. Yearly lease; available 6/1/24. Contact 719-852-5101 or 719-852-5350. (7/9/24)

### 614 - MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

**2 BEDROOM 1 BATH**, nice extended unattached garage. Sits on **FENCED 2 ACRES**, non-smoking. Close to west side of **ALAMOSA**. \$850.00 a month with \$850 deposit, all due signing. Available July 1st. Call 719-589-9485. (7/19/24)

### 630 - ROOMS FOR RENT

**VERY NICE FURNISHED ROOM, ALAMOSA**. 720-436-5550. (7/17/24)

### 701 - AUTOS FOR SALE

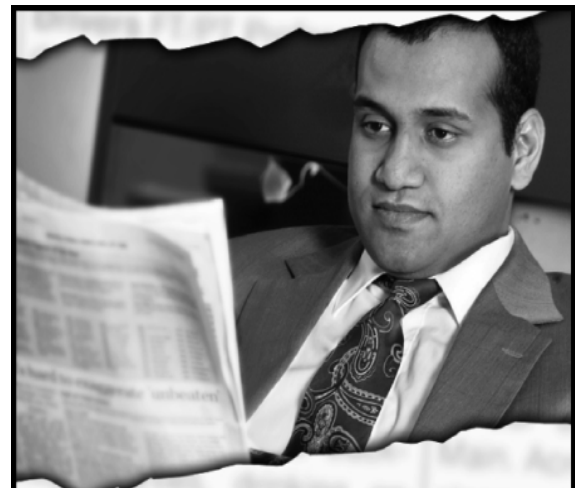
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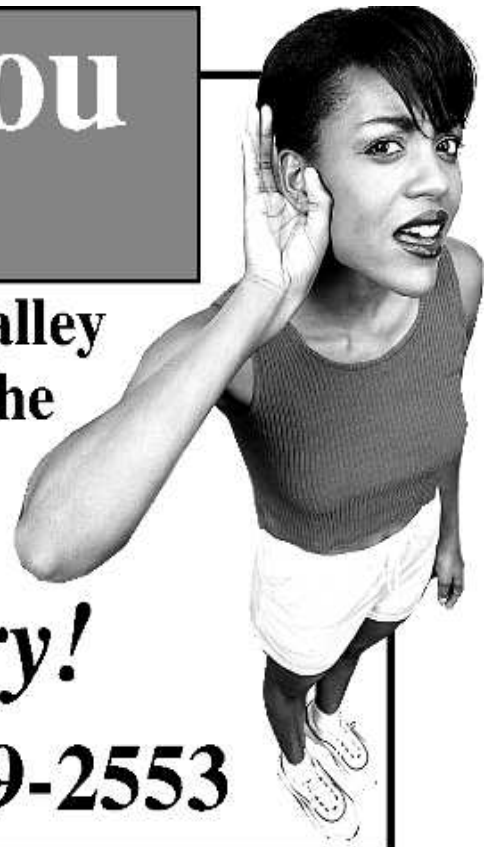
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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

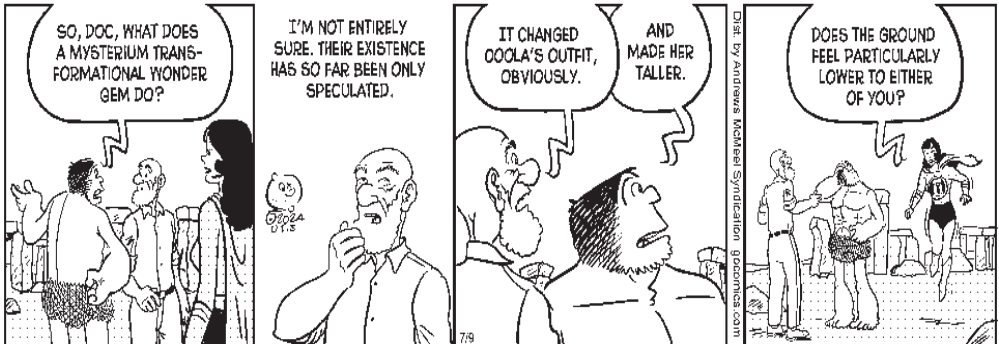
### NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Styling aid
  - 4 Life story
  - 7 Computer part
  - 11 Buckeyes' sch.
  - 12 Tip off
  - 13 Ready to eat
  - 14 Tavern
  - 15 Online marketplace
  - 16 Winglike
  - 17 Sewing implement
  - 19 Idyllic place
  - 21 — of Wight
  - 23 That girl
  - 24 Collision
  - 27 Baseball's —
  - 29 Durocher
  - 29 Devilkin
  - 32 Baby — candy
  - 33 " — Poppins"
  - 34 Poetic preposition
  - 35 Insect
  - 36 Big bag
  - 37 Expressive dance
- DOWN**
- 1 Enter (2 wds.)
  - 2 Serf
  - 3 Clair de —
  - 4 Biblical tower
  - 5 Nest egg letters
  - 6 Banded gem
  - 7 Long-legged bird
  - 8 Side-splitting
  - 9 Apple tablet
  - 10 Where Machu Picchu is
  - 12 Cardiff residents
  - 18 Platter
  - 20 Cry at sea
  - 22 On cloud nine
  - 24 Pack
  - 25 Magical letter
  - 26 Trait
  - 28 Before very long
  - 30 Liquefy
  - 31 Say grace
  - 33 Low
  - 36 Little-used pronoun
  - 37 Harmonica
  - 40 Grayish brown
  - 42 Hat part
  - 44 Overact
  - 45 Benefit
  - 46 English queen
  - 47 Be bold enough
  - 49 Money in Mexico
  - 50 Mideast ruler
  - 51 Song
  - 54 Miniature

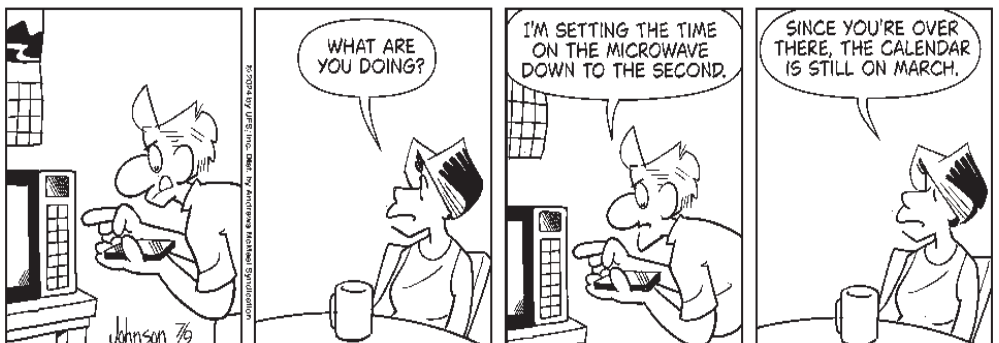
Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## ALLEY OOP



## ARLO & JANIS



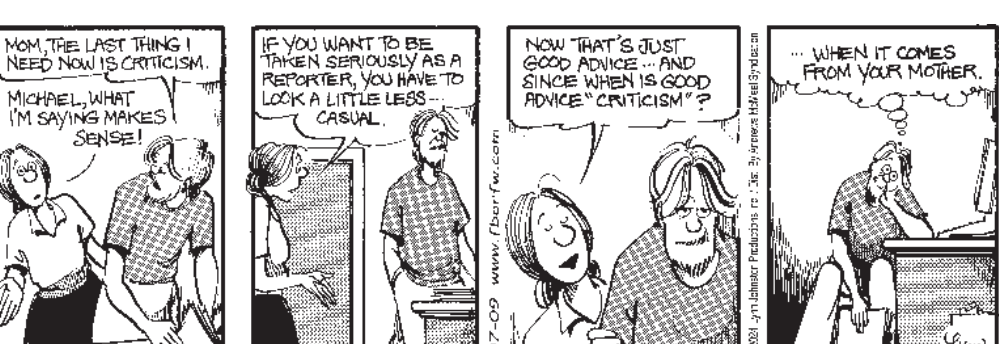
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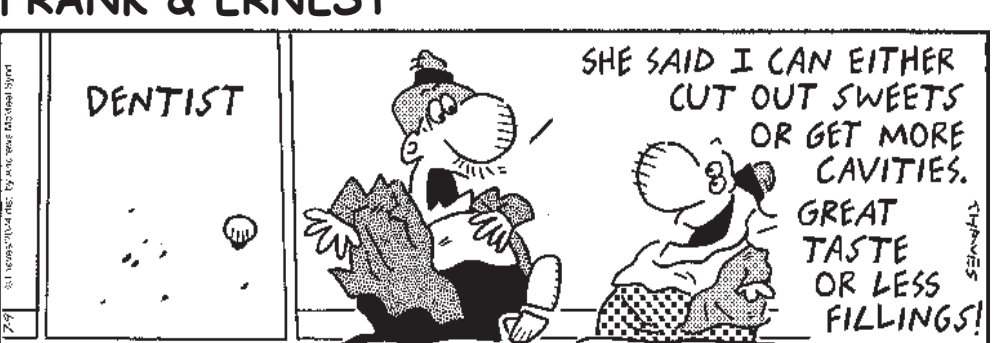
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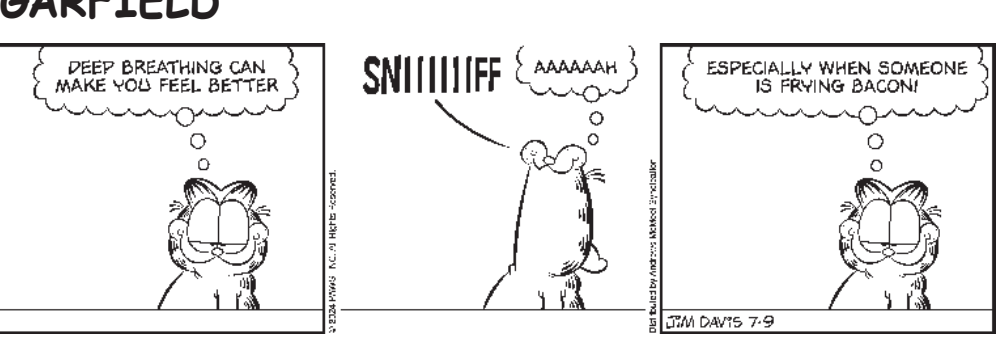
## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



## FRANK & ERNEST



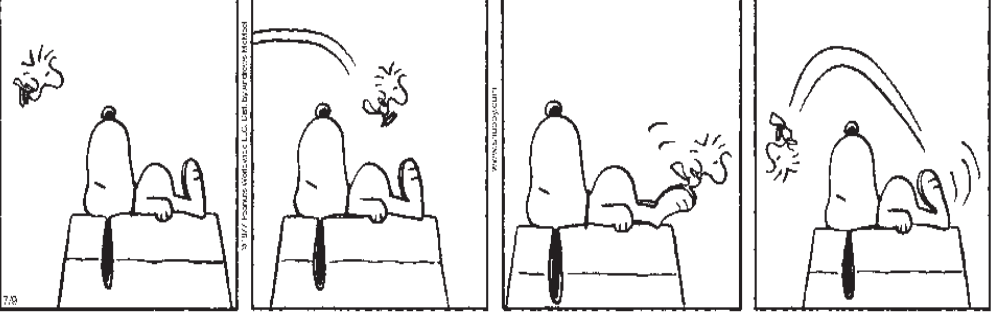
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## THE GRIZZWELLS



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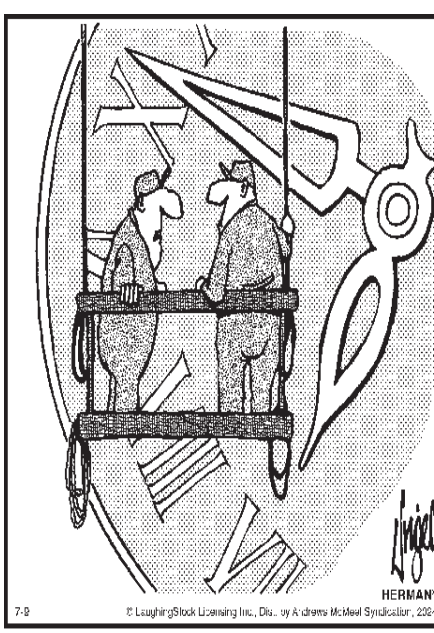
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## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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## HERMAN



PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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# Woman believes sister has stepped over boundaries

DEAR ABBY: My sister has bullied and controlled me most of my life. She has said many very unkind things, and I have reached a place in my life where I need peace and distance from her. Because of this, I have blocked her from texting or calling me.

The problem I'm having is that my sister texts and sends pictures and presents to my in-laws. I feel this is inappropriate. She's married and has her own in-laws to grow a relationship with. I feel she does it to stay relevant in my life and also to show my in-laws that she's a nice person.

I know she's an adult and can have relationships with whomever she chooses, but it feels to me that she is overstepping boundaries. I can't breathe or have a life outside of her. My husband's family are MY in-laws, not hers. Are my feelings unreasonable? -- SMOTHERED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR SMOTHERED: Your in-laws can have a relationship with anyone they wish. You cannot control who sends them texts, photos and gifts, particularly if they enjoy them. You may feel your sister has no place in their lives, but unless they agree,

you are out of luck.

Of course, your feelings are your feelings and, from what you have written about your sister's past treatment of you, you're entitled to them. But to allow her to take up any more space in your head than you already have is counterproductive.

Talk with a therapist about this, if necessary, to help you quit obsessing about her. The problem isn't her -- it is how you continue to react to her.

DEAR ABBY: Growing up, my best friend was a female. We had a strong platonic friendship for many years. Our primary method of communication was letter-writing. We wrote hundreds of letters and emails to each other before we drifted apart during college.

We recently reconnected after 10 years and quickly began talking like we used to. I'm excited to write to my fellow letter-writer again, but we are both married now, and I want to be respectful of the spouses involved.

Is there a right way to revive our constant flow of letters and emails, like in the old days? The letters are respectful, and we write about a wide variety of top-



## ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

ics that interest us. -- CAUTIOUS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CAUTIOUS: Letter-writing is fast becoming a dying art, and it's a shame. I hope you and your friend have been saving the correspondence you've exchanged because they are valuable keepsakes that reflect your activities and opinions as you both have matured.

I see nothing wrong with continuing the exchange of letters as long as your spouses are aware of it and don't object. More people should consider doing what you are doing. I have been told by friends (pre-"Abby") that they have kept mine and enjoyed rereading them.