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SLV Today

Final bird walk of season is July 13

MONTE VISTA — On Saturday, July 13, the Friends of the Refuges will have its final bird walk of the season. It will be a trip to Bowen Pond on the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge with the expectation of seeing numerous varieties of water birds.

Plan to arrive at the Visitor Center parking lot at the Monte Vista NWR by 8 a.m. To get there, drive 6 miles south of the town of Monte Vista on State Highway 15. Bring binoculars if you have them. This trip will allow you to go to parts of the refuge usually closed to the public.

1974 Centauri HS 50th class reunion

LA JARA — The 50th class reunion of the Centauri High School Class of 1974 will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 19, at the Calvillo's Mexican Restaurant, 400 Main St., Alamosa. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information, call any of the planning committee members: Tom Medina at 719-588-0401, Melanie Woodward at 719-580-0338, Laurie Kay Quintana at 719-480-3146, Dennis Ortiz at 719-588-7283, Hazel Madrid, or Vivian Gallegos at 719-206-0118.

Open Quilt Show returning to SLV Fair

MONTE VISTA — The SLV Fair is bringing back the Open Quilt Show. This is a show only; entries will not be judged. The goal is to showcase the wonderful talent in the San Luis Valley. It is open to all ages, and there is no entry fee. People can also submit the quilt's story, if there is one. People can bring their quilt on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 8-10 a.m. For more information, call Janae Naranjo at 719-480-4212 or Brandy Meyers at 719-849-1522.

SLV WEATHER

Slight Chance of Afternoon Showers, Breezy 89/50

Sat: Slight Chance of Afternoon Showers, Breezy 88/50

Sun: Slight Chance of Afternoon Showers, Breezy 88/51

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Commissioners say yes to transmission line, no to solar

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor
ALAMOSA COUNTY — On Wednesday, the Alamosa County Commissioners approved Xcel Energy's application to move forward on its Alamosa-to-Antonito transmission line that will replace the existing line. Xcel had asked for and was granted per-

mission under Colorado state law referred to as a 1041 application. 1041 regulations are delegated powers from the State of Colorado to local jurisdictions to regulate matters of statewide concern, including the development of transportation and utility infrastructure. 1041 regulations

can also be used to protect specific geographic areas with historical, cultural, or natural resources of statewide importance. The commissioners also rejected a proposal from Korsail Energy to build a 135-megawatt (MW) solar energy facility known as the Cornfield on 730 acres in Alamosa County.

That project would have connected the project to the grid at the Alamosa Terminal, Blanca Peak 115kV line on the north side of the project. According to Korsail, the project would have created 300 jobs during construction. ■ See **COMMISSIONERS** page 3



Courier photo by John Waters

At the grand opening of the Hope in the Valley treatment center in Alamosa on July 11 from left to right are Paul Reed with Hope in the Valley, Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laske, Kim Reed, and Dr. Ely Walker, with Hope in the Valley, Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, and Justin Riley with Hope in the Valley.

Hope in the Valley has grand opening

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor
ALAMOSA — “The opposite of addiction is not sobriety, it is connection,” invoked Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser before a crowd of about 100 people gathered to celebrate the opening of Hope in the Valley rehab center in Alamosa on Thursday.

“The facility has been a long time coming. Seven years ago, we talked with the attorney general and he asked, ‘What do you need

here in the Valley? I said, ‘We need in-Valley treatment — and now we have it. Hallelujah! We have good people. This is going to be good,’” said Alamosa County Sheriff Robert Jackson. Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laske who has been an advocate of the facility said this in her closing remarks, “This shows the power of partnership, the power of believing in people, and the power of community.”

According to Kim Reed, a Hope

in the Valley co-founder, the treatment center has just received a temporary license to accommodate 15 residential clients who need residential addiction treatment. Before Hope in the Valley, no residential treatment was available in the area. Commenting on the facility, co-founder Paul Reed said, “It is surreal to be back here in the Valley, I grew up in Sanford. I've been in long-term sobriety, I've got 17

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Phil Weiser
Colorado State Attorney General

AG Weiser talks Hope in the Valley — and elsewhere

Part one of a two-part conversation

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Colorado State Attorney General Phil Weiser was in the San Luis Valley for several days this week, during which time he met with a host of different people about a myriad of different issues.

But one event he attended was of special significance.

“Seven years ago,” he told the Valley Courier, “I visited the Valley and spoke with (Alamosa County Sheriff) Robert Jackson who told me the Valley desperately needed a treatment center.”

That comment was especially poignant to recall

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Alamosa Vets Memorial to host car show Saturday

By KEN HAMRICK
Courier sports editor
ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park Project will host a car show on Saturday at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center, 2222 Old Sanford Rd.

Registration is from 8-9 a.m., and the show runs from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The events will include vehicle cover racing, a swap meet (car and motorcycle), trophy awards and a Veterans appreciation ceremony.

Door prizes begin at 10 a.m. and will conclude with prizes at 1 p.m.

There will be food trucks,

Gosar Sausage and Ef's, a beer garden provided by Spare Keg, vendors and t-shirts for sale. There will also be music by DJ Gabe.

For more information, call Jamie Dominguez at 719-937-3039.

There will also be a potato bar on Friday at the National Guard Armory, 1877 Old Sanford Rd.

Tickets will be sold beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served beginning at 6 p.m. There will also be karaoke.

Check out the Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park Project on Facebook or email at alamosamemorial@gmail.com.



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A fundraiser car show for the Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park Project will be held Saturday at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center.

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OBITUARIES

Christel Kuellenberg

Monte Vista resident Christel Kuellenberg, 86, passed away on July 9, 2024, at Pikes Peak Hospice in Colorado Springs. Christel was born to Johann "Hans" and Mechthilde (Koch) Münch in Duisburg, Germany. She married the love of her life, Paul Kuellenberg, on Nov. 19, 1955, in Hamboorn, Germany, and together they immigrated to Canada in August 1956. They immigrated to the United States in 1965. In 1976, they moved to the San Luis Valley and have called it home since.

Christel was a homemaker for most of her life; she was an amazing wife, mother, and grandmother. She was the epitome of a caretaker, finding great joy in caring for others. From neighbors to friends and family members, she always went out of her way to help others. Everyone who knew her knew that she could be counted on if needed.



Christel was a social butterfly, and her trips to the grocery store were often extended as she would frequently run into friends and old acquaintances, enjoying conversations with all of them. She had a special place in her heart for little children, whom she adored dearly. Christel was very family-oriented and cherished spending time with her family. She also enjoyed working in her yard and assisting Paul with anything he needed.

Those left behind to carry on her legacy are her two daughters, Caroline Kuellenberg of Mon-

te Vista and Margaret (George) Barone of San Diego, Calif.; sister Doris Münch of San Jose, Calif.; grandchildren Christopher Kuellenberg of Las Vegas, Nev., and Tania (Daniel) Spivey of San Diego, Calif.; and great-grandchildren Chloe Kuellenberg and Robert Madril, both of Georgia.

Christel was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Paul Kuellenberg, both of her parents, and her siblings Gisela (Matten) Münch and Johann "Hansie" Münch, as well as her great-grandmother Emilie (Lannig) Münch.

Cremation has been chosen, and a memorial service will be held at a later date in California.

Arrangements have been made through Rogers Family Mortuary. To leave online remarks, condolences, and words of comfort for Christel's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

Nadine Dieckman

Nadine was born Feb. 28, 1934, in a country home near Leigh, Neb. After two sons, Duane and LaVern, a baby girl made the depression more tolerable for her parents Olie and Florence. Four years later, a second daughter, Bonnie, was born.

Nadine attended the small, rural, District 17-Praha Elementary School and went on to graduate from Schuyler High School. For a country girl, this diploma was earned on rather shaky ground, except, she excelled in business. So much so, that Kermit Wagner, of Wagner Mills in Schuyler, hired her while she was still in school.

It wasn't long before wanderlust grabbed her. She moved to Denver and was employed by Continental Airlines as an executive secretary. Nadine loved this job — loved the free and reduced flying privileges. One of her favorite trips was to Alaska. She was ill prepared for the weather, but locals lent her boots and a coat, and she continued on with her adventure. Nadine also loved living so close to the mountains and spent much time hiking and camping.

Nadine married Frank Dieckman of Moffat, Colo., on Nov. 11, 1961, in Denver. They had two children, Troy and Renee. Frank dragged her, loyal and uncomplaining, to the orchard country of Palisade where they lived on an orchard in a fixer upper with an indoor hand pump and an out-house. They then lived in a converted school bus traveling around and in the mountains for a time. Finally, they landed in the beautiful San Luis Valley. They lived in yet another fixer upper in Mosca until the children graduated high school. Nadine then moved to Monte Vista where she created a nice comfortable home that she loved.

Frank and Nadine tried their hands at several endeavors, orchard operators, trail ride guides, sign painters, etc. until they purchased a flower shop in 1977. Much to her surprise, Nadine took a nearly empty, struggling store and turned it into a successful, beautiful floral and gift shop, Nadine's Flowers and Gifts. When she retired 23 years later, she left behind an unbelievably talented and devoted staff whom she loved and admired.

In Nadine's own words, "after 21 years of marriage, Frank got itchy feet or maybe it was a midlife crisis. We divorced and he went away. And actually, we could say — I lived happily ever after."

After her retirement from the flower shop, she took a summer, stipend-



pay, work experience at a Yellowstone gift shop. She worked there for 3 years and came to love her coworkers. She loved exploring Yellowstone's beauty and spoke of that adventure for the rest of her life.

Nadine was the mother of Troy and Renee, who she enjoyed immensely and who supported her emotionally. Renee married Perry Hazard, a rancher from Saguache. Nadine loved and respected her son-in-law as well as her four grandchildren. Megan, Will, Ben and Kait were the joy of her life.

She could be seen wrestling, reading, painting, hiking, having picnics, and so much more with all of them. She and several other grandparents made up the cheering section at school sports and activities. Nadine could be seen smiling, laughing, and cheering on both sides, as everyone needs some encouragement. She rarely missed anything the grandkids were doing. When Kait was in high school, she coached youth basketball. When asked why Nadine went to all of her games even though Kait didn't play, Nadine said, "if I don't go, then it's over."

She never wanted any of her time with her grandkids to be over. She followed their lives on a huge map on her dining room table. She would say, "it's like I can be with them along their way." She helped to shape each of them into the people they are today.

Nadine had hidden plans we just recently found. They included, running with the bulls at Paloma, climbing breathlessly up a beautiful mountain, though I think she did this throughout her life, and walking the Appalachia Trail. She may not have accomplished all of those plans but there were so many she did.

Nadine could, among other things, paint a house inside and out, dry-wall, tape, and texture, letter truck emblems, operate an orchard, embroider, make beautiful quilts, ride a horse, make blankets, sing solo at a wedding, sing lead in a barber shop chorus, play the piano and pump organ for church and pleasure, sing in the church choir, scrapbook, run a tractor, rake hay, play cards, do paper quilling, make miniature houses.

Everything she pursued, she did so with excellence.

Nadine was a sign painter, the owner of 18 horses, a trail boss, pilot and navigator, a delivery person, a volunteer, a good cook and baker, a florist and an excellent gift buyer, an executive secretary, and a business owner.

She spent her first 18 years on the plains of eastern Nebraska where she lived and grew. She realized how beautiful that country is — so green, so lovely, sometimes so lush. But, oh the mountains, her heart was there. She lived the rest of her life surrounded by the Rocky Mountains. She was sure anywhere she was; she'd find the beauty.

More than anything, Nadine loved her family.

Nadine Florence Clausen Dieckman died on Friday, June 20, 2024, at the age of 90.

Nadine is survived by her brother Lavern Clausen, sister Bonnie Converse, sister-in-law Patricia Clausen, son Troy Dieckman, daughter and son-in-law Renee and Perry Hazard, and her beloved grandchildren Megan and Matt Varoz, Senior Master Sergeant Will and Dr. Linh Hazard, Ben and Dr. Kaeli Hazard, Professor Kait and Zach Cureton-Hazard.

She was preceded in death by her parents Olie and Florence (Glandt) Clausen, her brother Duane Clausen, sister-in-law Alma Clausen, brother-in-law Robert Converse, and great-nephew Robert Clausen.

The older Nadine became the more she realized trying to grow old gracefully was harder than she thought it could be and the more she realized she had no desire for drama or conflict. She just wanted a cozy home, good food, and to be surrounded by lovely people who made her happy.

Her wish was for us to be giddy, silly, and to have fun.

There will be a celebration of life on Monday, July 22, at 10 a.m. at Living Water Bible Fellowship, 2910 Clark St., Alamosa, Colo.

In lieu of any gift, please consider donating to the Mosca-Hooper Volunteer Fire Department at 5235 N Hwy 17, Mosca, CO 81146

Arrangements have been made through Rogers Family Mortuary. To leave online remarks, condolence, and words of comfort for Nadine's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

Gary 'Chopper' Ruybal

ALAMOSA — Gary "Chopper" Ruybal, a man known for his feisty, friendliness, and adventurous spirit, passed away peacefully in his hometown of Alamosa, Colo., on July 7, 2024. Born on Nov. 24, 1970, to the late Francis and Geraldine Ruybal, Gary's zest for life and infectious laughter left a lasting imprint on the hearts of all who knew him.

A lifelong resident of Alamosa, Gary's love for his community was as profound as his love for sports. His enthusiasm was palpable whether he was cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers, reveling in the Atlanta Braves' latest victory, or indulging in the serenity of a golf game. Gary's passion for athletics was more than just a pastime; it was a way of connecting with others and giving back to the community that raised him.

Gary's dedication to sports extended beyond the role of a spectator. He was a respected umpire for the City of Alamosa softball team and for the youth baseball teams at the middle school level. His fair play and sense of camaraderie made him a beloved figure on the field. Furthering his involvement



in local sports, Gary was a proud member of the Adams State Football Chain Gang, where his commitment and team spirit were evident to all.

Beyond his public love of sports, Gary's personal qualities truly defined him. Those who knew Gary would describe him as the life of the party, always ready with a joke or a smile that could light up a room. His friendly demeanor made him a cherished friend and a beloved member of his family. Gary's adventurous nature led him to embrace life's moments with open arms, creating memories that his loved ones and friends will treasure forever.

Gary is survived by a family who adored him:

his brother Kevin (Leslie) Ruybal of Alamosa; his sister, Raelynn (Abe) Duran of Monte Vista, Colo. He was a cherished uncle to his nieces and nephews, Robert Duran, KeiAnna Duran, Xavion Duran, KayLee Ruybal, and RyLee Ruybal. Each of them will carry forward his legacy of kindness, humor, and a passion for life.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Francis and Geraldine Ruybal, as well as his grandparents, John and Reyecitas Ruybal, and Jerry and Becky Sierra. His uncle Mike Ruybal also preceded him in death. This lineage of family members instilled in Gary the values of love, family, and community that he upheld throughout his life.

A visitation will be held on Monday, July 15, 2024, at Rogers Family Mortuary from 5 to 7 p.m. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Alamosa Cemetery.

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

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kay Orville Watkins

A memorial service celebrating the life of Kay Orville Watkins, long-time Adams State chemistry professor and Dean of Science, who died June 11, will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 20, at Alamosa's Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave.

It will include music, memories and food.



Kay's family invites those attending to a buffet luncheon at Calvillos Res-

taurant, 400 Main St., Alamosa, after the service.

Those attending are welcome to share memories and stories both at the service and luncheon.

Memorial contributions can be made to: Kay Watkins Scholarship, ASU Foundation, Suite 380, Edgemont Blvd., Alamosa, CO, 81101-9919.

DEATH NOTICE

William L. Kuhlke

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, teacher and mentor to many, William L Kuhlke, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on June 17, 2024, in Alamosa, Colo. He is survived by his wife Betty Jean Myers, his children, and grandchildren.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

A.A. and N.A members primary purpose is to

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

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

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

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Valley News

Rainbow trout added to Blanca Vista Pond

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA – Rainbow trout were added to Blanca Vista Pond. The City of Alamosa sent out a press release thanking the multiple sponsors of

the project. “The City of Alamosa would like to thank Donnie Bautista and Sand Dunes Recreation Inc. for spearheading a fish stocking effort at Blanca

Vista Pond in Alamosa,” city officials stated.

Every day, people can drive by and see many kids outside enjoying the local fishery. Other financial contributors included

Jared Myers and Allied Potato Co., Dylan Brown and the Dylan Brown Farmers Insurance Agency, and Richard Esquibel and the High Peak Event Company, the city stated.

The City of Alamosa contributed \$4,000 toward 620 pounds of rainbow trout.

A special thank you to

Crowther’s Fish Farm for providing the fish and throwing in a few extra “big ones” for the kids.

Blanca Vista Pond is a family fishery designed for kids to learn to fish. Adults 18 and over must have a child accompanying them to fish the pond. CPW stocked over 7,000 fish this spring in

the pond and this week’s supplement will further enhance the fishing experience.

“The city expressly thanks Mr. Bautista and all the contributors for supporting children’s activities in the city and their support of Alamosa Parks and Recreation,” city officials stated.



Courtesy photo

Rainbow trout were added to Blanca Vista Pond. The City of Alamosa sent out a press release thanking the multiple sponsors of the project.

Weiser

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as one of the primary reasons Weiser came to the Valley was to honor the grand opening of Hope in the Valley Rehabilitation Center on July 11, the first rehabilitation treatment facility to ever open its doors in the San Luis Valley.

“We have about 20% of the treatment in the state that we need,” he said. “There are people who are dying while they’re on a waiting list to be treated and others are in jail because we don’t have treatment options for them.

“This crisis demands solutions and what we’re seeing in the Valley with what Kim Reed and Lori Laske and the committee has accomplished in opening Hope in the Valley is really important.. That took real leadership. There are other communities in the state that have the same need as the Valley, but they haven’t done what the Valley has done. That’s why I came here.”

In his comments, Weiser is referring to the facility’s co-founders Kim Reed, her husband, Paul Reed, and Justin Riley. All three are private citizens who each have their own story of recovery, and, in opening Hope in the Valley, they hope to “give back.” Lori Laske is a commissioner for Alamosa County and member of the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council that allocated funds to help pay for the rehabilitation center.

Weiser has been actively involved in legal

actions taken against manufacturers and other businesses whose behavior has contributed to the opioid crisis. He also chairs the Opioid Abatement Council.

“We’re in the third wave of this crisis,” Weiser said. “The first wave was Oxycontin pills. Pick your year. By 1999 Purdue had already been seeking to flood the market with Oxycontin pills. We saw people get addicted because they were being given like they were candy. We saw them sold on the streets.

“At some point, around 2010, we started to make it harder to get or distribute opioids. There were pharmacies that had more pills than there were people. It was out of control.

“But by then, the cartel saw they had a market and they started flooding areas with heroin. People were saying, ‘I can’t get pills anymore, but I can get heroin, and it’s cheaper.’ That’s what Robert [Jackson] was dealing with when I spoke to him.”

The challenge is now fentanyl, which is 50 times more potent than heroin and makes it more likely that people will overdose.

“We have more fentanyl than ever before,” he says.

Weiser sees a long road ahead to get out of the crisis with steps that will take committed, concentrated effort.

“We cut down on distribution coming from all sorts of angles. We raise awareness and support

people, so they don’t turn to drugs. We help people get treatment – in jail, in emergency room, and in treatment centers – and we help people in recovery.”

The justice system is a small but important part of this, he says.

“If we can’t get people into treatment and recovery, we see this cycle over and over and over again. It’s a problem with public safety. It’s also a problem with the workforce.” On one of his visits to the Valley, he recalls being told, “We really can’t talk about the future of economic development because so many people can’t work effectively because they’re struggling with addiction.”

When asked if the problem can be solved, Weiser says he’s an optimist.

“I believe any challenge is solvable, but this is a significant, formidable challenge. What gives me hope is what we’re seeing in the Valley. The leadership that has been involved and the fact that Lori [Laske] has brought in so many people with experience and listened to them and helped them be a part of the solution, that’s incredible. People who can say, ‘My life is now transformed. I’m living in recovery.’”

Weiser also places priority on addressing the stigma of addiction. “We need to bring this conversation into the open now. We can talk about cancer now and people can say ‘cancer sucks.’ We need to be able to do that with addiction. And what I see happening here is meaningful. It gives me hope.”

Commissioners

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Commissioner Lori Laske told the Valley Courier the commissioners are supportive of solar and have a long tradition of supporting solar energy. Laske encouraged Korsail to continue with the project, just in a different location.

“Building it over Rock Creek drainage on 786 acres between two state wildlife areas is not the ideal location,” Laske said. “This is a big project. There are better-suited areas in Alamosa County. “This particular plot would be more profitable for Cornflower but could negatively impact our natural resources. Historically we’ve been supportive of solar and renewable projects, and we want to continue that in the future.”

Commissioner Vern Heersink said that the county is in favor of solar but, “It’s just that the location of this one is less than ideal.”

Laske and Heersink voted to deny Korsail the approval with Commissioner Arlan VanRy dissenting.

The Korsail project was proposed to be built on private land about 2.5 miles west of the City of Alamosa with a lifespan of 50 years. “The land will be reclaimed and restored to historical uses,” according to the company.

The Valley Courier has reached out to Korsail seeking comment regarding any plans it may have in Alamosa County or elsewhere in the Valley and is awaiting a reply.

In other Valley solar permitting news, on July 2, the Saguache County Board of County Commissioners voted to impose a moratorium on all solar 1041 applications while the county develops rules on the issue.

The Xcel application that was approved will replace the existing 69-kV transmission line from Alamosa to the Conejos County line. Conejos County will consider a 1041 application from Xcel sometime next year according to company representatives.

The new line will replace the current wood transmission poles with new metal poles. The existing line was built in the 1950s and has outlived its lifespan.

Hope

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years sober, since then it has been my dream and passion to give back to people here in the Valley who are suffering from drug or alcohol addiction. This gives people somewhere to go. When I got sober, I tried to do that here in the Valley and I had to go to Denver for treatment.”

Hope in the Valley can be reached at www.hope-alamosa.org or by calling 719-206-4673. To find a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous in the Valley, visit www.slvaa.org or call 719-937-5083.



Courier photo by John Waters

Kim and Paul Reed, co-founders of the Hope in the Valley addiction rehabilitation facility in Alamosa.

OBITUARIES

Michelle Angela Salazar

Monte Vista native Michelle Angela Salazar, 60, entered eternal rest on July 6, 2024. Michelle made her grand entrance into the world Nov. 2, 1963, beloved daughter of Lawrence “bebe” Salazar and Theresa Archuleta, raised by her grandmother Josephine M. Salazar.

Michelle was a hardworking, free spirit, she worked in agriculture for many years, and was very well known in the community, growing up she was the average tomboy with her t-shirt and jeans, the definition of needing no man around to get things done, unless it came to her dad, she would cross oceans for him. She knew no stranger and would stop to talk with anyone she came across for hours on end. She was strong-willed, if there was anyone to tell you exactly how it was and is, she was that person.

Michelle was blessed with five children as well as six grandchildren. She enjoyed outdoors, cookouts, crossword puzzles, Spanish music, and you wouldn’t dare catch her

without her Pepsi and cigarettes, Joel Osteen was one of her favorites, only because “he talks like a cowboy.” She was also an avid Raiders fan.

Her greatest joys were time well spent with family, especially her grandchildren, they were her prize possessions, the reason to keep going, she was proud to be their “Gram Cracker.” Those moments will be forever cherished. She will be heavily missed.

Michelle will live on through her children, Javier (Andrew) Salazar-Maez of Alamosa, Colo., Kim Salazar of Monte Vista, Colo., Cesar Adan (Derek) Salazar-Moya of Pueblo, Colo., Blanca (Isaac) Medina of Albuquerque, N.M.; as well as her grandchildren, Ernesto Arias, Preciosa Arias, Orlando Trujillo, Roman Trujillo, Damian Salazar and Avyianah Medina; her siblings, Diane Sanchez, Freda (Miguel) Salazar, Linda (Mario) Rodriguez, Roberta Salazar and Theresa Clark.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence Salazar and



Theresa Archuleta; her mother, Josephine M. Salazar; her brothers, Bernard, Gary and Fred-eric; her sister, Pricilla Renner; and cousin, Ricky Sanchez.

Rosary will be held on Friday, July 12, 2024, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Monte Vista, Colo.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 10 a.m. also at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Monte Vista, Colo. Reception to be announced.

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

James Nathan Babcock

James Nathan Babcock, 79, of South Fork, Colo., passed away on June 21, 2024. Born on Nov. 5, 1944, in Horton, Kan., to Mary Frances Mellott Babcock and Nathan Kingsley Babcock, Jim grew up on the family farm. He began his education in a one-room schoolhouse, later attending Hiawatha Middle and High School, where he graduated with the class of 1962.

Jim briefly attended KSTC and Highland Junior College before enlisting in the Kansas National Guard in 1965. On Jan. 15, 1966, he married Marjean Perrigo, and they were blessed with two sons. In 1968, Jim was called to active duty in the U.S. Army, serving at Fort Carson, Colo., during the Vietnam War. Upon returning to Hiawatha, he embarked on a career as a truck driver, working for Brockoff, Keim, Koch, and CF out of Cameron, Mo.

Jim’s true passion was



and he earned several pilot ratings. He eventually retired as a crop duster, spraying fields in the Cameron, Mo., area and the San Luis Valley, Colo. For 23 years, Jim and Marjean operated rental stores in the San Luis Valley. During the 1990s, he also enjoyed driving the activities bus for Adams State College, where he became a beloved figure among students from the football team to the chamber choir.

In 2005, Jim returned to help his brother Ken with his business, and after closing their rental stores in 2008, Marjean

joined him on the family farm. In 2016, they moved back to their home in South Fork, Colo., hoping to enjoy retirement. Sadly, Jim faced health challenges, including a heart attack, dementia, and bladder cancer.

Jim was a man of deep faith, contributing both physically and financially to many ministries. He attended the Feed Store Church in Monte Vista, Colo.

He is survived by his wife, Marjean, his sons, Byron Babcock and Britt Babcock (Tracy) of Brazoria, Texas, and two grandsons, Raven Babcock of Salida, Colo., and Tyler Babcock of Windsor, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Nathan, and his brother Ken.

The family will hold a private celebration of Jim’s life in the fall at the family farms, where he will be laid to rest under the old oak tree on the south 80. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to heart, cancer, or dementia organizations.

Opinion

Who enabled Biden? A case study

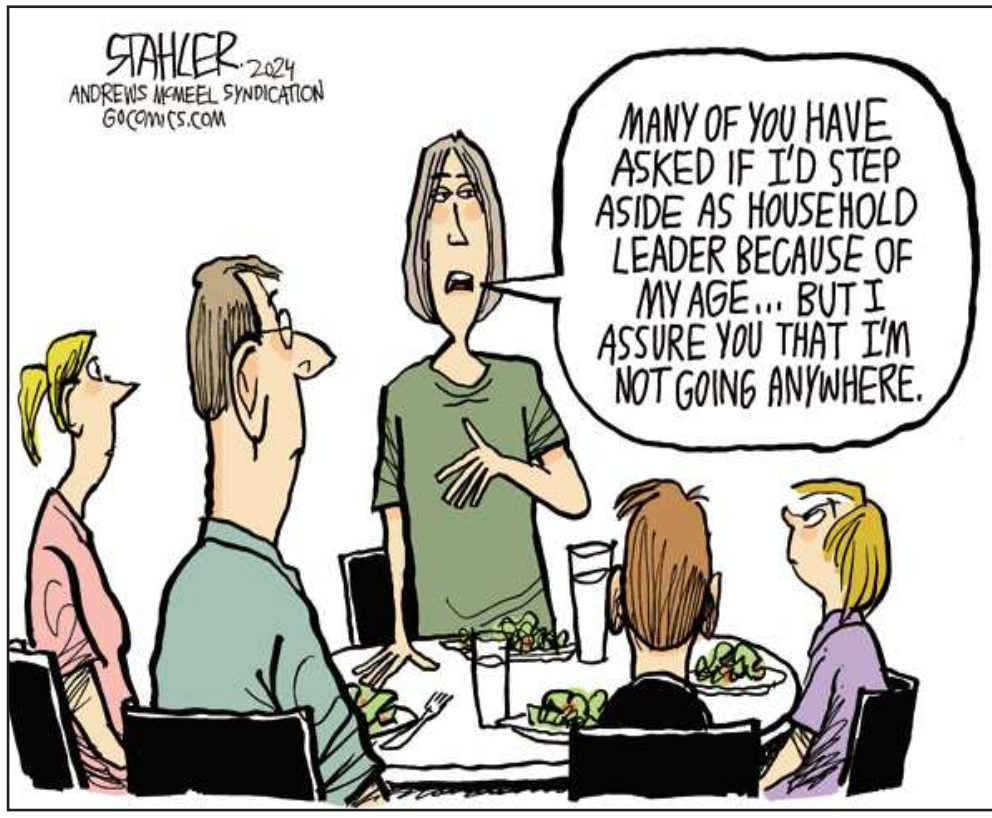
By BYRON YORK

On June 4, the Wall Street Journal published a story headlined, "Behind Closed Doors, Biden Shows Signs of Slipping." Based on interviews with 45 people, the article reported that associates described President Joe Biden as showing signs of age, "a president who appears slower now, someone who has both good moments and bad ones."

The Journal described a January White House meeting with congressional leaders on Ukraine policy in which Biden "spoke so softly at times that some participants struggled to hear him, according to five people familiar with the meeting. He read from notes to make obvious points, paused for extended periods and sometimes closed his eyes for so long that some in the room wondered whether he had tuned out." The next month, meeting with Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson, the Journal said, "Johnson worried that the president's memory had slipped about the details of his own policy."

White House and Democratic push-back was furious. Biden is as sharp as ever, Democrats said. The article was a hit piece based on Republicans who were playing partisan politics. Among those pushing back was Democratic Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, who had talked with the Journal for the story but was not quoted in the published piece.

"Surprise, surprise," Murray posted on X after the story came out. "Everyone attacking POTUS is a Republican with an agenda. I made clear to the Wall Street Journal regarding the January meeting on Ukraine that the president was absolutely engaged and ran that meeting in a way that brought everyone together. I'm not quoted -- I wonder why."



Murray's answer to her own question was obvious -- she was accusing the Journal of publishing a partisan hit piece suggesting Biden is not up to the job when she, Murray, had told reporters Biden is as good as ever. Later, the Journal would describe it this way: "Murray told the Journal in April that she hadn't seen a change in Biden's acuity during her years of working with him. 'He engages in a very personal way, asking questions,' Murray said. 'He is listening and absorbing.'"

That was Murray then. Now, after the disastrous June 27 debate exposed Biden's infirmities for the world to see, Murray is singing a different tune. On Monday, a concerned-sounding Murray released a statement that began, "More than a week since the debate, and after talking with my constituents, I believe President Biden must do more to demonstrate he can campaign strong enough to beat Donald Trump. ... We need to see a much more forceful and energetic candidate on the campaign

trail in the very near future in order for him to convince voters he is up to the job. At this critical time for our country, President Biden must seriously consider the best way to preserve his incredible legacy and secure it for the future." It doesn't take much reading between the lines to see that Murray is ready to show Biden the door -- just weeks after she mocked the Wall Street Journal for even suggesting Biden can't handle the job. The Murray episode shows how Democrats enabled Biden, even as the president became less and less able to hide his infirmities. When the Journal collected firsthand observations of the president displaying cognitive deficiencies, Murray mocked the paper and denied that there was any problem. In this, she was assisted by the journalists -- not at the Wall Street Journal -- who assisted the president's enablers in keeping his problems out of the public discussion, even when those problems were in clear public view. Even after the president's extended zone-out at the White House June-

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teenth concert on June 10, some journalists passed along the White House story that it was all a "cheap fake" cooked up by partisan Republicans. Murray was on board for all that. Then came the debate, and Murray's voters could see for themselves what bad shape the president was in. Remember that in her statement she predicated her new position on "talking with my constituents." The debate, visible for all to see, made it impossible for Murray to play down Biden's condition any longer. Now multiply that many times over to include the other Democratic lawmakers, White House and administration officials, compliant reporters, and Democratic politicians in Washington who had plenty of reason to know the president is not up to the job. They're the ones who enabled Biden and the ones who brought presidential politics to its current impasse.

Byron York is chief political correspondent for *The Washington Examiner*.

1964 Goldwater speech resonates in 2024

By DAVID SHRIBMAN

William Jennings Bryan called for Americans not to be crucified "upon a cross of gold" in 1896. Franklin Roosevelt introduced the New Deal in 1932. John Kennedy set out the New Frontier in 1960. George H.W. Bush spoke of the "thousand points of light" and issued his "read my lips" vow about new taxes in 1988.

Here, in the run-up to the Republican convention, it may be instructive to recall that of all the scores of American political convention acceptance speeches, the only one that still resonates is the one that spoke of "extremism in the defense of liberty" -- the one that was treated with contempt and horror in its own time.

Barry Goldwater's 1964 speech in San Francisco is 60 years old this week, and the debate that it sparked is fresh, relevant and vital at this difficult passage in our history.

Most of that speech is fairly conventional, both for Goldwater's time, when the Cold War was especially frigid, and for ours, with new tensions in the Middle East and on the eastern plains of Europe, and with turmoil on our campuses and crime in our streets. But a mere 30 words catapult a speech from a Republican nominee who lost 44 states into history and enduring controversy.

The Goldwater remarks began innocently enough, though from the distance of six decades they adumbrate important historical events. Indeed, in retrospect, the first nine words ("To my good friend and great Republican, Dick Nixon ...") remind us that this warm introduction served to patch up the Arizonan's feud with the more moderate Nixon, the Republicans' losing 1960 nominee, and helped position Nixon as the front-run-

ner for the nomination four years later, when he won the White House.

The following annotated excerpts from the Goldwater speech speak to our time: My fellow Republicans, our cause is too great for any man to feel worthy of it. Our task would be too great for any man, did he not have with him the heart and the hands of this great Republican Party.

This is not the rhetoric, or the conviction, of former President Donald Trump, who doesn't possess the humility or historical perspective to recognize that no party -- not even the Democrats of Bryan, nominated three times for the presidency, nor of FDR, nominated four times -- is the wholly owned subsidiary of one individual.

Tonight there is violence in our streets, corruption in our highest offices, aimlessness among our youth, anxiety among our elders and there is a virtual despair among the many who look beyond material success for the inner meaning of their lives. Where examples of morality should be set, the opposite is seen. This is a call from the presidential nominee of the party of capitalism for the rejection of the materialism inherent in the Great Society programs offered by his rival, President Lyndon Johnson. "Here we see that the emerging new American right wing shares values with the counterculture of the left," said Frank Towers, a University of Calgary historian. "They're against institutions." Those who seek to live your lives for you, to take your liberties in return for relieving you of yours, those who elevate the state and downgrade the citizen must see ultimately a world in which earthly power can be substituted for divine will. Here is another set-piece remark of

modern Republican candidates, a celebration of individualism combined with a bow toward God, an early example of religion as a GOP theme. Ronald Reagan used this combination to win the White House. Republicans for two generations have employed what is perhaps Goldwater's most enduring legacy. Those who seek absolute power, even though they seek it to do what they regard as good, are simply demanding the right to enforce their own version of heaven on Earth. And let me remind you, they are the very ones who always create the most hellish tyrannies. Absolute power does corrupt, and those who seek it must be suspect and must be opposed. This is a Goldwater passage that could be inserted seamlessly into a Democratic convention speech in August. Watch for it, and forgive its author for plagiarism. I would remind you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue. Here, in lines Goldwater underlined in his text, is the crux of the controversy. The New York Times branded the speech, written in large measure by the Lincoln scholar and philosopher Harry Jaffa, as a "challenge" to the delegates and the nation at large. The moderate Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, Goldwater's chief rival, said the remark was "dangerous, irresponsible and frightening." But this passage, regarded at the time as the end of Republican pragmatism, looks markedly different from the perspective of two-thirds of a century. The Capitol rioters surely believed extremism, in the form of the Jan. 6, 2021, violent assault, was in some sense a defense of liberty -- though myriad court cases and the preliminary judgment of history come down against that conclusion.

Those pursuing legal action against Trump, rejecting the notion that the final verdict should come from the voters and not the courts, believe "moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue." Lee Edwards, a Goldwater biographer and historian of the conservative movement, argued the Goldwater remarks should be viewed in the perspective of other "prominent Americans who have counseled extremism throughout our history," including Patrick Henry ("Give me liberty or give me death!") and Abraham Lincoln (who said in his "House Divided" speech that "this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free ... It will become all one thing or all the other").

It is forgotten today that two sentences after his "extremism" comments, Goldwater urged his listeners to heed this cautionary warning:

We must not see malice in honest differences of opinion, and no matter how great, so long as they are not inconsistent with the pledges we have given to each other in and through our Constitution.

Today, when our differences of opinion are so great, Americans see malice in their opponents and cannot agree on the meaning of the pledges inherent in the Constitution. Where have you gone, Barry Goldwater? The great irony is that, for this passage alone, if not for the others, our nation turns its lonely eyes to you.

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New Pedestrian Crossing Beacons



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Pictured left to right, Kirk Sowards, City of Alamosa Streets Supervisor, Rachel James, City of Alamosa Director of Development Services, Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman and Ray Smith, a Streets Superintendent prepare to 'cut the ribbon' at the intersection of Hunt Avenue and Main Street, celebrating the construction of the new Pedestrian Crossing Beacons. This project focused on improving safety at four intersections: 6th and San Juan, 6th and Hunt, Main and San Juan, and Main and Hunt Avenue, all key intersections within our downtown and the Downtown Plan. Thanks to a grant provided by CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation), the City of Alamosa was able to implement essential upgrades. These enhancements include high-visibility crosswalk markings, improved signage, and enhanced street lighting, ensuring pedestrians are safer and more visible to drivers.



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The Alamosa Farmers Market is on Saturday at the corner of Ross Avenue and 6th Street.

Farmers' Market in Alamosa on Saturday

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ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Farmers' Market is open in downtown Alamosa, Saturdays at the corner of Ross Avenue and 6th Street (Highway 160).

Vendors will be selling regional farm fresh food products, various foodstuffs, and hand-crafted goods this season. Live

music is back. Steve Hield will be performing with the help of sponsorships from the City of Alamosa and the Alamosa Live Music Association (ALMA).

Free kids' activities with market staff will be going on from 10 a.m. until noon or as long as supplies last.

The market accepts

debit and credit cards, SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks, WIC vouchers, and cash. Organizers ask that people use bills smaller than \$20 for the convenience of the vendors.

For more information, see www.alamosafarmersmarket.org or the Farmers' Market tent on Saturdays.

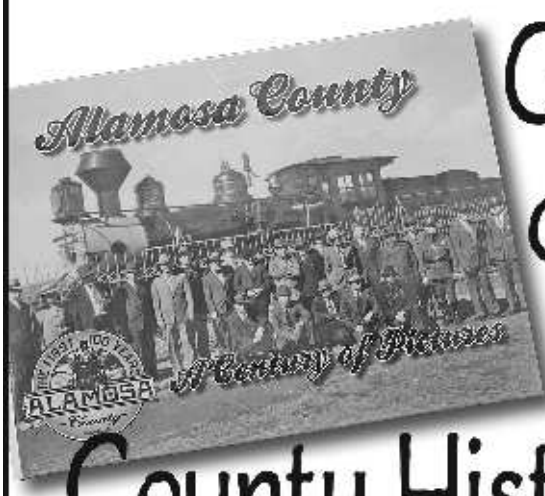
Washington Avenue Street Project



Courier photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Standing in the front row, City of Alamosa Streets Superintendent Ray Smith, Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman, Alamosa City Councilor Liz Hensley, Streets Supervisor Kirk Sowards and City of Alamosa Director of Public Works Harry Reynolds prepare to cut the ribbon celebrating completion of the Washington Avenue street project, a \$2 million project funded with Alamosa's half-cent street tax. In the background, Alamosa City Manager Heather Sanchez along with other city staff and community partners in the project.

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Sports



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The Bomb Squad 14U team has a record of 19 wins and five losses.

Bomb Squad 14U team having outstanding season

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Bomb Squad youth baseball team, which is based in Monte Vista, has two teams that are playing across the state of Colorado this season.

There are 12 players on the 14U team which currently has a 19-5 record. A total of 14 players are on the 12U team. The 12U team is a young unit this season with most of the players ages 10 and 11 and it has a 7-12 record.

The teams have players from across the San Luis Valley. Players come from Alamosa, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo and Sargent, as well as some home school players.

This season, the teams played in several doubleheaders as well as five tournaments. The Bomb Squad has played at the CABA Tournament in Denver, as well as events in Gunnison, Montrose and two at the Runyon Sports Complex in Pueblo.

Wins and losses are not the priority for the Bomb Squad teams. It is, however, is for players to learn the game, improve their skills and have a good time doing it.

The Bomb Squad was created in 2017 by Jake Mellott in an effort to provide young baseball players that have aged out of their local recreation programs with a

way to continue playing and improving their skills, according to a press release.

Coaching the 14U team is head coach Michael Ross, and assistant coaches Jacob Jiron and Charlie Sanchez. Its roster consists of Iver Belobaidic, Grayon Hunzeker, Roman Edgar, Parker Mitchell, Michael Hensley, Erik Garcia, Manny Jiron, Rylen Ross, Landon Sanchez, Foster Boyd, Liam Kopetski and Urijah Fielder.

Jacob Jiron is the head coach of the 12U team and Ross is one of his assistants. The rest of the coaching staff includes Horacio Naranjo, Jaime Villagomez, Justin Romero and T.J. Van Bibber.

The 12U player roster includes Landon Romero, Quiyon Naranjo, Zaiden Villagomez, Asher Van Bibber, Liam Martinez, Mason Klecker, Kady Gutierrez, Easton Romero, Elijah Jiron, Cruz Jiron, Luke Villagomez, Braydyn Barela, Jaxon Klecker and Nolan Ross.

The Bomb Squad will conclude their seasons at their home Summer Showdown tournament on July 20-21. It is run in collaboration with the Monte Vista recreation director Dervin Taylor. The 12U tournament will be played at the Ski-Hi fields, while the 14U tournament will be at Adrian M. Gutierrez Memorial Field at Monte Vista High School.



The Bomb Squad 12U team currently has a 7-12 record.

Deadline to enter Del Norte Rotary tourney is today

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

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.

Sports Bulletin

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SCHEDULE FRIDAY

PRCA Rodeo

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Ski-Hi Stampede, 7 p.m.

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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 girls softball THURSDAY

Alamosa at Salida (2), 5:30 p.m.

End of season

9-11 baseball

At Cole Park TUESDAY

Red Sox vs. Rockies, 5 p.m.
Dodgers vs. Pirates, 6:15 p.m.

Cubs vs. Angels, 7:30 p.m.

End of season

9-11 girls softball

At Lee Field #3 TUESDAY

AceofBases vs. Battitudes,

6 p.m.

End of season

7-8 coed machine pitch

At Sunset Field WEDNESDAY

Little Rascals vs. Strikers, 5:30 p.m. (southwest)

Predators vs. Bat Busters, 5:30 p.m. (northeast)

Strikers vs. Longhorns, 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, JULY 9

Happy Mountain/NGNL 13, 99 Problems 4

REC/Deuces 25, Happy Mountain/NGNL 24

WOLO 24, Platinum 14

TUESDAY, JULY 16

REC/Deuces vs. WOLO, 7 p.m.

Platinum vs. 99 Problems, 8 p.m.

Platinum.99 Problems winners vs. Happy Mountain/NGNL, 9 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Winner Game 6 vs. loser Game 5, 7 p.m.

Winner Game 5 vs. winner Game 7, 8 p.m.

Winner Game 8 vs. loser Game 8 (if necessary), 9 p.m.

Coed Leisure softball

At Lee Field 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. WarTurtles, 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)

WEDNESDAY

Top Notch vs. Bomb Squad, 7 p.m. (Field 1)

The Dirty Dozen vs. SOS Misfits, 7 p.m. (Field 2)

La Puente Homers vs. Where My Pitches At, 7 p.m. (Field 4)

Cutthroats vs. The Misfits, 8 p.m. (Field 1)

WarTurtles vs. Battitudes, 8 p.m. (Field 2)

Livingstone Trucking vs. WOLO, 8 p.m. (Field 4)

Battitudes vs. Cutthroats, 9 p.m. (Field 1)

The Undertakers vs. Tandberg's Angels, 9 p.m. (Field 2)

CRP Dust Devils vs. Bros Before Throws, 9 p.m. (Field 4)



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Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of June 2024 for each county affected.

Case No.: 24CW3005 (18CW3002; Consolidated Case Nos. 04CW9 and 99CW34) APPLICATION FOR FINDINGS OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE AND TO MAKE CONDITIONAL WATER RIGHTS PARTIALLY ABSOLUTE IN RIO GRANDE AND MINERAL COUNTIES 1. Name and address of Applicant: Charles E. Nearburg, P.O. Box 823085, Dallas, TX 75382-3085 c/o David S. Hayes, John D. Buchanan, Hayes Poznanovic Korver LLC, 700 17th Street, Suite 1800, Denver, CO 80202, (303) 825-1980. 2. Names of conditional water rights: The following are collectively referred to as the "Conditional Water Rights": A. Trout Creek Fishery Channel Nos. 1 through 5; B. John R. Grant Ditch Fishery Enlargement; C. Shallow Creek Fishery Channel No. 1; D. Miners Creek Fishery Channel No. 1; E. Rio Grande Fishery Channel Nos. 1 and 2; F. Broadacres Compound Irrigation Diversion; G. Applicants' Shares Exchange; and H. District Water Exchange. 3. Description of Conditional Water Rights: The Conditional Water Rights were originally decreed on January 24, 2012, in Consolidated Case Nos. 04CW9 and 99CW34, District Court, Water Division No. 3, and subsequently continued by the June 26, 2018, decree entered in Case No. 18CW3002, and are individually more fully described as follows, and depicted on Exhibits A & B (attached to the application and available for inspection at the office of the Division 6 Water Clerk or via CCE): A. Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 1. i. Legal description. a. Surface water component. The proposed point of diversion for the Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 1 is in the SW1/4 SE1/4, Section 25, T40N, R2W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 770 feet from the south section line and 2610 feet from the east section line. b. Ground water component. The Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 1 includes an excavated channel and one or more ponds located along the course of the channel; some or all of this structure may intercept ground water. The proposed pond portion of this overall structure will include "Trout Creek Pond C," in the SW1/4 SE1/4, Section 25, T40N, R2W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 770 feet from the south section line and 2540 feet from the east section line. ii. Source. a. Surface water component. Trout Creek, tributary to the Rio Grande. b. Ground water component. Ground water tributary to Trout Creek and the Rio Grande. iii. Date of appropriation. June 30, 2006. iv. Amount. a. Surface water component. 1 c.f.s., conditional. b. Ground water component. 1.38 acre-feet, conditional. v. Use. Recreation, piscatorial, and fish and wildlife habitat. B. Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 2. i. Legal description. a. Surface water component. The proposed point of diversion for the Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 2 is in the NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 25, T40N, R2W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 1320 feet from the south section line and 2570 feet from the east section line. b. Ground water component. The Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 2 includes an excavated channel and one or more ponds located along the course of the channel; some or all of this structure may intercept ground water. The proposed pond portion of this overall structure will include "Trout Creek Pond L," in the SW1/4 SE1/4, Section 25, T40N, R2W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 1340 feet from the south section line and 2500 feet from the east section line. ii. Source. a. Surface water component. Trout Creek, tributary to the Rio Grande. b. Ground water component. Ground water tributary to Trout Creek and the Rio Grande. iii. Date of appropriation. June 30, 2006. iv. Amount. a. Surface water component. 1 c.f.s., conditional. b. Ground water component. 0.16 acre-feet, conditional. v. Use. Recreation, piscatorial, and fish and wildlife habitat. C. Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 3. i. Legal description. a. Surface water component. The proposed point of diversion for the Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 3 is in the NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 25, T40N, R2W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 1920 feet from the south section line and 2400 feet from the east section line, with an alternate point of diversion at the point of diversion for the Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 2, described above. b. Ground water component. The Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 3 includes an excavated channel and one or more ponds located along the course of the channel; some or all of this structure may intercept ground water. The proposed pond portion of this overall structure will include "Trout Creek Pond B," in the NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 25, T40N, R2W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2140 feet from the south section line and 2520 feet from the east section line. ii. Source. a. Surface water component. Trout Creek, tributary to the Rio Grande. b. Ground water component. Ground water tributary to Trout Creek and the Rio Grande. iii. Date of appropriation. June 30, 2006. iv. Amount. a. Surface water component. 0.17 acre-feet, conditional. v. Use. Recreation, piscatorial, and fish and wildlife habitat. D. Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 4. i. Legal description. a. Surface water component. The proposed point of diversion for the Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 4 is in the NW7 SE7, Section 25, T40N, R2W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2320 feet from the south section line and 2540 feet from the east section line; with alternate points of diversion at the points of diversion for the Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 2, described above, and the Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 3, described above. b. Ground water component. The Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 4 includes an excavated channel and one or more ponds located along the course of the channel; some or all of this structure may intercept ground water. The proposed pond portion of this overall structure will include "Trout Creek Pond L," in the NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 25, T40N, R2W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2320 feet from the south section line and 2540 feet from the east section line. ii. Source. a. Surface water component. An unnamed tributary of Trout Creek, tributary to the Rio Grande; and, as to the alternate points, Trout Creek, tributary to the Rio Grande. b. Ground water component. Ground water tributary to an unnamed tributary of Trout Creek, Trout Creek and the Rio Grande. iii. Date of appropriation. June 30, 2006. iv. Amount. a. Surface water component. 1 c.f.s., conditional. b. Ground water component. 0.34 acre-feet, conditional. v. Use. Recreation, piscatorial, and fish and wildlife habitat. E. Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 5. i. Legal description. a. Surface water component. The proposed point of diversion for the Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 5 is in the SW1/4 NE1/4, Section 25, T40N, R2W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2090 feet from the north section line and 1990 feet from the east section line. b. Ground water component. The Trout Creek Fishery Channel No. 5 includes an excavated channel and one or more ponds located along the course of the channel; some or all of this structure may intercept ground water. The proposed pond portion of this overall structure will include "Trout Creek Pond A," in the SW1/4 NE1/4, Section 25, T40N, R2W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 1800 feet from the north section line and 2020 feet from the east section line. ii. Source. a. Surface water component. Trout Creek, tributary to the Rio Grande. b. Ground water component. Ground water tributary to Trout Creek and the Rio Grande. iii. Date of appropriation. June 30, 2006. iv. Amount. a. Surface water component. 0.53 acre-feet, conditional. v. Use. Recreation, piscatorial, and fish and wildlife habitat. F. John R. Grant Ditch Fishery Enlargement. Legal description. a. Surface water component. 1. Decreed. The decreed location of the headgate for the John R. Grant Ditch, as described the April 9, 1903, decree for Water District 20, is on the East Bank of Shallow Creek (a tributary of the Rio Grande), at a point which is 1/4 corner of Sections 3 and 10 in T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M. bears N. 20° W. 930 feet, Mineral County, Colorado. 2. Actual. The actual location of the headgate for the John R. Grant Ditch, and consequently, for the John R. Grant Ditch Fishery Enlargement, is in the NE1/4 NW1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 140 feet from the north section line and 1850 feet from the west section line, alternately described as being at UTM coordinates (NAD83): Zone 13, Easting: 326519 (meters), Northing: 4188194 (meters). b. Ground water component. The John R. Grant Ditch Fishery Enlargement includes an excavated channel and one or more ponds located along the course of the channel; some or all of this structure may intercept ground water. The pond portion of this overall structure will include: (a) "Shallow Creek Pond A," in the NE1/4 NW1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 660 feet from the north section line and 2400 feet from the west section line; (b) "Shallow Creek Pond B," in the NE1/4 NW1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 830 feet from the north section line and 2250 feet from the west section line; and (c) "Shallow Creek Pond C," in the NE1/4 NW1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 920 feet from the north section line and 2420 feet from the west section line. ii. Source. a. Surface water component. Shallow Creek, tributary to the Rio Grande. b. Ground water component. Ground water tributary to Shallow Creek and the Rio Grande. iii. Date of appropriation. June 30, 2006. iv. Amount. a. Surface water component. 2 c.f.s., conditional. b. Ground water component. 1.35 acre-feet, conditional. v. Use. Recreation, piscatorial, and fish and wildlife habitat. G. Shallow Creek Fishery Channel No. 1. i. Legal description. a. Surface water component. The proposed point of diversion for the Shallow Creek Fishery Channel No. 1 is in the SW1/4 NE1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 1600 feet from the north section line and 2540 feet from the east section line. b. Ground water component. The Shallow Creek Fishery Channel No. 1 includes an excavated channel and one or more ponds located along the course of the channel; some or all of this structure may intercept ground water. The proposed pond portion of this overall structure will include: (a) "Sediment Pond No. 1," in the SW1/4 NE1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 1650 feet from the north section line and 2500 feet from the east section line; and (b) "Sediment Pond No. 2," in the SW1/4 NE1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 1740 feet from the north section line and 2420 feet from the east section line. ii. Source. a. Surface water component. Shallow Creek, tributary to the Rio Grande. b. Ground water component. Ground water tributary to Shallow Creek and the Rio Grande. iii. Date of appropriation. June 30, 2006. iv. Amount. a. Surface water component. 0.47 acre-feet, conditional. v. Use. Recreation, piscatorial, and fish and wildlife habitat. H. Miners Creek Fishery Channel No. 1. i. Legal description. The proposed point of diversion for the Miners Creek Fishery Channel No. 1 is in the SE1/4 SW1/4, Section 2, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a

point 1300 feet from the south section line and 2550 feet from the west section line. ii. Source. Miners Creek, tributary to the Rio Grande. iii. Date of appropriation. June 30, 2006. iv. Amount. 2 c.f.s., conditional. v. Use. Recreation, piscatorial, and fish and wildlife habitat. 1. Rio Grande Fishery Channel No. 1. i. Legal description. a. Surface water component. The proposed point of diversion for the Rio Grande Fishery Channel No. 1 is in the SE1/4 NW1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2340 feet from the north section line and 1300 feet from the west section line; with an alternate point of diversion in the SW1/4 NW1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2510 feet from the north section line and 920 feet from the west section line. b. Ground water component. The Rio Grande Fishery Channel No. 1 includes an excavated channel and one or more ponds located along the course of the channel; some or all of this structure may intercept ground water. The proposed pond portion of this overall structure will include: (a) "Rio Grande Pond No. 1," in the SE1/4 NW1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2490 feet from the north section line and 1370 feet from the west section line; (b) "Rio Grande Pond No. 2," in the SE1/4 NW1/4, Section 10, 41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2250 feet from the north section line and 1850 feet from the west section line; and (c) "Rio Grande Pond No. 3," in the SE1/4 NW1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2370 feet from the north section line and 1610 feet from the west section line. ii. Source. a. Surface water component. Rio Grande. b. Ground water component. Ground water tributary to the Rio Grande. iii. Date of appropriation. June 30, 2006. iv. Amount. a. Surface water component. 3 c.f.s., conditional. b. Ground water component. 1.8 acre-feet, conditional. v. Use. Recreation, piscatorial, and fish and wildlife habitat. J. Rio Grande Fishery Channel No. 2. i. Legal description. a. Surface water component. The proposed point of diversion for the Rio Grande Fishery Channel No. 2 is in the NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2330 feet from the south section line and 1950 feet from the east section line; with an alternate point of diversion in the NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2510 feet from the south section line and 2630 feet from the east section line. b. Ground water component. The Rio Grande Fishery Channel No. 2 includes an excavated channel and one or more ponds located along the course of the channel; some or all of this structure may intercept ground water. The proposed pond portion of this overall structure will include: (a) "Rio Grande Pond No. 4," in the NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2280 feet from the south section line and 1850 feet from the east section line; and (b) "Rio Grande Pond No. 5," in the NE1/4 SE1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2170 feet from the south section line and 1270 feet from the east section line. ii. Source. a. Surface water component. Rio Grande. b. Ground water component. Ground water tributary to the Rio Grande. iii. Date of appropriation. June 30, 2006. iv. Amount. a. Surface water component. 3 c.f.s., conditional. b. Ground water component. 1.3 acre-feet, conditional. v. Use. Recreation, piscatorial, and fish and wildlife habitat. K. Broadacres Compound Irrigation Diversion. i. Legal description. Nearburg has appropriated three alternate points of diversion for the Broadacres Compound Irrigation Diversion, described as follows: a. In the NE1/4 SE1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2430 feet from the south section line and 1080 feet from the east section line ("Alternate Point A"); b. In the NE1/4 SE1/4, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2540 feet from the south section line and 1330 feet from the east section line ("Alternate Point B"); and c. In the NW7 SE7, Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M., at a point 2620 feet from the south section line and 1630 feet from the east section line ("Alternate Point C"). ii. Source. Rio Grande. iii. Date of initiation of appropriation. June 30, 2006. iv. Amount. 50 g.p.m., conditional. v. Use. Irrigation of approximately 5 acres in the NE1/4 SE1/4 and S1/2 NE1/4 of Section 10, T41N, R1W of the N.M.P.M. L. Appropriative Rights of Exchange. As a component of the plan for augmentation approved in Consolidated Case Nos. 04CW9 and 99CW34, Applicant has appropriated the following conditional rights of exchange: i. Applicant's Shares Exchange. a. Upstream termini. The upstream termini are: 1. The points of diversion for the Conditional Water Rights, as more fully described above; 2. The headgate of the Caster Ditch, described as being a point which, from the stem of the gate valve on a 15 inch diameter, X16" pipe to the East quarter corner of Section 35, Township 40 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M., is Suth 64°5' East 167.7 feet distant, alternately described as being at UTM coordinates (NAD83): Zone 13, Easting: 318924 (meters), Northing: 4172260 (meters); 3. The Shallow Creek Sediment Pond Nos. 3 & 4, which may be constructed for fishery habitat purposes within the channel of Shallow Creek in the SW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 10, T41N, R1W, N.M.P.M.; and 4. The Nearburg Augmentation Reservoir, to be constructed at Nearburg's Broadacres Ranch or Trout Creek Ranch, the locations of which are described on Exhibits C & D (available for inspection at the office of the Division 3 Water Clerk or via CCE). b. Downstream terminus. The downstream terminus is the headgate of the Rio Grande Ditch No. 1, in the SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 29, T40N, R6E, N.M.P.M., described as being located N 1° E 15.75 chains from the NE corner of SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 29, T40N, R6E, N.M.P.M.c. Amount. The maximum rate of exchange is 1.08 c.f.s., conditional, subject to the further limitations of Subparagraph 27.A.iii. of the Decree entered in Consolidated Case Nos. 04CW9 and 99CW34. d. Date of appropriation. March 19, 2004. e. Source of replacement water. The Consumptive Use Credits available pursuant to Applicant's Shares (in the Rio Grande Ditch No. 1), as changed in Decree entered in Consolidated Case Nos. 04CW9 and 99CW34. f. Use. The water diverted by exchange may be used for the same purposes as the Applicant's Shares, as more fully described in Paragraph 21 of the Decree entered in Consolidated Case Nos. 04CW9 and 99CW34. ii. District Water Exchange. a. Upstream termini. The upstream termini are those described in Paragraph 3.L.i.a., of this Application. b. Downstream termini. The downstream termini of the appropriative rights of exchange utilizing the District Water are the confluence of the Rio Grande River with Trout Creek in Section 18, T40N, R1W, N.M.P.M.; Shallow Creek in Section 10, T41N, R1W, N.M.P.M.; and Miners Creek in Section 11, T41N, R1W N.M.P.M.c. Amount. The rate of exchange is up to 1.08 c.f.s., conditional. d. Date of appropriation. March 19, 2004. e. Source of replacement water. Water available to Applicant pursuant to contract(s) with the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District ("District"). The District operates an Augmentation Program that consists, in part, of augmentation plan decrees in cases including, but not limited to, Case Nos. 84CW16 (August 12, 1985), 93CW43, 94CW62 (January 7, 1999), 03CW41 (August 1, 2005), 05CW13 (October 11, 2007), 07CW63 (December 3, 2008), 09CW34 (April 14, 2016), and 14CW3011 (pending), all in the District Court, Water Division No. 3 (the "District's Decrees"). f. Use. The water diverted by exchange may only be used for the purposes set forth in the District's Decrees and any contract for acquisition of water from the District. 4. Evidence of Reasonable Diligence: The Conditional Water Rights are part of an integrated system for supplying the water demands of the Trout Creek Ranch and/or Broadacres Ranch (collectively, the "Ranches"). The application contains a summary of specific projects and work undertaken during the diligence period (from June 2018 to present) and is available for inspection at the office of the Division 3 Water Clerk or via CCE. The list is not intended to be all inclusive and may be supplemented by additional evidence at any hearing in this matter. 5. Can and will: The Conditional Water Rights can and will be diverted, stored, or otherwise captured, possessed, and controlled, and will be beneficially used, with diligence in a reasonable time. C.R.S. § 37-92-305(9)(b). The provisions in the Colorado Supreme Court's decision in St. Jude's Co. v. Roaring Fork Club, LLC, 351 P.3d 442 (Colo. 2015), do not apply to the Conditional Water Rights, because the decree in Consolidated Case Nos. 04CW9 and 99CW34 was entered prior to July 15, 2015. § 37-92-305(20), C.R.S. 6. Claims to make absolute: On June 15, 2024, and other dates, the Broadacres Compound Irrigation Diversion was operated at a rate of up to 20.03 g.p.m. for irrigation use at Applicant's Broadacres Ranch. The location of the Diversion is in the NW SE of Section 10, T41N, R1W, N.M.P.M., at a point located at approximately 37 degrees 49 minutes 1 second N, and 106 degrees 57 minutes 51 seconds W. On June 15, 2024, and other dates, the Applicants' Shares Exchange operated at a rate of up to 0.045 c.f.s. to replace water taken upstream by the Broadacres Compound Irrigation Diversion. In addition, in water year 2023 and other years Applicant operated the Applicants' Shares Exchange at a rate of up to 0.328 c.f.s. to replace evaporative and SET depletions associated with upstream fishery habitat structures pursuant to the plan for augmentation approved in Case No. 04CW9 and 99CW34. Applicant further reserves the right to make additional amounts absolute based on diversions or exchanges made subsequent to the date of this Application but prior to the entry of any decree pursuant to the Application. 7. Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool: Applicant. WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this Court enter Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Judgment and Decree: (1) finding that Applicant has been reasonably diligent in the development of the Conditional Water Rights decreed in Consolidated Case Nos. 04CW9 and 99CW34, as described in the preceding paragraphs; (2) confirming the amounts made absolute for the Broadacres Compound Irrigation Diversion and Applicants' Shares Exchange as more fully described in Paragraph 6, above, and (4) granting such other relief as may be appropriate. You are notified that you have until the last day of August 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. No. 4031. Published in the Valley Courier on July 12, 2024.

District Court
Costilla County, Colorado
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In the Matter of the Estate of
Deceased: Santiago Isidoro Velasquez
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):
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Aurora, CO 80014
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Case Number 2024PR17
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Lynn Sanchez
Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
3125 S. Fraser St.
Address
Aurora, CO 80014
City, State, Zip Code
No. 4010.
Published in the Valley Courier on June 28, July 5, & 12, 2024.

District Court Denver Probate Court
Alamosa County Probate Court, Colorado
Court Address: 8955 Independence Way
Alamosa, CO 81101
719.589.4996
In the Matter of the Estate of
EUGENE WILLARD ADAMS
AKA EUGENE ADAMS AKA EUGENE W. ADAMS
Deceased
COURT USE ONLY
Attorney or Party Without Attorney
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Division Courtroom
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of EUGENE WILLARD ADAMS, Deceased
Case Number 2024 PR 30020
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Alamosa, County, Colorado or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before NOVEMBER 15, 2024 (date), or the claims may be forever barred.
Judith L. Bullen, Personal Representative
Estate of Eugene W. Adams
Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
PO Box 1415
Address
Salida, CO 81201
City, State, Zip Code
No. 4011.
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Request for Proposal
The Rio Grande Water Conservation District is seeking proposals from qualified contractors to construct a surface water recharge station consisting of several measurement structures, a settling pond, recharge pond, and an additive alternate overflow area. Contact Taylor Chick at (719) 589-6301 for a bid packet. Information can be accessed online at www.rgwdc.org. Please include relevant qualifications and timeline for completing the project. Proposals must be received by 3:30 p.m. July 19, 2024 and may be submitted in person or by mail to 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO, 81101, or by e-mail to Taylor@rgwdc.org. No. 4015. Published in the Valley Courier on July 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, & 12, 2024.

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Conejos County Housing Authority, located at 510 Richfield Rd. in La Jara, is requesting \$200,000 through an application to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Housing Preservation Grant, to provide long-term low-interest loans to low income homeowners and/or to provide grants to very low income homeowners of Conejos County for home rehabilitation activities. Details are available by emailing karen@conejoshousing.org. All interested parties are invited to review application activities and to provide comments to karen@conejoshousing.org between July 6, 2024 and July 22, 2024. No. 4016. Published in the Valley Courier on July 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, & 16, 2024.

Saguache County Childcare Committee
Request for Proposals
for Assessment to Remodel Childcare Facility in Saguache, Colorado
The Saguache County Childcare Committee is a coalition of community members and Saguache County employees to establish a daycare facility in Saguache, Colorado. We are seeking proposals from licensed contractors to assess 710 Denver Avenue, Saguache, Colorado for renovation needs, in compliance with regulations of the State of Colorado for Childcare Facilities. The purpose of this RFP is to invite contractors with relevant experience to submit proposals to the Saguache County Childcare Committee.
The Assessment will include:
- Physical building upgrades and repairs, including but not limited to carpentry, roofing, flooring, and painting.
- Bathroom renovations for ADA compliance
- Kitchen renovations for commercial kitchen compliance
- Heating upgrades
- Plumbing upgrades
- Electrical upgrades
- Playground, grounds, and fencing upgrades
The ideal contractor will have a record of experience with:
- General contracting includes the ability to assess carpentry, heating, plumbing, and electrical.
- Knowledge of commercial kitchen regulations and ADA compliance.
- Responsive communication.
The selected contractor will be responsible for assessing the building, with possible assistance from a qualified consultant on Child Care Facility regulations. Please include in proposal:
- A description of the contractor, including name(s) and credentials of those that would be involved in the project.
- A description of the previous relevant experience of the contractor.
- Proposed budget.
- Schedule availability.
- General Liability insurance documentation and documentation of Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the Labor Code of the State of Colorado and Employers Liability Insurance. Evidence of qualified self-insured status may be substituted.
Direct general RFP project questions to Wendi Maez, Saguache County Administrator, at wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov. Proposals may be submitted by email to wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov by the deadline of Friday July 31, 2024, at 3pm. No. 4029. Published in the Valley Courier on July 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, & 26, 2024.

Notice:
Request For Proposals: City of Alamosa is requesting proposals for: AWP Well House Project 2024
The City of Alamosa is seeking firms or individuals to provide General Construction. A RFP Bidders package is available at the city website HERE.
All responders must provide the following criteria:
- Must provide Current General Liability Insurance in the amounts described in the RFP Bid package.
- Must Provide a completed RFP Bidders Package prior to the submission deadline.
- Encouraged to attend a pre-bid meeting July 17, 2024, 9:30 am PDT.
- Must visit the site and understand the requirements of the project.
The City of Alamosa will be accepting responses until July 29, 2024. Respond directly to Steve Copley, Project Manager at scopley@ci.alamosa.co.us or 719-587-2549. No. 4030. Published in the Valley Courier on July 12, 16, & 24, 2024.



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Grey's Anatomy" network
 - 4 Ridicule
 - 8 Golden State, for short
 - 12 Basketball player — Bird
 - 13 Black, in verse
 - 14 Cry of sorrow
 - 15 Perpendicular wing
 - 16 Flintstones' pet
 - 17 Spinnaker
 - 18 Full-blown (hyph.)
 - 20 Fugue state
 - 22 Raises
 - 23 — rosa
 - 24 Let loose
 - 28 Played for stakes
 - 32 Anon
 - 33 Troubles
 - 35 Ratite bird
 - 36 Singer — DiFranco
 - 37 Bettor's concern
 - 38 Clip
- DOWN**
- 1 On the ocean
 - 2 Wall Street animal
 - 3 Movie film
 - 4 Snake-haired Gorgon
 - 5 Death notice
 - 6 Swindle

Answer to Previous Puzzle

H	A	S	C	I	T	E	C	O	L	D
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E	C	U	B	I	O	B	I	O	F	A
S	A	G	A	S	D	A	W	D	L	E
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B	O	R	N	E	R	I	E	D	E	M
S	E	E	S	L	E	N	D	E	N	

- ACROSS**
- 7 Tangles
 - 8 Melon variant
 - 9 Chester — Arthur
 - 10 Secular
 - 11 Key
 - 19 Links event
 - 21 Floor coverings
 - 24 Serv. branch
 - 25 All's opposite
 - 26 Unhappy
 - 27 Pelt
 - 29 Animal collection
 - 30 Send forth
 - 31 Horn-swoggle
- DOWN**
- 34 Hallucinogenic drug
 - 37 Bovines
 - 38 Cicatrix
 - 40 Magical drink
 - 42 Of great importance
 - 44 Encourage (2 wds.)
 - 46 Strike-breaker
 - 47 Timbre
 - 48 Give a grade to
 - 49 Elaborate song
 - 50 Continental currency
 - 51 Letters
 - 54 Poet's work

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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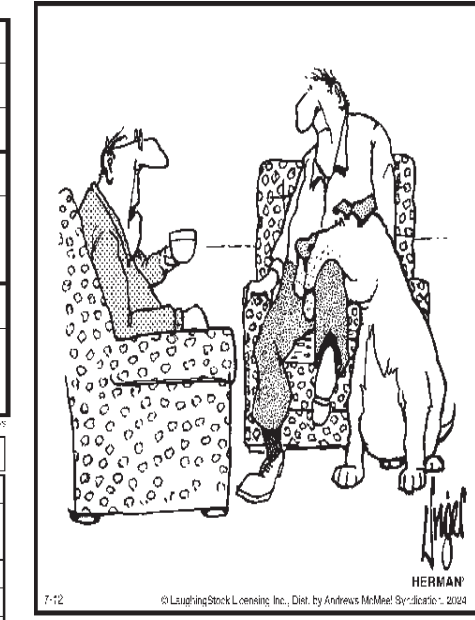
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	4	1	7	5	9	8	6	3
6	9	8	1	3	4	7	5	2
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9	5	6	4	8	1	2	3	7
3	1	2	9	7	5	4	8	6
4	8	7	3	6	2	1	9	5

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

HERMAN



"Try to relax... he can smell fear."

Overeaters anonymous is still doing the hard work

DEAR ABBY: I recently watched a video of the founder of Overeaters Anonymous, Rozanne S., telling the story of founding the program and her own struggles with food. In it, she mentioned that your mother had been instrumental in getting OA information out to the public and was responsible for its growth.

Abby, OA saved my life, and I'm grateful to Rozanne and to your mother. After 39 years in the program, I have released 120 pounds from my top weight. I'm now at a healthy weight and have been for most of 39 years. Beyond the weight loss, I have sanity, freedom and healthy relationships in my life. I came in only to lose weight, but the clarity I derived from working the 12 steps is the most important thing I have ever done in my life.

I'm glad I didn't have to rely on a drug to help me lose weight, and I found that working on what's inside helped to make the outside a normal weight. My only regret is that more people aren't aware of the program and still believe the solution is to "just lose the weight."

In the introduction to my first OA book, it said, "Thin will not make you well, but well will make you thin." Today, I love myself as I am -- something I never thought would be possible. -- JOEA.

IN HOUSTON, TX
DEAR JOE: Thank you for your sweet letter. I remember my mother's interest in Overeaters Anonymous and her respect for its founder. I once had the pleasure of meeting Rozanne, a lovely woman, as well. As I'm sure most of us know, people have been known to eat for reasons that have nothing to do with physical hunger.

The introduction of weight loss drugs has hit like a tidal wave and, for some, it has been like a miracle (so far). However, for those wanting a more conservative approach, or who cannot tolerate the side effects of these drugs or afford the cost, Overeaters Anonymous may provide a successful path to weight loss.

There are more than 6,500 OA meetings worldwide, in 77 countries. This includes 2,500 virtual meetings taking place almost any time of the day from other locations around the world. Readers, if you're interested, you will find more information about Overeaters Anonymous at OA.org. Like any 12-step program, there's no membership fee, but donations are welcome.

DEAR ABBY: My parents are in their 70s. They live in a retirement community. As they have gotten older, they have become

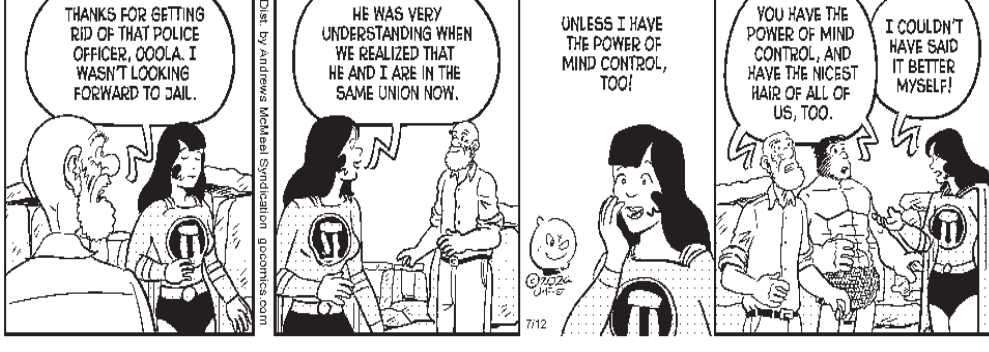


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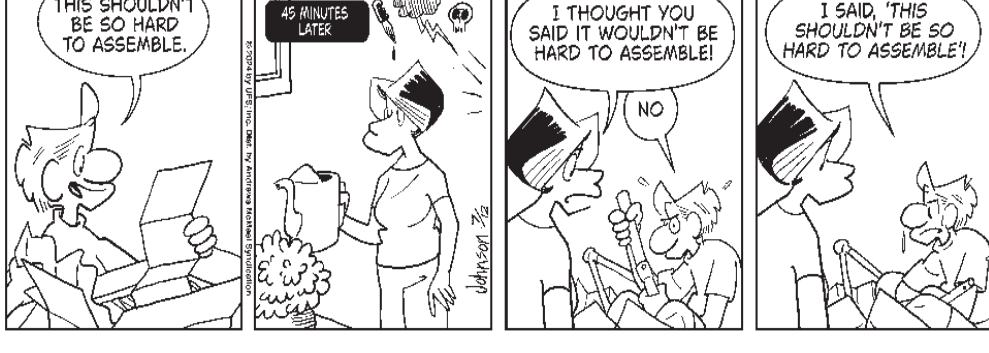
more private. They no longer want their children or grandkids around. Recently, I received a call telling me that they would not be answering phone calls anymore. I have stopped by their house, but they do not answer the door. What little relationship I had with them no longer exists. Advice? -- WANTING TO CONNECT

DEAR WANTING: You cannot force your parents into unwelcome contact. If you are concerned about their welfare, contact the police and ask them to do a wellness check because their behavior has changed. However, if everything checks out, you will have to accept that this is what your parents want and abide by their choice, as difficult as that may be.

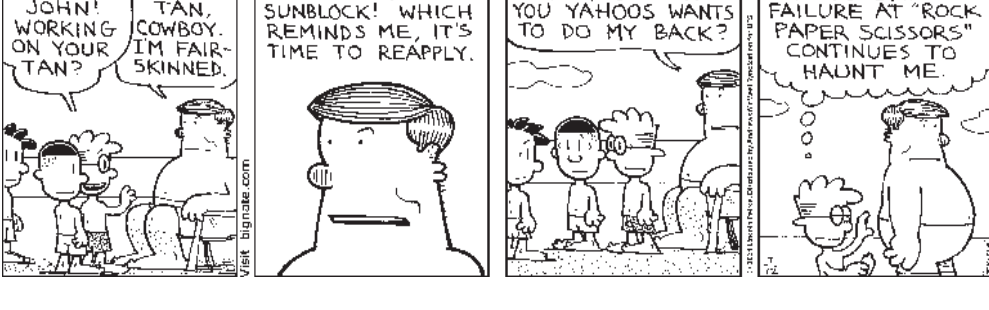
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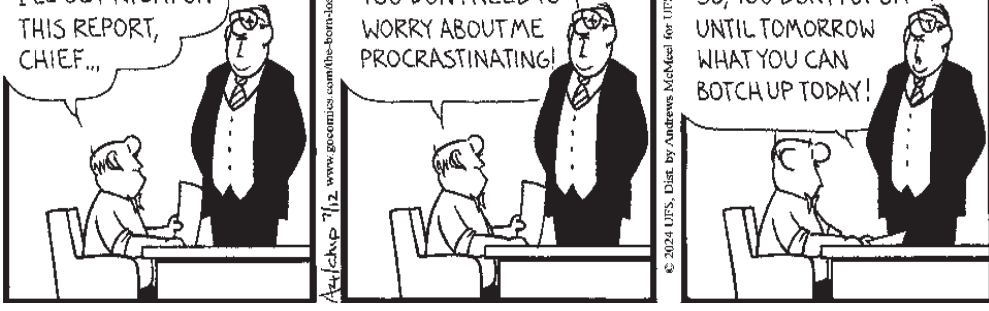
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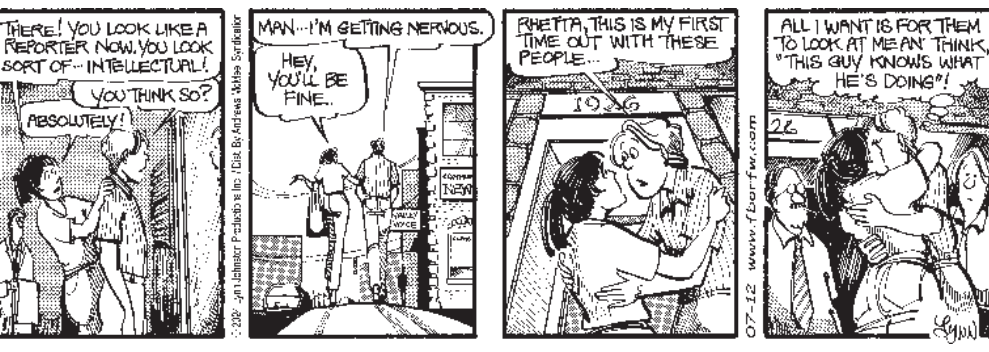
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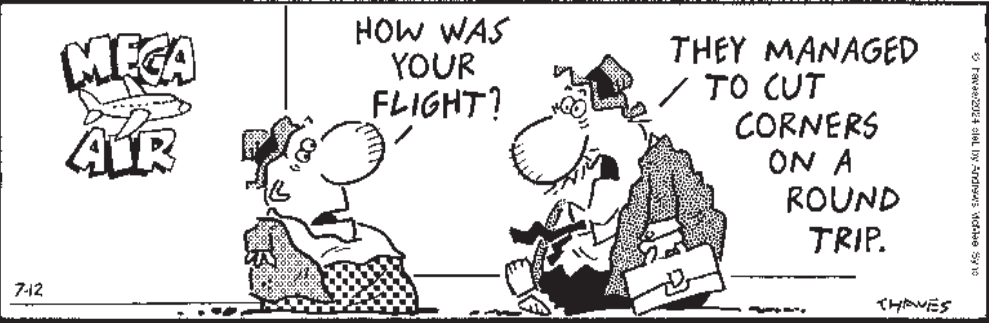
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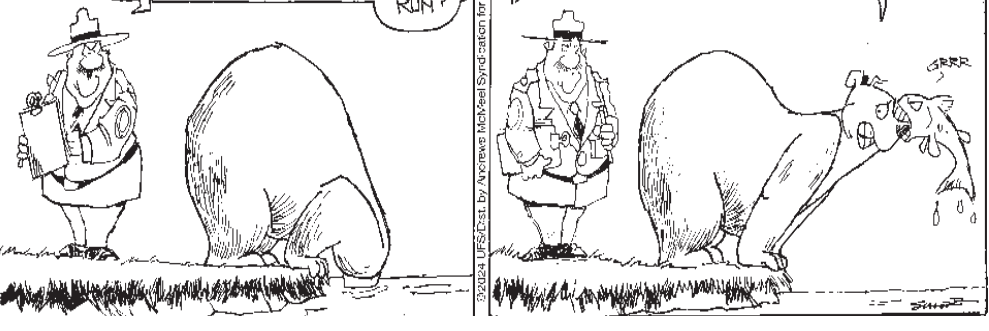
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