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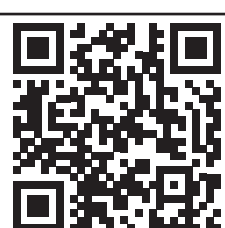
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SLV Today

PALS talent show is Friday at ASU

On July 19, at 5:30 p.m., PALS will host a talent show at Adams State University's Richardson Hall, 203 Edgemont Blvd., Alamosa.

The theme is, "A Knight to Remember." For more information, contact Vanessa at 719-589-5909 ext. 210 or email communitycoordinator@lapuente.net.

Annually, PALS hosts a talent show to give the children in the program a platform to showcase their amazing talents. The youth work for weeks on their talent performances, which is a great way to allow them to be on stage and get acknowledgment for their hard work.

PALS is a children's program through La Puente. It is a referral-based program that helps promote healthy relationships and social-emotional growth while creating a fun and welcoming safe space for the children in the program. They believe every child should have a chance to succeed, no matter the circumstances from which they come.

To learn more about PALS, call 719-580-3166 or email director.pals@lapuente.net.

Youth birdwatching hike on Saturday

ALAMOSA — A birdhouse workshop and youth birdwatching hike for ages 6-12 is scheduled for 2 p.m. on July 20. Meet at the Alamosa Public Library. This free event is sponsored by Alamosa Parks and Recreation and the Alamosa Public Library. Birdhouse material is included.

SLV WEATHER

Afternoon Showers, Breezy 81/49

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Council considers putting marijuana on the ballot

To weed or not to weed, that is the question

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — During Wednesday night's meeting, Alamosa City Council members will be deciding if legalizing retail outlets for medical and or recreational marijuana should be on the November ballot for voters to decide. According to communication from staff prior to the meet-

ing, the topic is being considered after several councilors report "various people," have asked the city to allow retail marijuana outlets within the city limits.

If the council votes to place the measure allowing sales of marijuana within city limits on the November ballot, they will then decide on a second measure asking voters to approve a specific, additional sales tax on marijuana sales.

Marijuana for medical use was legalized in Colorado in 2000. In 2012, Colorado voters approved the legalization of retail marijuana, too, which allowed local

governments to allow or prohibit the sale of marijuana in their jurisdiction. Sales were made officially legal in 2014.

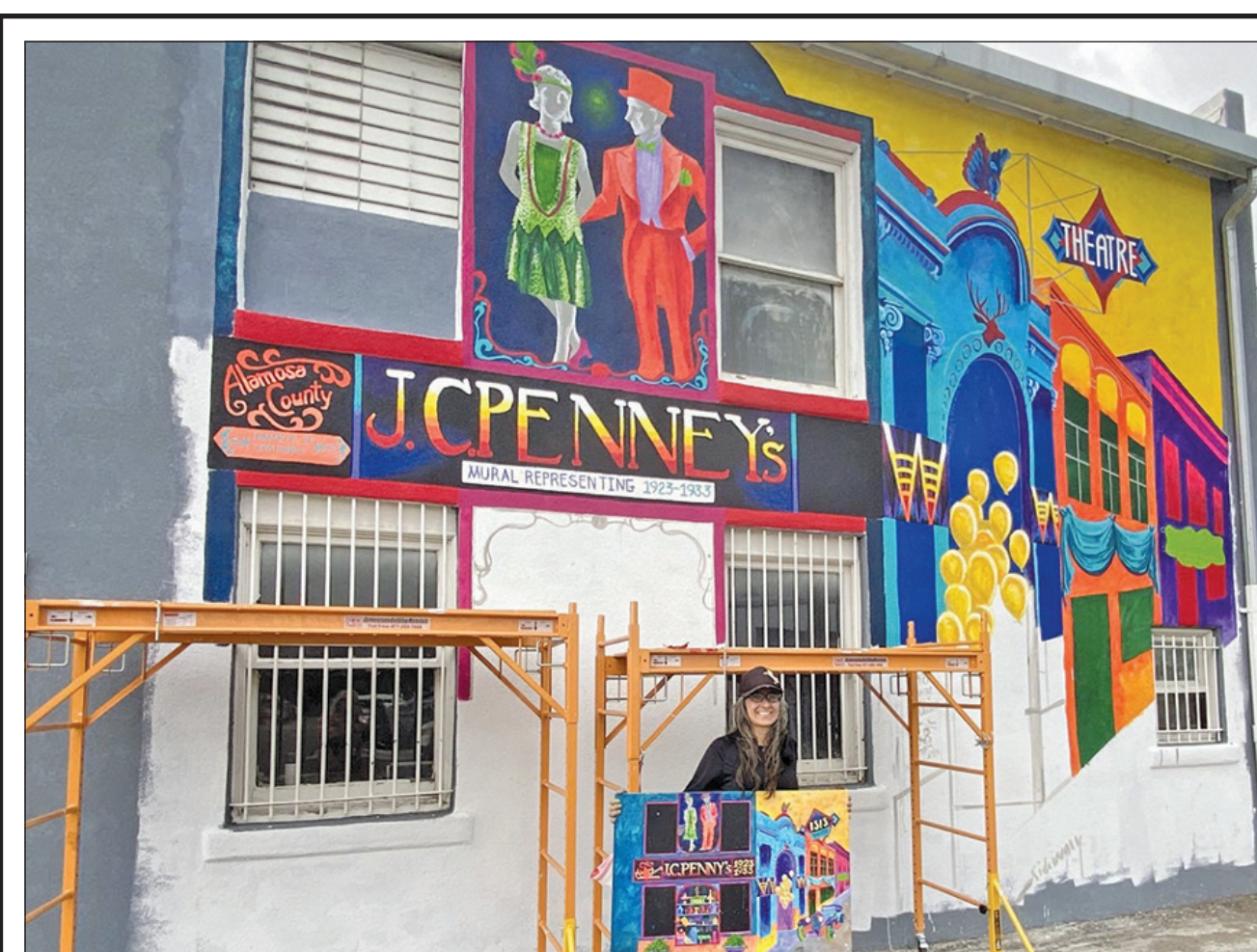
During that time, the city council of Alamosa decided to restrict medical and or retail sales within city limits.

In 2017, enough people signed petitions to place two "citizen-initiated" ballot measures on the November ballot — one which would, if passed, allow medical marijuana dispensaries within city limits and the second, which would allow marijuana retail

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The Alamosa City Council will consider if recreational marijuana sales in the city should be on the November ballot.



Samantha Wisener is the artist creating this mural located on Fourth Street in Alamosa.

Courier photo by John Waters

Mural celebrates a century of JC Penney

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — Samantha Wisener of Alamosa is the painter creating a new mural in downtown Alamosa devoted to 1923-1933.

Featured in the mural is a depiction of the JC Penney store that was a retail fixture for over

a century. Also depicted is the Isis Theater which was renamed the Grove Theater.

Wisener said, "The call for artists came out to put a mural together that commemorated 1923-1933 Alamosa. I knew it was going to be on this wall that is the old JC Penney Build-

ing. I tried to work with the existing windows to create a 1920's Alamosa where it is a look into Alamosa at that time. Penneys arrived in the 1920's and the Isis Theater was there at the time. I've shown that in blue. The buildings I have in purple and orange are also

authentic. "I will also have a storefront window where we have Easter eggs for people to look at and find out cool things about Alamosa and the world in the 1920s."

Wisener added she considers herself to be a painter, "and I have

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Mari Felix

Hearing delayed — again — in Mari Felix case

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Mari Felix, Alamosa resident and County Clerk and Recorder, appeared in the court of District Judge Crista Newmyer-Olsen on Tuesday for, what appeared on the docket as, her first appearance. Felix is facing a charge of accessory to a crime, a class 5 felony, related to the alleged sexual abuse of a child by her husband, Martin Felix-Lopez.

Michael Martin, acting as defense counsel, addressed the court, stating there could be another delay.

"It appears the DA's office has brought in an attorney to handle specifically these kinds of cases. I believe that this will facilitate a probable resolution," he said.

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Manassa Pioneer Days is July 18-20

STAFF REPORT

MANASSA — The annual Manassa Pioneer Days, a celebration of history, legacy and family, is July 18-20.

Manassa Pioneer Days is one of the oldest festivals in the state of Colorado, tracing its history back to the founding of Manassa in 1879 by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The celebration packs the town with carnival rides, fair food, Miss Pioneer princesses, and the event's crown jewel, the parade — a parade so spectacular, it runs up and down Main Street

twice on Friday and Saturday mornings.

Following is the celebration schedule:

Thursday, July 18

Miss Pioneer and her court will be crowned at 6 p.m. at a new location, Manassa Elementary

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Manassa Pioneer Days brings thousands of people to town for its biggest celebration of the year, July 18-20. The event includes parades, rodeos and a carnival on Friday and Saturday, plus live music, and hamburgers.

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OBITUARIES

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 Pat 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.

James Nathan Babcock



Keim, Koch, and CF out of Cameron, Mo.

Jim's true passion was flying, 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 fam-

ily 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.

Mark Colman



Mark Colman, 63, of Alamosa, Colo., passed away on June 28, 2024. He was enjoying the freedom of flight when his plane crashed in Big Creek, Idaho, and he succumbed to a fatal injury as a result.

Mark was born in Newfoundland, Canada, on June 24, 1961. He was married to Becky on Feb. 8, 1980; they were married 44 years.

Mark entered the Air Force in 1980, where he served proudly for 12

years and then as a civilian contractor before he moved to Alamosa in 1998 to join his father running Depot Avionics, Inc. He worked there for 7 years before taking over as owner and operator with his wife for an addi-

Marylou Perea



"The righteous will possess the earth, and they will live forever on it" and John 5:28 & 29. "The hour is coming is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." She held on to the hope of living forever on earth and seeing her loved ones again when Jesus will resurrect them and that thought alone reassured her heart of better things to come.

Marylou is survived by her children, Tammy

Ruybal, Jackie (Terry) Cunningham, Roberta Martinez, Dondy (Dishon) Perea and Rodger (Nikki) Perea. She is survived by seven grandchildren, Roger Romero Jr., Rick J Romero, Don Jacob Ruybal, Corey James Ruybal, Lenny Martinez, Michael Martinez, and Keith Martinez. She is also survived by her siblings Joe, Sunny, Ruby and Lupe and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her siblings Ruth, Jessy and Bobby and her grandson Luke Martinez.

Memorial services for Marylou are pending.

PENDING OBITUARY

Anthony Eli Atencio

Anthony Eli Atencio, 64, formerly of Antonito, passed away on May 30, 2024, in Manassas, Va. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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

Rhythms on Rio lineup has 'something for everyone'

Long running music festival set for Aug. 2-4

By R. SCOTT RAPPOLD
DEL NORTE

Rhythms on the Rio, the San Luis Valley's largest and longest-running music festival, will return to Del Norte on Aug. 2-4. Organized by the South Fork Music Association, it has been held annually since 2006, except 2020 and 2021, to raise money to put musical instruments in the hands of San Luis Valley kids. Last year the event raised \$15,000 for local school music programs.

This will be the third year it has been held in Del Norte, after the festival grounds in South Fork were sold for an RV park. It attracts music lovers from across Colorado, the region, and national visitors for the family-friendly atmosphere, affordable prices and idyllic mountain setting.

Organization president Scott Stecken said they are capping 3-day passes, which include camping, at 500 fewer than last year,

to reduce overcrowding in the campground. He said these passes will likely sell out.

"The lineup is good. It has something for everybody. If you like rhythm and blues done the right way, you can't miss (Friday headliner) The California Honeydrops, with some funk mixed in there," he said.

"We've got some of the best up-and-coming acts in the jamgrass scene on Saturday, culminating with Daniel Donato's Cosmic Country, who is creating his own genre of music."

"And you can't go wrong with (Sunday headliner) Keller Williams. So, this is going to be a nationally recognized lineup that has something for everybody to enjoy."

Three-day passes are \$190, with a \$25 option for early entry Thursday. Campers and trailers require an RV pass. All can be purchased at Rhythmsontherio.com.

Single-day tickets (which don't include camping) are \$60 Friday, \$70 Saturday and \$50 Sunday. Youth tickets (ages 13-15) are \$25. Children 12 and under are free. They can be purchased online or at the

festival gate. Camping passes are \$30 more each night.

On Aug. 1, the Thursday before the festival, the festival is co-sponsoring, along with the Town of Del Norte, free live music in the town park, featuring Grateful Dead cover band Easy Jim.

The festival is held the same weekend as Del Norte's Covered Wagon Days, and Stecken said there have been noticeably more festival-goers at the parade and other events. With hot weather, last year also saw hundreds of people swimming in the Rio Grande.

The lineup is as follows:

- Friday: Alysha Brilla, Clay Street Unit, Alo and The California Honeydrops.
- Saturday: Armchair Boogie, The Fretliners, Shadowgrass, The Lil Smokies and Daniel Donato's Cosmic Country, which will do two sets, including a full cover of the Bob Dylan album "Nashville Skyline."
- Sunday: Cousin Curtiss, The Runaway Grooms, Magic Beans, Digging Dirt and Keller Williams' Grateful Grass featuring the Hillbenders



Daniel Donato's Cosmic Country will be performing on Saturday, Aug. 3, at Rhythms on the Rio. He will be performing to sets, including a recreation of Bob Dylan's 'Nashville Skyline.'

Courtesy photo

Felix

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Martin was referring to the recent hiring of Assistant District Attorney Wesley Stafford.

Martin told the court he recognized that this was yet another delay in proceedings, which had included, at one time, Martin saying he was unable to open a file containing information from the district attorney's office.

Judge Newmyer-Olsen said she was willing to set one more first appearance since the attorney involved in further proceedings was not in the courtroom. She also made it clear it was time for Felix to either enter a not guilty plea or for defense and the prosecution to reach a resolution so the case could proceed.

Felix's next hearing is set for Aug. 21.

In mid-December of 2022, Mari Felix was tak-

en into custody after one of her children reported a history of sexual abuse by Martin Felix-Lopez, Felix's husband, to a school counselor.

At that time, Felix was charged with four felonies for alleged complicity in sexual assault on a child and child abuse. However, in early January of 2023, District Attorney Anne Kelly reduced Felix's charges to a single count of accessory to a crime, a class five felony.

When asked to comment, DA Kelly declined, stating it was a case currently in litigation which prohibits her from discussing any details in the case.

Mari Felix has been Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder since July of 2022 when she was appointed to the position following the resignation of her predecessor, Nicole Jaramillo. Just a few months later, Felix, who ran unopposed, was elected to office.

Mural

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approached this as a big painting." The mural is part of the 100-Year Mural Project sponsored by the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce. Ten murals will represent a different decade of the past 100 years and showcase that period in time.

The murals will be included in the walking

tour brochure and on the chamber website. The Valley Courier will have a weekly photographic update of this mural and the one across the street Bianca Maestas is creating.

Wisener expressed gratitude to her son Bryce Wisener for his assistance in the project and the help from the staff at Altitude Appliances. Samantha Wisener also teaches art at Ortega Middle School in Alamosa.

Pioneer

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gymnasium. There will be live and silent auctions. Silent bids begin at 6 p.m. and the live auction begins at 7 p.m. Food vendors will be at the school. The carnival opens at 7 p.m.

Friday, July 19

Featuring elegant floats and entries, the parade will run at 10 a.m. up and down Main Street. The carnival will run from 10 a.m. to just before midnight. Long waited for its food, the Hamburger Stand will be open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at its usual spot next to Town Hall.

Live entertainment will be offered following the parade at Dempsey Park.

Mutton Bustin' will be at 5:30 p.m., followed by the rodeo at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds east of Manassa.

Live Music

Noon to 2 p.m. - Daniel Beddoes and the Common Souls
2:45 to 3:45 p.m. - The

Front Line

4:40 to 6:30 p.m. - Sol Boyz

7:15 to 9 p.m. - Absolution

Saturday, July 20

The carnival will run from 10 a.m. to just before midnight and live music is planned to follow the parade at Jack Dempsey Park.

The parade will be at 10 a.m.

Following the parade, is the Conejos County La Jara Rotary annual Pioneer Days Duck Races at the intersection of M and County Road 15.

The third annual Manassa Pioneer Days Car Show will be at Aspen Park beginning at 10 a.m.

Rodeo slack events will take place at the fairgrounds at 8 a.m. The rodeo is at 12:30 p.m.

The Hamburger Stand will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The roaring, crashing fan-favorite demolition derby will roll out at 6 p.m., followed at 9 p.m. by the lighting of the M



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Mountain and a fireworks display.

Live Music

Noon to 2 p.m. - Ol' Scratch

2:45 to 3:45 p.m. - SLV Big Band

4:40 to 6:30 p.m. - Indian Nickel

7:15 to 9 p.m. - Hazy Blues

For more information, visit www.manassapioneerdays.com.

Weed

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On that same ballot, voters were also asked to allow a tax of 5 percent to be assessed on marijuana sales in Alamosa.

The question allowing the sale of medical marijuana failed 879 in favor to 1,287 opposed, which translates into the measure being defeated 60 percent to 40 percent.

The question allowing the sale of recreational marijuana also failed with 803 in favor to 1,331 opposed, a somewhat larger mar-

gin of 37 percent for and 63 percent against.

In 2017, staff estimated the city would gain about \$300,000 in revenue generated by the 5 percent sales tax. In the summary they sent to the city council before the Wednesday night meeting, staff acknowledged that number would likely be greater now. Since then, neighboring states of Arizona and New Mexico have legalized marijuana, and some believe this has negatively impacted sales in Colorado.

Should city councilors decide to place the measures on the ballot, the

city will partner in a coordinated election with Alamosa County, at a cost estimated to be \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Councilors were also advised that, should the recreational marijuana ballot measure be passed by voters in November, the city should consider a 6-month moratorium on sales to allow sufficient time for the city to appropriately zone for its sale.

While the sale of medical and or recreational marijuana is still not allowed in many cities in the state, statewide it is a big business, although sales have been declining

since 2020 as more states have legalized sales.

According to coloradocannabis.org, in 2023, sales of medical marijuana totaled \$185,752,400, a 19.53 percent decrease from 2022 and less than half of 2020 when medical marijuana sales peaked at \$442,539,400.

Recreational or retail marijuana is an even larger business, although the same downward trend is evident. In 2023, retail sales of marijuana totaled \$1,343,572,203, a 12.63 percent decrease from 2022 and \$404,980,108 less than 2020 total sales peaked at \$1,748,552,311.

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Opinion

Before you sleep on the ground, read this

What fun: You're going on a guided outdoor trip. As you get ready, here are some tips from actual guides about what to expect, as these patient men and women have experienced a few trips that did not go well.

Writers On The Range



Marjorie "Slim" Woodruff

First, follow the packing list. Do not leave your raingear at home because your brother tells you it never rains in the desert. If it is 100 degrees in the shade at your house and the list recommends a down parka: bring it. It can and will snow at 10,000 feet in midsummer.

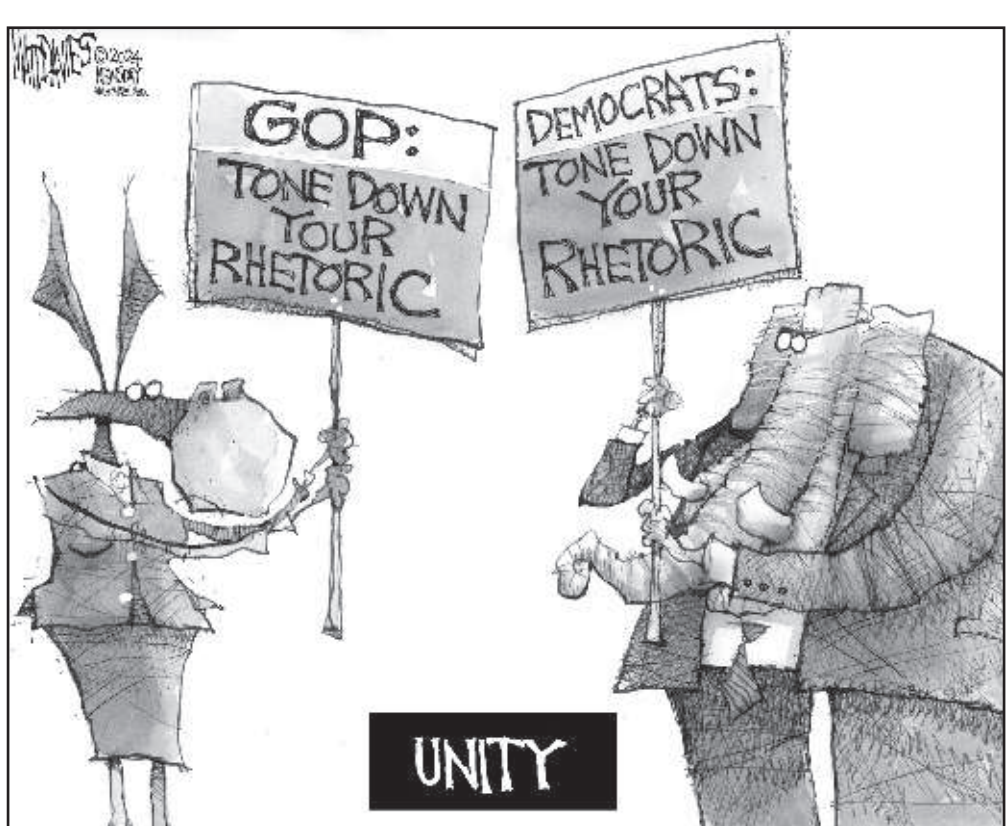
If the guide goes through your pack removing extraneous objects and gets the weight down from 40 to 20 pounds, do not put the discards back.

If food is provided, you will be given a preferences/allergies form. Obviously, you will want the chef to know if peanuts will put you into a coma, but if you will not eat spinach or chard, include that as well.

If you employ a strict diet for reasons of philosophy — meat is murder! — or fad diets — carbohydrates are suicide! — keep it to yourself. Description of a First World resident: We define ourselves by what we refuse to eat.

If the guide tells you not to ride past the Burr Trail switchbacks in Utah, do not ride past the Burr Trail switchbacks. If the guide says, "Drink some water," drink some water.

Be honest about your medical background. Do not, upon arrival at the first



day's campsite, mention that you have diabetes and did not say anything beforehand because you were afraid they would not allow you on the trip.

Do not lie about your physical abilities. You tell yourself you have six months to get into shape, but we know what the road to hell is paved with. Walking the dog twice a day instead of once is not a strenuous exercise routine.

Be realistic. On the first morning of a five-day mountain bike tour, a participant announced that he had never been on a bike in his life. The entire first day was spent teaching him how to ride and the itinerary readjusted to fit his needs.

Do not stop taking your medications. Medicines can have side effects. Stopping a long-term medication may also have side effects. I did not know that stopping anti-depression meds could cause massive irritation until a non-medicated hiker grabbed their gear and stomped off in a snit.

Don't be selfish. I was on a on river trip that eliminated all day hikes because one person threw a hissy about

"wasting time" that could better be spent sitting on the beach drinking Mai Tais.

Don't be a twit. I was busily bisecting bagels one morning to prepare lunches when a would-be epicurean loftily told me not to touch his bagel. "Bagels should be sliced just prior to eating."

Everyone began demanding that I stop molesting their bagels until the senior leader chimed in. "Those bagels have been bouncing around in packs for three days! Give us a break!"

Use the equipment you will rely on: Try out that new bicycle. Put up that tent, inflate that air mattress. Carry that backpack with the proposed equipment within. You may decide to abandon those hardback books.

Female guides are every bit as competent as their male counterparts. Resist "mansplaining" or telling them they look so amazing lugging gear or rowing a boat.

Guides will not break the law for you. If there is a ban on fires, they will not build a fire—even if you promise not to tell.

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Every company advertises knowledgeable guides, but I have overheard some outlandish "facts" from outdoor companies. Spoiler: Rocks in the Grand Canyon are not red because they are encrusted with dust from Sedona, Arizona, nor do they attract lightning.

If you want a true educational trip, opt for one offered by a nonprofit organization.

A guided trip can still lead to frustration. It can rain for days, high winds can make putting up a tent a chore and blisters can manifest. But if you're prepared to accept some hardship, getting outdoors can also lead to new friendships and a more relaxed approach to adventure.

Maybe, even, it can be the trip of a lifetime.

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SCOTUS gone wild: The right to crap in the streets

By ANN COULTER

On MSNBC, they're convinced that the Supreme Court ruling on presidential immunity will finally usher in the long-feared Trump Dictatorship, though I'm almost certain the Supreme Court explicitly limited the immunity to presidential acts authorized, or even required, by the Constitution.

Staging a coup would not be covered. Neither would murdering political opponents.

(One of the most alarmed guests was former CIA chief John Brennan. Wasn't he involved in a bit of unauthorized surveillance of American citizens, as well as lying to Congress about it?)

MSNBC: What if Mohamed Atta were president? According to SCOTUS, EVERYTHING HE DID WOULD HAVE BEEN PERFECTLY LEGAL!

What if TED BUNDY had been elected president? But for a few votes in a few precincts, he could have been ... OH MY GOD!!!

Where on Earth did Clarence Thomas get the idea that raping and bludgeoning coeds is part of a president's core functions? That's CRAZY!

As liberals carry on about the conservative majority on the court, I direct your attention to the three liberals on the court, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson -- aka "Girls in Robes Gone Wild" -- and what a majority of them would mean for our country.

In City of Grants Pass v. Johnson, the court was asked to decide whether the "homeless" (in the sense that "I am Hope Diamondless") have a constitutional right to camp anywhere they please. Thankfully, a majority of justices found no such right in the Constitution.

But the dissenters concluded, Yes! Mentally ill drug addicts have total immunity from any local health and safety ordinances.

To illustrate how bonkers this is, consider that both the crazily woke governor of California, Gavin Newsom, and the certifiably woke mayor of San Francisco, London Breed, pleaded with the Supreme Court to allow them to shut down homeless encampments. That has been impossible since 2019, when the 9th Circuit -- and the 9th Circuit alone -- ruled in Martin v. Boise that "the Eighth Amendment prohibits the imposition of criminal penalties for sitting, sleeping or lying outside on public property for homeless individuals."

No other circuit in the nation agreed. Almost immediately, homelessness exploded in cities and towns throughout the 9th Circuit.

We don't have to speculate about the unintended consequences the liberal justices' policy preferences would unleash on the country. Less than 20% of the U.S. population lives within the 9th Circuit, but 42% of the "homeless" do. In Boise alone, homelessness doubled within two years of the ruling in Martin. Boise!

Contrary to the three justices comfortably ensconced in their chambers 2,000 miles away, governors and mayors, such as Newsom and Breed, say the homeless encampments are hotbeds of sexual assault and sex trafficking, that they proliferate in the "poorest and most vulnerable neighborhoods," and that they pose a particular danger to children and the disabled who have to navigate sidewalks jam-packed with drugged-out freaks. (I would add that the homeless are notoriously bad at separating their recyclables.)

How nuts are the three liberal justices? They're well to the left of a California Democrat.

But these robed dingbats think they know better than governors, mayors, district attorneys and sheriffs -- you know, the people who actually have to deal with the homeless on a daily basis. (It seems relevant at this juncture to recall that Harvard Law professor Larry Tribe warned President Barack Obama that Sotomayor is "not nearly as smart as she seems to think she is.")

Sotomayor claimed that "homelessness," as we now call rank degeneracy, is "due to complex and interconnected issues, including crippling debt and stagnant wages; ... and rising housing costs coupled with declining affordable housing options." Elsewhere, she blamed homelessness on "[n]atural disasters ... climate events ... floods ... and snowstorms."

Um, hello? Did we forget "systemic anti-homelessness"?

Back on planet Earth, "homelessness" is pretty much due to indolence, mental illness and drug use -- mostly drug use, which causes both mental illness and a lack of industriousness. Talk about "intersectionality"! Look at the intersectionality of not having a job, not paying your bills, and getting stoned out of your mind all day long, every single day of your life.

After clearing a homeless encampment along the Santa Ana River in 2018, the Orange County clean-up crew had to haul away thousands of pounds of human waste, almost 14,000 hypodermic needles and more than 400 tons of garbage.

Was it a lack of "affordable housing options" that drove these otherwise responsible adults to defecate in public, toss their garbage on the ground and inject

themselves with illegal narcotics? Show me the decision tree that leads from "a snowstorm" to living on the street and shooting fentanyl.

Sotomayor reached her legal conclusion through the sort of sophistry that just makes a normal person angry.

It goes like this: The Eighth Amendment prohibits the infliction of "cruel and unusual punishments"; being a homeless drug addict is a "status" completely out of the control of the homeless drug addict; and because sleep is a biological necessity, to punish the "homeless" for sleeping outside is punishing them for their status, which is "cruel and unusual" under the Eighth Amendment.

See? You want to strangle her. (But don't do it. Only a sitting president has the legal right to strangle a Supreme Court justice.)

This is wrong on every possible level. First, the punishment -- the allegedly "cruel and unusual" punishment -- happens to be a series of fines, leading, eventually, to 30 days in jail. You heard me right: The punishment for lying in a pool of your own excrement on a public sidewalk is 30 days in a clean, comfortable cell with a toilet, a cot, a blanket, showers and three squares a day. What's the punishment for repeat offenders? Summering at George Clooney's villa on Lake Como?

Second, homelessness is not just bad luck, like being struck by lightning. It's the result of a dissolute lifestyle, taking drugs and stubbornly refusing to get a job.

Third, the Eighth Amendment forbids certain punishments; it doesn't say anything about what can be made a crime. The "cruel and unusual" language comes from a clause in Britain's 1689 Bill of Rights that was a response to the Spanish Inquisition. Criminalize whatever you want, but the punishment absolutely cannot be the rack, the wheel, knee splitters, thumb screws and so on.

That's it. But with just two more votes on the court, these deranged justices would turn every city in America into a dystopian nightmare where zombie drug addicts crap outdoors and get high all day.

Of course, that's nothing compared to Trump dropping MOAB bombs on his political opponents -- so get back to those fascinating hypotheticals, American journalists.

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Lifestyles

Trump picks Ohio U.S. Sen. J.D. Vance as his running mate

By JENNIFER SHUTT and ASHLEY FIGUEROA
Colorado Newswire

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Donald Trump announced Ohio U.S. Sen. J.D. Vance as his running mate Monday during the first day of the Republican National Convention, capping off months of speculation about who would get the nod as his vice presidential pick.

Vance has not been a member of Congress long, having less than two years of experience as a senator and having voted against major bipartisan bills throughout his tenure in the upper chamber.

Before becoming a U.S. lawmaker, Vance served in the Marine Corps during the Iraq war, worked as a venture capitalist and wrote a book about growing up in Appalachia. He holds a law degree from Yale.

After lengthy deliberation and thought, and considering the tremendous talents of many others, I have decided that the person best suited to assume the position of Vice President of the United States is Senator J.D. Vance of the Great State of Ohio," Trump, who will be nominated as the

2024 Republican presidential candidate on Thursday night, posted on social media.

"J.D. has had a very successful business career in Technology and Finance, and now, during the Campaign, will be strongly focused on the people he fought so brilliantly for, the American Workers and Farmers in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, and far beyond....," Trump added.

Kevin Roberts, president of the conservative Heritage Foundation, received the news while he was speaking to reporters at the foundation's all-day policy fest in downtown Milwaukee.

"You will see a broad smile on my face," Roberts said, adding that he and Vance are "good friends" and that he "personifies" Heritage's values.

"He listens. He's thoughtful. He's funny. He and I had a similar upbringing, challenging childhood, so we hit it off like that when we met. He's obviously going to be his own man. He's got to work with our conservative standard bearer," Roberts said. "The second thing is in terms of policy, he understands the moment we're in

in this country, which is that we have a limited amount of time to implement great policy on behalf of forgotten Americans."

Trump's former Vice President Mike Pence has distanced himself from Trump since the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol building — requiring Trump to find a different person to join him on the ticket this year.

Pence was in the Capitol that day, when a pro-Trump mob attacked police officers, broke into building and disrupted Congress' certification of the electoral college votes for President Joe Biden.

Pence has been critical of how the Republican Party has changed under Trump's leadership, including rejecting how the platform evolved on abortion this year.

The Biden-Harris campaign immediately slammed the selection of Vance.

"Donald Trump picked J.D. Vance as his running mate because Vance will do what Mike Pence wouldn't on January 6: bend over backwards to enable Trump and his extreme MAGA agenda, even if it means breaking the law and no matter the harm to the American people," said

Biden-Harris 2024 Chair Jen O'Malley Dillon.

"Over the next three and a half months, we will spend every single day making the case between the two starkly contrasting visions Americans will choose between at the ballot box this November: the Biden-Harris ticket who's focused on uniting the country, creating opportunity for everyone, and lowering costs; or Trump-Vance — whose harmful agenda will take away Americans' rights, hurt the middle class, and make life more expensive — all while benefiting the ultra-rich and greedy corporations."

Vance was born in Middletown, Ohio in August 1984. After graduating from high school in 2003 he enlisted in the Marine Corps, later deploying to the Iraq War.

He attended Ohio State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy in 2009. Vance went on to attend Yale Law School, graduating in 2013 before working for the law firm Sidley Austin LLP.

Vance gained national attention with his 2016 memoir, "Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis," which tells the



U.S. Sen. J.D. Vance, R-Ohio, speaks to reporters in the spin room following the CNN Presidential Debate between U.S. President Joe Biden and Republican presidential candidate, former U.S. President Donald Trump at the McCamish Pavilion on the Georgia Institute of Technology campus on June 27, in Atlanta, Ga. Trump chose Vance to be his running mate on Monday.

story of him growing up in poverty in the Rust Belt. However, the book faced backlash from many historians and journalists over his depictions of Appalachia and the people who live there.

The 39-year-old worked in San Francisco in the tech industry as a venture capitalist. He served as a principal at one of the firms of Peter Thiel, the co-founder of PayPal.

Vance later moved back to Ohio and raised more than \$90 million to co-found a venture capital firm in

Cincinnati, Narya Capital, which received financial backing from Thiel.

Vance ran his first campaign for U.S. Senate in 2022, defeating Democratic candidate and former U.S. House Rep. Tim Ryan with 53% of the vote.

Since being sworn into office in January 2023, Vance has voted against several big-ticket legislative items, including the law that raised the debt limit, the national defense policy bill and two must-pass government funding packages.

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Sports

Conejos County Little League champions



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The Sanford B team won the fast pitch championship by defeating the Manassa B team 15-0.



Antonito won the Ponytail championship with a 14-6 victory over La Jara.



The La Jara B team won the 9-10-year-old championship by defeating the Sanford B team 9-4.



The Sanford A team defeated the La Jara A team 24-15 to win the 7-8 coach-pitch championship.

Online registration closes Thursday for Manassa Pioneer Days 5K

Contributed

MANASSA—Online registration closes Thursday at 6 p.m. for this year's Manassa Pioneer Days 5K race. Race officials encourage participants to sign up early to ease the crunch of waiting in line on race day.

Registration is available online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/Manassa/PioneerDays5K>, or bit.ly/LetsGoRunMHK. The race fee is \$20.

The Pioneer Days 5K, hailed as southern Colorado's longest-running road race — and one of its largest -- will be held on Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m. The start and finish lines are adjacent to Jack Dempsey Park. More than 400 runners are expected to toe the line this year.

Those who register in advance can pick up their race packet in Jack Dempsey Park between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, or between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. on race day.

In-person registration will also be available in Jack Dempsey Park from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and at 7 a.m. on race day.

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FAQ about pets and microchips

(METRO) – Pet owners generally want to do all they can to safeguard the well-being of their companion animals. This includes taking steps to ensure that pets can be returned safely should they get lost while outdoors. Utilizing collars with identification information on them is one option, but that does not offer peace of mind if the collar comes loose and falls off. However, microchipping is a permanent solution that is ideal for pets.

Is insertion of the microchip painful?

Veterinarians assert that injecting the microchip is no more painful than a typical vaccination. However, the needle to place the microchip is slightly larger. The procedure can be done during a routine office visit and does not require anesthesia. Some vets will implant the chip during a procedure for spaying or neutering so that the animal will be calm and still under anesthesia.

What is a microchip?

A microchip is a small device that is injected under the pet's skin. It is about the size of a grain of rice. Unlike collars or tags that can fall off or become illegible, a microchip always contains the data that has your identification. Here are some common questions about microchips and answers collected from PetLink, HomeAgain, The Humane Society, and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Does the microchip have a battery or charge?

No, a microchip is simply an electronic chip enclosed in a glass cylinder. It is activated when a scanner sending out radio waves is passed over the chip, which then transmits the ID number to the scanner. The microchip is known as a transponder. You do not have to worry about replacing batteries or recharging the chip. Typically microchips last for 24 years, well past the average life span of many pets.

There are rare instances when a chip migrates elsewhere in the body.

How can I register my pet?

The microchip is only effective if it is programmed with the pet's contact information. Microchip registries coordinate with the chip used. You'll simply make an account and link the chip to your name, phone number

and other identifying information. It is important to update this data as needed when you move or get a new phone number.

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Alamosa Police Department report June 28 to July 5, 2024

Joshua Sisneros, 27, of Center was cited for criminal mischief, 2nd-degree burglary.

Eliana Sanchez, 24, of Alamosa was cited for domestic violence, harassment, violation of a restraining order.

Shaalyn Sanches, 27, of Alamosa was cited for domestic violence, harassment.

Michael Lucero, 37, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful distribution, unlawful possession of controlled substance.

Martin Gracia, 42, of Sanford was cited for violation of restraining order.

Kevin Mejia Chac, 24, of Alamosa was cited for DUI-alcohol, careless driving.

Armando Romas, 69, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful possession of controlled substance x2, unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, sale or possession.

Nathan Gibson, 36, of Alamosa was cited for violation of a restraining order.

Pedro Itzep Baten, 42, of Alamosa was cited for DUI-alcohol, child restraint 1-3 years, child abuse x3, reckless driving.

Miguel Lira, 20, of Monte Vista was cited for driving under restraint, speeding 20-24 over, uninsured vehicle.

Laura Mayberry, 57, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Mariano Javalira, 33, of Monte Vista was cited for following too closely, changing lanes when unsafe.

Roger Blackall, 63, of Sparta, Missouri was cited for making left turn from the wrong lane, careless driving causing bodily injury.

Vanessa Guodace, 33, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.

Ramon Juarez, 25, of Alamosa was cited for disorderly conduct.

Rigoberto Ramirez, 28, of Alamosa was cited for disorderly conduct.

Bernie Lopez, 45, of Alamosa was cited for following too closely.

Melissa Martinez, 43, of Alamosa was cited for dog at large.

Juanito Salazar, 28, of Alamosa was cited for dog

at large 3rd offense x2, vaccinations required x2.

Delia Pablo, 19, of Alamosa was cited for assault.

Daniel Roach, 40, of Morrison was cited for criminal mischief, 2nd degree burglary, 2nd degree assault, felony menacing.

Duane Romero, 52, of La Junta was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over in pedestrian safety zone.

Trevon Gylling, 18, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over in pedestrian safety zone.

Juanita Maestas, 49, was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over.

Brandon Herrera, 20, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over in pedestrian safety zone.

Jonathan Hartzell, 19, of La Veta was cited for exhibition of speed.

Ryan Gibson, 22, of Mosca was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over.

Neviah Castro, 18, of Capulin was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over.

Jade Johansen, 18, of La Jara was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over in pedestrian safety zone.

Darrin Mitchell, 56, of Monte Vista was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over – pedestrian safety zone.

Charmaine Romero, 44, of Taos was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over.

Meg Dorsett, 23, of Plano, Texas was cited for was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over in a pedestrian safety zone.

Alex Hopes, 36, of Austin, Texas was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over.

Kelly Ward, 55, of Pueblo was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over.

Samantha Stevens, 30, of Blanca was cited for was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over in a pedestrian safety zone.

Gerardo Bolanos, 19, of Monte Vista was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over.

Danielle Epperson, 48, of Baltimore, Maryland was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over.

Donnie Turner, 69, of Alamosa was cited for violation of restraining order.

Angela Vanlwaarden-Garcia, 52, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 1-4 mph over.

Diego Garcia, 18, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over.



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 Attorney File # 24-032132
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE No. 961-24
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On April 26, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
 Original Grantor(s)
 Ashanti L Montoya AND Johnathan A Rangel
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ADVANCE MORTGAGE & INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 PLAINS COMMERCE BANK
 Date of Deed of Trust
 May 03, 2023
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 May 03, 2023
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 388625
 Original Principal Amount
 \$212,121.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$211,499.33
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 LOT 10, MCCLAIN-FINK SUBDIVISION, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO
 APN #: 541315202002
 Also known by street and number as: 1408 Edison Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101
 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 08/28/2024, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication 7/3/2024
 Last Publication 7/31/2024
 Name of Publication Valley Courier
 IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
 DATE: 04/26/2024
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Alison L. Berry #34531
 Lynn M. Janeway #15592
 Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9540 Maroon Circle, Suite 320, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990
 Attorney File # 24-032056
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COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE- PUBLICATION

CRS § 38-38-103
 Public Trustee Sale No. 3-2024
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On April 10, 2024, under Reception No.24000428, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Conejos records.
 Original Grantor(s) (Borrower): Eric R. Grossman
 Original Beneficiary Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for NBH Bank, Its successors and assigns
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: NBH Bank
 Date of Deed of Trust 11/14/2022
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust 11/16/2022
 County of Recording CONEJOS
 Recording No. of Deed of Trust Reception No. 22001753
 Original Principal Amount \$295,500.00
 Outstanding/Unpaid Principal Balance \$287,056.03
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay the monthly installment of principal and interest due, together with other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the Deed of Trust and other violations of the terms thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 The legal description of the Property that is subject to the Notice of Election and Demand in accordance with CRS §38-38-101(4)(g) is: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE N.M.P.M., COUNTY OF CONEJOS, STATE OF COLORADO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29, THENCE NORTH 30 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE WEST 538 FEET; THENCE NORTH 31°35' EAST 1027.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 875 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
 Purported Common Address: 13995 County Road N, Antonito, CO 81120
 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at the office of the Conejos County Public Trustee, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
 First Publication Date: June 19, 2024.
 Last Publication Date: July 17, 2024
 Name of Publication: The Valley Courier
 Date: June 14, 2024
 Mack M. Crowther
 Public Trustee in and for the County of Conejos, State of Colorado.
 The name, address, telephone number and bar registration number of attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 BROWN DUNNING WALKER FEIN DRUSCH PC
 Douglas W. Brown, Reg. No. 10429
 7995 E. Prentice Ave., Suite 101E
 Greenwood Village, CO 80111
 Telephone: 303-329-3363
 dbrown@bdwfd.com
 Attorney File No. 3606-131
 The attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
 No. 3997.
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE No. 962-24
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On May 1, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
 Original Grantor(s)
 BillieJo Cooper and Curtis B Cooper
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for AmCap Mortgage, Ltd. DBA Major Mortgage
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
 Date of Deed of Trust
 May 03, 2019
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 May 06, 2019
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 373104 Book: N/A Page:
 Original Principal Amount
 \$221,212.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$204,851.58
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 LOT 12, IN BLOCK 5, CARROLL SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, IN ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO.
 Also known by street and number as: 2209 Clark Street, Alamosa, CO 81101.
 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 08/28/2024, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication 7/3/2024
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 IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
 DATE: 05/01/2024
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Scott Toebben #19011
 Randal S. Miller & Associates, P.C. 216 16th Street, Suite 1210, Denver, CO 80202 (720) 259-8710
 Attorney File # 24C000177-1
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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES

Alamosa County is requesting Statements of Qualifications and Proposals for General Contractor Services for a project involving erecting a steel building for the Alamosa County Coroner. Full details are available in the RFP.
 Companies interested in a formal copy of the Request for Proposal should contact Roni Wisdom @ rswisdom@alamosacounty.org. All questions concerning this solicitation must be addressed to the email only.
 Submissions will be due no later than 4:30 PM, Wednesday, July 31, 2024, Attn: Ms. Roni Wisdom, Alamosa County Administrator, 8900 - A Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado, 81101
 No. 4032.
 Published in the Valley Courier on July 13, 16, & 17, 2024.

District Court Alamosa County, Colorado

Court Address:
 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
 Case Number: 2024CV6
 Division D
 In the Matter of the Petition of:
 Parent/Petitioner: Annetta Sutter
 for Minor Child: LouElla Aide Dorothea Fair
ORDER OF PUBLICATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 The Court orders the following publication for a change of name:
 Name of LouElla Aide Dorothea Fair is requested to be changed to LouElla Aide Dorothea Sutter-Fair.
 Date: June 27, 2024
 Judge Newmyer-Olsen
 No. 4033
 Published in the Valley Courier on July 16, 17, and 19, 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.

163 - LOST & FOUND

LOST: BLACK CAT, named BLACKIE. Lost at 8735 INDEPENDENCE DR., ALAMOSA, by Food Bank, June 27. If found alive or dead, please call. There is a reward! 719-649-0911. (7/24/24)

173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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221 - HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a ROUTE BUS DRIVER. Preference will be given to applicants that hold a CDL, but the transportation department will work with the right candidate in obtaining the license. For additional information contact Mark Hotz, Maintenance/Transportation Director, at 719-852-2881. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Transportation Personnel Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by July 31, 2024 or until the position is filled. For questions regarding the application process contact the Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (8/6/24)

DEL NORTE POLICE OFFICER. THE TOWN of DEL NORTE is seeking qualified applicants for position of POLICE OFFICER. Applicants must be POST certified as a Colorado Police Officer. Selected applicants must be able to pass a physical, physiological evaluation, pre-employment drug test, and extensive background check. Must be able to work all shifts. Salary \$45k-\$48k DOE, plus excellent benefits and retirement. Must be at least 21 years of age. Send resume to Del Norte Police Department email: delnorte1860@outlook.com or apply at delnortecolorado.com or can be picked up at Del Norte Police Dept. 525 Grand Ave., Del Norte, Co 81132. Deadline until position filled. EEO/ADA. (S7/17/24)

MONTE VISTA HEAD START is accepting applications for a LEAD TEACHER. This position is full time 38 hours/ week. Must have an AA or BA in ECE or related field. Starting Play is 17.00 to 22.00 Depending on education and experience. Applications are available at Monte Vista Head Start, 2863 Sherman Ave., MONTE VISTA Colorado. For more information, you may contact the Director by email, Director@MVheadstart.org or call 719-852-3215. An employment application must be complete. Position open until filled. (7/26/24)

RANCH / FARM HELP; PART-TIME. 719-274-0380. (8/17/24)

CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26JT is looking for a MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL COACH for the 2024-2025 season. Qualifications: Must be over 18, have a high school diploma/GED and be able to pass a background check, or, such alternative qualifications as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable. Non-Certified Applications can be found on the District Website https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities or contact the District Office at (719)754-3442. Application Deadline: UNTIL Position is Filled. EOE. (8/2/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYEE SUPPORT (DES). LA PUENTE is our community's response to address the effects of poverty by providing a safety net of services, where individuals and families get what they need to stabilize, heal, strengthen, and ultimately thrive. Seeking Director of Employee Support who will assist with hiring, onboarding, training facilitation, conflict management, and strengthening organizational culture. Seeking experienced independent professional with strong people skills and understanding of holistic staff support and development. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Salary \$55k-60k DOE. Full benefit package. Send cover letter, resume, request job description: hr@lapuente.net La Puente: P.O. Box 1235, ALAMOSA, CO 81101; 719/589-5909 (Ext 238); www.lapuente.net. (8/17/24)

HOME HEALTH AIDE for individual needed near LA JARA. CNA helpful but not required, on the job training. Good pay, flexible hours, must pass background check. Call or Text 719-580-9633. (7/24/24)

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS ALAMOSA. Now hiring for: FRONT DESK and a MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS PERSON. Prior experience is a plus. Apply in person 3418 Mariposa Street, Alamosa. (7/20/24)

THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA has an immediate opening for WASTEWATER MAINTENANCE I. Full-time, +rotating weekends. The position is responsible for ensuring compliance with established regulations by monitoring wastewater treatment processes. Hourly range starts at \$17 - \$18.65. Benefits include health, dental, vision, life, 401(a) w/ match, paid holidays and vacation. Must pass a background and pre-employment drug test, including testing for marijuana. Application and job description are available at cityofmontevista.colorado.gov and submit applications to hrmanager@ci.montevista.co.us or pickup and drop off at 95 W. 1st Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144. (7/20/24)

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BUTCHER WANTED! PROCESSING wild game and domestic animals. For more info call 719-859-4198! (8/10/24)

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT (DCE). LA PUENTE is our community's response to address the effects of poverty by providing a safety net of services, where individuals and families get what they need to stabilize, heal, strengthen, and ultimately thrive. Seeking DCE who will lead/manage a team to engage the community through presentations, publications, special events, public relations, and social media communications. Seeking self-starter, with strong written oral skills and the ability to lead a team. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Salary \$46-52k DOE. Full benefits package. Send resume/cover letter & request job description: hr@lapuente.net La Puente, P.O. Box 1235, ALAMOSA, CO 81101; 719 589-5909 (Ext 238) www.lapuente.net. (7/26/24)



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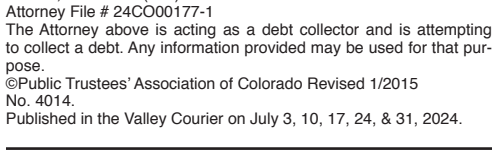
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221 - HELP WANTED

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221 - HELP WANTED

CENTER IN NEED OF WORKERS. There are SEVERAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Hours 8:00 am-???. Competitive wages. Please inquire at MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO. (8/7/24)

HELP WANTED PART TIME - DEPUTY CORONER: Experienced individual needed for On Call Part time position assisting the Saguache County Coroner. The position will be on call/as needed position. Coroner calls are paid at \$150.00 per call and Transports are \$150.00 per call. Weekday on call \$15.00 per day and Weekend on call \$30.00 per day. Please contact April Quintana with the Saguache County Administration office for an application or printable at www.saguachecounty.colorado.gov. Call 719-655-2231 for more information. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. SAGUACHE COUNTY is an EEO employer. Drug testing and a background check will be required for final applicants. (7/24/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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)

AT HOME CHILD CARE PROVIDER needed for the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT in DEL NORTE. 150 days per year which includes all days that teachers are at school. Applicants must have a high school diploma and experience working with young children is a plus! Applications may be retrieved online at urtigers.co please email ahorrocks@urtigers.co or aduda@urtigers.co for more information or to send completed applications. (8/6/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

RIO GRANDE COUNTY is accepting applications for a HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST. Full-time, Monday - Friday. Salary starts at \$59,133 - \$65,248 annually DOE. Benefits include Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Paid Holidays and a 401(a) at 4% match. Starting annual salary of \$57,408 - \$59,717 DOE. Must pass a background check and pre-employment drug test, including testing for marijuana. Application and job description are available at riograndecounty.org and submit applications to humanresources@riograndecounty.org or pick up and drop off at 925 6th Street, Room 200, DEL NORTE, CO 81132. (8/10/24)

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 or contact Mrs. Hardy at 719-657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at www.urtigers.co. (8/7/24)

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Give _____ break!"
 - 4 Quick haircut
 - 8 Univ. in Cambridge
 - 11 Supply with weaponry
 - 12 Ripple
 - 13 "_____ goes nothing!"
 - 14 Kid floater
 - 15 Potato buds
 - 16 Succulent plant
 - 17 Ability
 - 19 Actress _____ Stone
 - 21 Evergreen plant
 - 23 Cot
 - 24 Pliant
 - 29 Sgt.
 - 32 Word of agreement
 - 33 Fossil fuel
 - 34 Commotion
 - 35 Little island
 - 36 Dinner item
 - 37 Town in Iowa

- 38** Opposite of SSW
- 39** Courtier
- 41** Projecting machine part
- 43** Was foremost
- 44** "The _____ of Errors"
- 47** Fancy neckwear
- 51** Fruit type
- 52** Flat
- 54** "_____ Town"
- 55** Drying device
- 56** Inter _____
- 57** "Born in the _____"
- 58** _____ contra
- 59** Plays the ponies
- 60** Vim

- DOWN**
- 1 "_____ Needs Moms"
 - 2 Actor _____ Estrada
 - 3 Both: Prefix
 - 4 Dozen
 - 5 Flat fish

Answer to Previous Puzzle

G	I	N	B	A	N	D	S	C	A	M
A	B	E	L	I	E	U	T	A	L	A
P	E	A	A	L	T	A	R	R	O	D
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T	N	T	M	A	N	G	O	N	O	S
D	Y	E	D	M	A	N	G	O	N	O
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C	A	N	O	P	Y	F	O	S	S	I
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M	A	X	T	R	E	N	O	R		

- 6 Currier and _____
- 7 Interlock
- 8 Soap opera specialty
- 9 Inflexible
- 10 Golf peg
- 13 Fabled racer
- 18 Actress _____ Tomlin
- 20 Genesis son
- 22 Racing vessel
- 24 Complain
- 25 Blood related
- 26 Last arrival
- 27 Italy's shape
- 28 Place for a boutonniere
- 30 Perfect world
- 31 Mail
- 36 Imprison
- 37 Puts two and two together
- 40 _____ a pin
- 42 Portent
- 44 Inlet
- 45 Colorless
- 46 Lock maker
- 48 _____ de grace
- 49 River in England
- 50 Pitfall
- 51 Explosive sound
- 53 Tantrum

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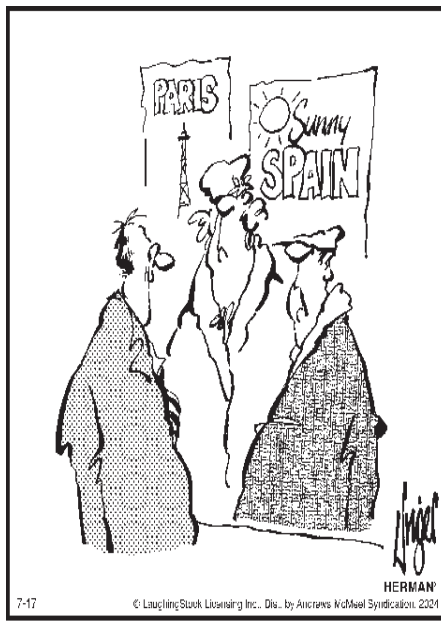
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	3	2	9	8	6	7	5	1
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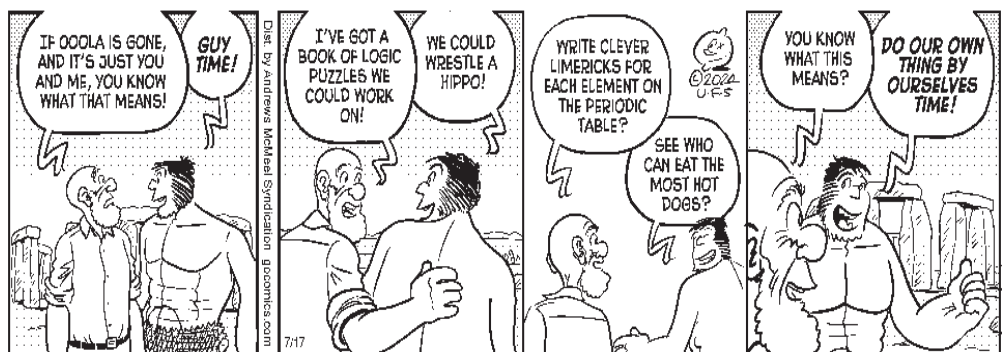
HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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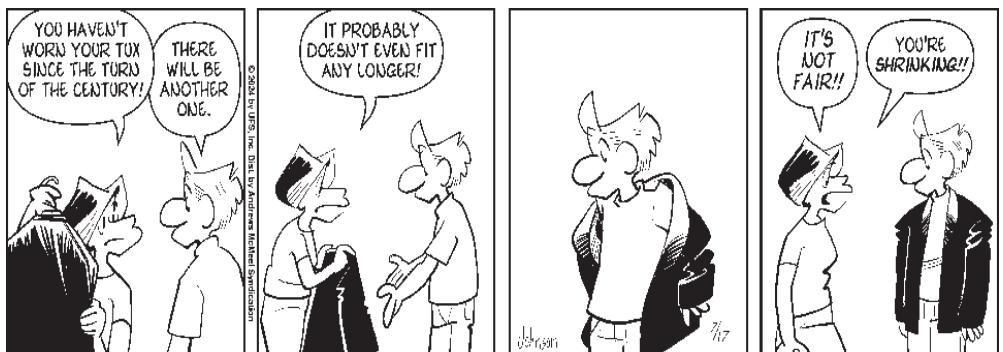


"Two round-the-world cruises in opposite directions."

ALLEY OOP



ARLO & JANIS



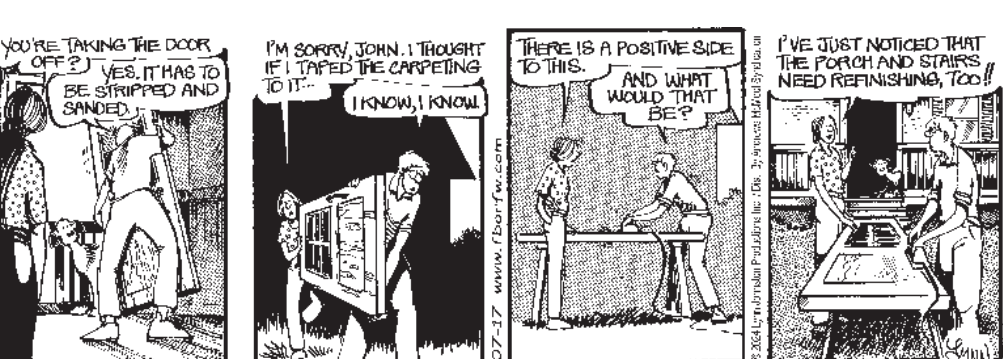
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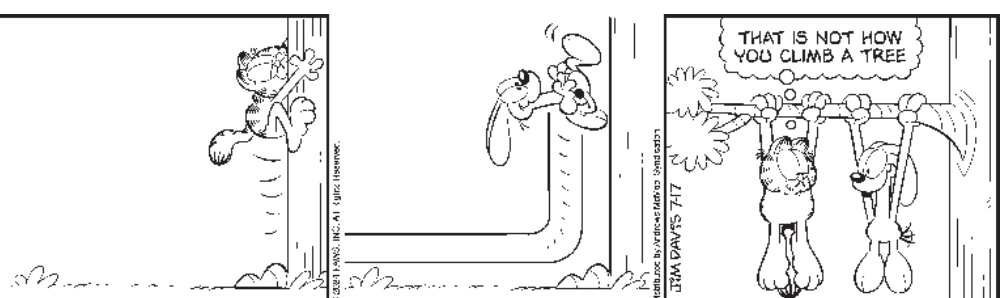
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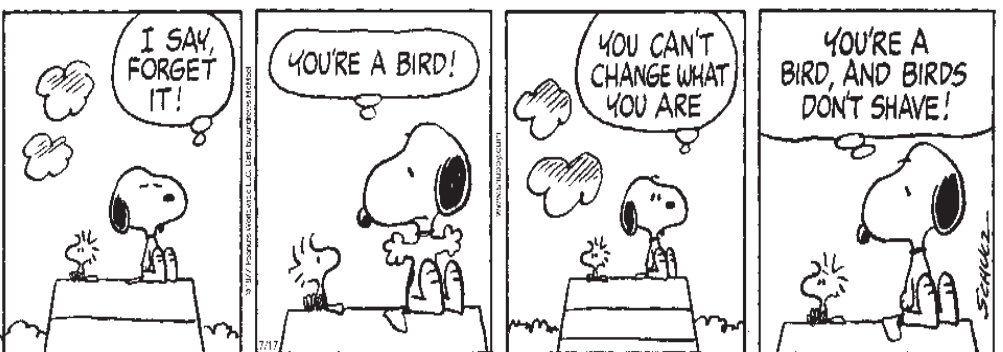
GARFIELD



THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS



Co-worker weighs the wisdom of being a side piece

DEAR ABBY: I met this guy at work. He was everything I'm looking for in a guy. During a lunch walk, he told me about his breakup with his ex and how he moved out and bought a house. He lives with his son and his nephews and their family. The entire two months we dated were amazing. There may have been a couple of red flags my co-worker and friends noticed. He couldn't message me often after work or on weekends, and he was always so busy with his kid we couldn't go on a date. He told me his ex was not in the picture, which I thought was odd since his son is only 2.

I don't know why I decided to do some internet research on him, but I found out he actually is married and bought the house with that "ex." When I confronted him about this, he insisted he had told me about it when we first started talking, which is not true. Now that the cat's out of the bag, he says he's getting back with her "for his son" but still wants me in the picture as his side piece. I fell in love with him, Abby, and he says he loves me, too. I don't think it's right to do this, but I don't want to stop talking to him. Should I block him and move on or stick around since he still wants me? -- SIDE PIECE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SIDE PIECE: Close your eyes, dig deep and see if you can feel around and locate a shred of your self-esteem. Why would you be content to be a "side piece" in this philanderer's life? He doesn't love you. I doubt he loves anyone but himself. Do yourself a giant favor: Quit listening to his sales pitch, block him and find someone who can give you the love you crave.

DEAR ABBY: Last week my wife and I were at a local function. During intermission, a man walked up behind my wife and placed his hand on her shoulder. She looked up, shouted "George!", jumped out of her chair and was all over him, fondling his face and head. I had to turn away, but our friends continued to watch as the two carried on. She claims it was not inappropriate behavior and that I am just jealous. Is this really a married woman's normal behavior? -- WOUNDED IN MISSOURI

DEAR WOUNDED: Bind your "wound" and let it go. While your wife's reaction may have seemed over-the-top to you, if George is someone your wife cared about and hadn't seen in many years, it wasn't out of the realm of normality for her.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-mother-in-law caught wind that my 6-year-old would



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

be getting her first haircut and took it upon herself to trim my daughter's baby curls without telling me so she could keep some for herself. I am livid. She has taken the first birthday, the first Christmas dress, the first pair of shoes. I get that it's her first time being a grandma, but this is MY first and only time being a mom. She is a delicate woman. How do I approach this? -- FIRST-TIME MOM

DEAR FIRST-TIME: Explain to your ex-mother-in-law what you wrote to me, omitting the part about "livid" because she's "delicate." The next time a first approaches, inform her politely that you wish to be consulted before she does anything else involving your daughter.

Lifestyle

Los Mocochetes to rock Cole Park on Sunday

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Live Music Association is providing free live music in Cole Park all summer long, with its Sundays at Six concert series. The music continues at 6 p.m. on July 21, with the 8-piece, Chicano funk band, Los Mocochetes.

Los Mocochetes is from Denver. This colorful cast of characters fuses thoughtfully brazen, socio-politically charged song lyrics, groovilicious melodies and high-energy stage antics to create an immersive experience. Much like a machete, which can be used either as a tool to build or a weapon they have chosen to use their music to inspire and en-

courage positive social change. Every show is different, but it's always a dance party with a purpose. Los Mocochetes received the Westword Music Showcase award for Best Latin Band of 2017 and Best Funk Band of 2018. They were named Colorado Standout for NPR's Tiny Desk Contest 2018 and opened for contest winner Naia Izumi on the Denver stop of his national tour.

The current lineup features artists with a wide variety of influences. They are poets, singers, painters, rappers, actors, musicians, dancers, producers, composers, dreamers, doers, thinkers. Check them

out at <http://itationsyoga.com/>. ALMA is partnering with RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) of Alamosa County and the Food Bank Network of San Luis Valley by having a food drive at each Sundays at Six concert this summer, to benefit the Alamosa Food Pantry. All are invited to contribute a non-perishable item or two for this food drive. Look for the receptacles under the ALMA tent at each concert.

Some ideas of much-needed items include canned meat (tuna and chicken), peanut butter and other nut butters, low-sodium canned veggies and beans, healthy snacks (low-sugar



Courtesy photo

Los Mocochetes will be performing at ALMA's Sundays at Six concert series on July 21 in Cole Park.

granola bars, dried fruit, etc.), gluten free items, healthy canned or boxed meals (chili, etc.), shelf-stable milk and milk alternatives. Tacos Martinez and Frosty Acres Rolled Ice Cream food trucks will be selling their delicious offerings at each concert this summer. The show will be livestreaming on ALMA's Facebook page www.facebook.com/almalivemusic. Sundays at Six 2024 is generously sponsored by Alamosa Building Supply, Alamosa Home, Alamosa State Bank, Bank Shot Sports Bar, Blanca Peak

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Navigating heat to keep power bills cool

(NAPSI)—The heat of summer doesn't just mean it's time to drink more water or eat ice cream to keep cool. It also means an increase in air conditioning and energy to cool your home. The U.S. Energy Information Administration reports households are expected to use 3 percent more electricity this summer compared to 2023.

But keeping cool in the summertime doesn't have to mean sacrificing home energy affordability. Here are some simple energy efficiency steps to help keep monthly power bills down:

- Acting Short-Term

Close your window coverings. Ambient sunlight can heat a room, and drawing your curtains and blinds can reduce the sun's heat in your home and keep your air conditioning from running more than necessary.

Consider rearranging furniture near your thermostat or room air conditioner. Lamps and televisions radiate heat and if they are too close to the thermostat, your air conditioning could run more and longer than necessary to cool a room.

Vacuum your air intake vents and keep them clear. Dust builds up on your home's air returns and a couple of minutes with a vacuum can keep the air flow moving. Move toys, furniture and other objects away from the intake vent to keep air moving.

Replace your air filter. Dirty air filters on central and room air conditioning systems can choke off the flow of air to your home's ventilation system. Changing your filter as directed by the manufacturer not only lets air flow freely, but it helps your air conditioning run more efficiently.

Have your central air conditioner checked. Just like you have your furnace serviced and cleaned each fall, you should have your central air conditioning system checked prior to summer. Professionals will perform a comprehensive examination on your outside condenser and inside fan to ensure your system is working at peak efficiency.

- Conserving and Managing Energy Use

Turn up the temperature on your thermostat. The lower you set your air conditioning temperature, the more costly it is to operate. For example, a 75-degree setting costs about 18% more than a 78-degree setting. Don't compromise your comfort or safety, but test how cool you really need it.

Run fans with your air conditioning. Oscillating or box fans near your air conditioning vents create an air flow like winter windchills, as cold air is circulated throughout the room.

ventional and convection ovens can add extra heat to your home and force your air conditioner to run unnecessarily. Keep the heat outside by using a grill or, if that's not an option, consider using a microwave or slow cooker to do the job.

Replace incandescent light bulbs with LED bulbs. Incandescent light bulbs are inefficient to use

and emit more heat than LED bulbs. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, LED bulbs use at least 75% less energy and last up to 25 times longer than incandescent lighting.

Turn off lights when you're not using them. This can help save money by reducing your electricity bills, extend the life of your light bulbs, and mean

kids' corner

ANIMAL FACT:

THIS DEVICE CAN HELP FIND A LOST PET.

ANSWER: MICROCHIP

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Missing

SPANISH: Perdido

ITALIAN: Perso

FRENCH: Manquant

GERMAN: Verlorengegangen

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A

B

Answers: 1. Missing leash 2. Flowers by trees 3. Dog and cat in background 4. Missing pillow in man with yellow shirt's arm

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JUL 22

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