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SAGUACHE COUNTY

 The Saguache County Commissioners will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 2, at 9 a.m. The meeting will be in the county courthouse and on ZOOM with meeting ID 823-7485-1681 with passcode 793384.

Fourth of July holiday trash schedule

ALAMOSA—Inobservance of the upcoming holiday, the trash schedule for the City of Alamosa on July 4 will be as follows:

- · Yard Waste Route: Will remain the same
- Commercial Routes: Thursday, July 4, will be collected Friday, July 5
- · Residential Routes: Thursday, July 4, will be collected Friday, July 5
- Recycling Center: Will be closed Thursday, July 4, and will reopen Friday, July 5

For more information,

contact the Public Works Department at 719-589-6631 City facilities will be closed Thursday, July 4, and will reopen Friday, July 5.

Crowther makes President's List

TOPEKA, Kan. — Washburn Universityrecentlyannounced its President's List honorees for the spring 2024 semester. To qualify for the President's List, a student must complete at least 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 4.0.

Michelle Crowther from Sanford is a President's List honoree for Spring 2024.

SLV WEATHER

Chance of Afternoon Showers, Breezy 83/55

Sun: Slight Chance of Showers, Breezy 80/54

Mon: Chance of Afternoon Showers, Breezy 79/51

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Congressional district race may be a contest based on issues

News Analysis

Bv PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — In Congressional District 3, (CD3) candidates Republican Jeff Hurd, and Democrat Adam Frisch will face off in the November general election. They won the primary election held on June 25.

gresswoman Lauren Boebert deciding to switch Congressional tion to challenge Boebert before Districts from CD3 to CD4 ear-

lier this year, the primary race for the Republican nomination was wide open, drawing a field of six candidates.

The top two Republican contenders in the primary race were Ron Hanks, a former lawmaker who positioned himself as an ardent supporter of Donald Trump, and Jeff Hurd, a political newcomer and attorney With former incumbent Con- from Grand Junction.

Hurd had declared his inten-

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Democratic Congressional District 3 candidate Adam Frisch.



Republican Congressional District 3 candidate Jeff Hurd.

Independence Day celebrations in the Valley

By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor

SAN LUIS VALLEY — From pancakes to soapbox races, fireworks, and patriotism, July 4th celebrations will resonate throughout the Valley.

On July 3, South Fork Fire Rescue will host its annual Fish Fry and Ice Cream Social that starts at 10 a.m. The parade begins at 3 p.m. There will be a rodeo at 6:30 p.m., and weather permitting fireworks in the eve-

On July 4th, the Alamosa Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. in the SLV Federal Bank parking lot at 401 Edison Ave. in Alamosa. This is a great way to prepare for the following parade at 10 a.m. The San Luis Valley Community Band under the direction of Dr. Kerry Heart will play from 8 to 9 a.m.

The Young Professionals of Alamosa will kick off the July 4th celebrations hosting the annual Independence Day Parade. The fun will begin at 10 a.m. and run from east to west on Main Street. The theme for this year's parade is SUPERHEROES!

At 9:30 p.m. the San Luis Valley Federal Bank will host its 26th annual fireworks show at the Alamosa County Fairgrounds at 8784 Old Stanford Rd., Alamosa.

On Friday, July 5th, the Young Professionals of Alamosa (YPA) will host the 3rd annual Block Party for America on the



The July 4th Parade starts in downtown Crestone at noon with festivities happening all day in town.

400 block of San Juan Avenue in Downtown Alamosa. The party will run from 6-10 p.m., alongside Visit Alamosa's First Friday. The event will offer local brews, a patriotic photo backdrop by Mya'S Events, a locallyowned foam pit for bubbly fun for all ages, and showcase local

musical acts on the main stage. The event will offer familystyle seating, thanks to High Peak Event Rentals, to encourage food pick-up at nearby locally-owned restaurants. YPA strives to bring the local and visiting community together to celebrate the best of Alamosa. Come celebrate with us.

During First Fridays in Downtown Alamosa, the Sangre de Cristo Natural Heritage Area and Visit Alamosa will honor the 1878 founding of Alamosa with the Moving of the Gem Saloon at the Market on Main Street. The Denver Rio Grande Railroad completed the rail line from Fort Garland to Alamosa and moved buildings including the saloon. Everyone is encouraged to wear period clothing and take the historic walking tour.

Crestone and Baca Grande will celebrate Independence Day on July 4th with activities in down-

■ See JULY 4TH page 3



Creede will celebrate mining during Independence Day celebrations July 4 and 5.

The mining events: Celebrating Creede's history

CREEDE — It's only fitting that Creede's July 4th celebrations center upon preserving the history of mining. Like many Western mining towns, Creede has always had mining competi-

When the area's mines were operational, the events were sponsored by the different mining companies as morale boosters for the miners.

With the mines being mostly closed for more than 30 years, the need to preserve Creede's mining past is as important as ever. Creede is and always has been a close community whose residents pride themselves on the town's storied past.

For more than 46 years now, Creede has hosted a two-day competition that draws mining competitors from across the Southwest region. The competi-

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Mysterious monolith appeared in rural Colorado

By PARKER YAMASAKI Colorado Sun

BELLVUE — On top of a hill prickly with dry grass

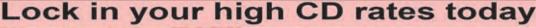
and cacti is a four-sided structure that looks like the sky, the hills and the small crowd of people standing next to it, but it's none of those things. It's not a riddle, it's a monolith. Perhaps the 247th spotted worldwide since 2020. It appeared unexpectedly on Sunday in Bellvue,

northwest of Fort Collins, on the expansive property of Rob and Lori Graves, who own Morning Fresh Dairy Farm, a Noosa Yoghurt factory, and the Howl-■ See MONOLITH page 3

A steady stream of people marched up a small hill off County Road 25 to visit and photograph the mysterious monolith. The monolith was placed on private property owned by Rob and Lori Graves, who run Morning Fresh Dairy Farm and Howling Cow Cafe just across the road.

Photo by Parker Yamasaki, The Colorado Sun







Record

From the Librarian's **Desk - New Arrivals at the Alamosa Public Library**

By Maria Kramer ALAMOSA — New books are always coming in at the Alamosa Public Library! Here are 10 of our most intriguing arrivals. For more information, or to have a book reserved for you, check alamosalibrary.org call 719-589-6592.

Fiction

The Secret Emissary by Roberto de Haro

With a penchant for international relations and diplomacy, Luis Esquerre Calella de Valderano becomes an unofficial Vatican liaison during the 1919 Paris Peace Conference. A friend to popes and aristocrats alike, the young man starts to assist with underground activities against the European Fascists.

Prairie Edge by Conor

"Ezzy" Desjarlais and Grey Ginther are distant cousins living together in an old trailer. Grey is disillusioned with the narcissistic attention-seeking she sees in activists. Ezzy is recently released from prison and looking for some peace. When Grey becomes obsessed with the #LandBack movement, she drags her cousin along on a buffalo rustling expedition with tragic results.

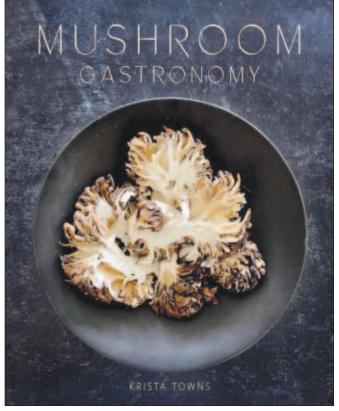
Oye by Melissa Mogol-

When Luciana's eccentric grandmother is given a crushing medical diagnosis, she is forced to take on the roles of caretaker, translator - and the keeper of the secrets her grandmother begins to share with her.

Land of No Regrets by

Sadi Muktadir Nabil would rather go

back to his former life of video games and baseball, but his parents have placed him in a Napkins by Paul Manser diant art, with each imstrict madrasa, Al Haque



friends discover a diary from when Al Haque was school. This diary will inspire them to plan their

California Dreaming by Noa Silver

Inspired by her grandfather and mother, Elena goes to California to work for Teach for America, but she quickly finds riveting history of golf's disillusioned with her career and disconnected from her students. As she comes of age among #MeToo and the 2016 election, Elena must grapple with her own life and values.

Nonfiction

Herman

Steven L Herman, chief correspondent for the nonpartisan, government-funded Voice of America, weaves together memoir and history to pull back the curtain on the inner workings of the intuition. Messages of

Islamic Academy. One major life decisions start an opportunity for deep the theatres from you, on night, while exploring as a scribble on the back contemplation and introthe school, Nabil and his of a bar napkin for Paul spection.

Manser. This book is a compilation of experia girls' Catholic boarding ences Paul always wanted to get into print, but worried that some travel editor would strip of all the best jokes.

Golf's Majors by Gary

From golf legend and nine-time major champion Gary Player comes a pinnacle events, packed with dramatic moments and insider stories.

Mushroom Gastronomy by Krista Towns

The book explores 25 of the most popular edible mushrooms, including their unique nutritional Behind the White values, ideal cooking House Curtain by Steven methods, culinary tips, and flavor pairings.

> Beaming by Marilyne Vershueren

Artist Marilyne Verschueren presents 100 expansive visuals designed to stimulate your mind and awaken your White House press corps. hope, resilience, and joy Life Plans on Dive Bar are incorporated into ra-For better or worse, age offering the reader

OBITUARY

Lillian C. Maes



lian started her beloved family and was blessed with seven children who meant the world to her. Lillian loved fishing

and would out fish anyone that went along with her. She enjoyed flowers, gardening, and going dancing and traveling to Taos, New Mexico.

Her favorite time was the time she spent with her loving family.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Her legacy will live on through her children; Joyce (Doug) Smith of Hotchkiss, Colo., Mitzi Aguilar of Fort Garland,



Colo., Jackie (Anthony) of Denver, Colo., Michael Aguilar of Portland, Ore., George (Jani) Aguilar of Eugene, Ore., Joey Aguilar of Denver, Colo.; grandchildren, TJ Cordova, Aanya Bricker, Tosh Aguilar, Sandi Martinez, Alex Smith, Jerick Saenz, Angel Bernard, Arianna Bernard, Shay Aguilar, Kiona Aguilar, Joey Aguilar, and Sara Aguilar Sheers; and great-grandchildren; two sisters Precilla (Steve) Lucero, Veronica Marquez; two brothers Lee

(Hortencia) Maes, Fred (Dolores) Maes, three sister-in-law's Gloria Maes, Darlene Maes, and Irene; as well as several nieces,

nephews and friends. Lillian was preceded in death by her parents Gilbert Maes Sr., and Teresa Maes-Sanchez, one son Edward Aguilar, grandson Gabriel Martinez, brother Buddy (Nellie) Maes, brother-in-law Alex Mar-

quez. Rosary will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 6 p.m. at The Holy Family Catholic Church in Fort Garland, Colo. The Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 12 p.m. also at The Holy Family Catholic Church in Fort Garland, Colo., with interment to follow at Blanca Ranch Cemetery.

To leave online conplease dolences, romerofuneralhomes. com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

stay sober and help oth- ated with any outside er alcoholics/addicts to organizations, but in the achieve sobriety.

NA 12-Step Meetings ules for friends and famthroughout the valley. ily. For information, call A.A. and N.A members The 6th Tradition states 719-937-5083 or see our primary purpose is to that we are not affili- website:slvaa.org

spirit of cooperation, we There are AA and list these meeting sched-



Doyle on June 20.

MV City Council swears in Deputy Clerk By MARIE MCCOLM nis was out of town, but brought 103 signatures

VISTA -

Monte Vista City Counits new Deputy Clerk on following week. Thursday, June 20.

public comment informed not going to purchase the theater space on Adams Street from the city.

Richards said that he was officially turning in his keys, and although he did not want to purchase the theatre, he did want to rent it out and show movies under the umbrella of his radio station.

"I think I might have an opportunity to do movies on a periodic basis in the theater, by making them radio station promotions, instead of theater events," if there isn't a way to rent a periodic basis, when a bigger movie comes out."

Richards pointed to on Labor Day weekend. Richards said the company he would get the movie from would charge him for it but also require a minimum two-week run.

"So, my question for council is. I don't believe there is anything on the books to allow somebody to rent the theaters on a periodic basis. I would be interested in knowing what it might cost me to rent the theaters for two consecutive weeks so I could put shows on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday," he said.

Richards said he would use his employees at the radio station to staff the theatre, as that would cover him for workman's comp and liability insurance. He also asked about selling tickets, and using the concession stands. Richards said doing periodic shows could be worthwhile, but it would depend on the rental fee.

Richards said for him to have something ready for Labor Day weekend, he would need an answer from council members within a week or so.

Richards knows the utilities are expensive, and he was willing to pay fees for them or anything else that needs to be paid, while running movies at the theater.

Generally, the council does not act on something presented in public com-

City Manager Gigi Den-

the council said they could of people petitioning for speak with her about it them to not cut down the cil swore Sarah Doyle as when she returned the trees, stating that at least

In other matters, for- District Superintendent golfers. mer Vali 3 Theater opera-Scott Wiedeman also tor Bob Richards during spoke during public com- council members a packet ment. He asked that the asking for them to allow the council that he was council consider doing a tree expert to examine something about a couple the trees and determine of trees that hang over whether they should be the high school track and cut down or not, based next to the golf course.

Wiedeman said that the trees were badly hanging over the track at the school and posed a safety hazard. "There are a couple of

that are overhanging onto down until October rathour track, this is a GOCO (Great Outdoors Colo- ers could have the trees rado) granted track that for their centennial golfpeople use year-round. ing season. He also said he said. "I am wondering it would cost us about to remain standing, the \$175,000 to redo it, which golf course board agreed we must do about every 10 years anyway. My biggest concern is the safety of our community and "Gladiator 2" coming out students and staff that had several branches fall from that tree onto the track, and if somebody happened to be walking under that, there would be some serious injury with the size of the trees and these branches. That is our request to do something with those trees, where it doesn't jeopardize the safety of some of our students, staff, and community," he said.

After the public comment portion of the meeting, Charles Spielman spoke about how he believed in saving the two termines if the trees are century-old Cottonwood trees referenced earlier by Wiedeman.

49 percent of the signa-Monte Vista School tures were Monte Vista

He said that he gave on their core and age, as even though the trees looked healthy, an expert could determine if they were rotting on the inside.

He asked council memtrees on the golf course bers to wait to cut them er than June so that golf-We just researched this; that if both trees were to help purchase a cover that would protect the adjacent running track from damage.

"I think that cover use that track. We have should cover the track and protect it," he said.

Councilman Brad Watson asked if the cores came back OK, if Speilman would be OK with trimming the trees back, as that would be an option to cutting them down. Speilman agreed with trimming them if they were still healthy. Speilman also stated that he had a tree expert lined up to come down and

check the trees. Further discussion of the trees will be held after the tree expert dehealthy.

Due to the Stampede, the next City Coun-

Veggie Cups

& Milk

Pizza Bites

Veggie Cups Fruit

& Milk

Veggie Cups

& Milk



Valley News

Solstice celebrates creativity in music and art direct connection to earth.

CENTER – This year's

Solstice in Center was an enlightening and creative experience. Alluvium Studio organized this imaginative event on Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22. The event was held at two locations – the Center Motor Car Garage, 335 E. Third St, and Alluvium, 342 Worth St.

Artist Marie Bannerot McInerney spoke about her display, which was a large window covering, laid out with various holes for light to enter, and beautiful dripping textures, fluidly placed all over the window. On the floor near the window were large pieces of what looked like gold, with a black piece of a meteorite

"Most of the art that I do, is finding ways of connecting to larger systems that we are always operating under. I think of our relationship to the natural world, and I think of our relationship to the cosmos and how they are interre-

stone in the middle.

lated. I can only speak for myself, but I find myself The gold on the floor repthinking of how we are related to the stars and the earth that is surrounding us. This particular work is an evolution of other work," she said.

The first work she did was in 2017 at a gallery in Nashville, Tenn., and was like the display in Center. "I created a cement tex-

tile that hung in a western facing window, that had little holes in it, that created apertures where light would come in as the sun set. This here uses buttermilk to frost the windows, which allowed me to create the drips you see in the window. This piece references erosion, and land, and reformation according to time, that's what this piece is about," she said.

McInerney said in working on the floor in front of the piece of art in the window, she could envision continental edges, or edges of land mass, that have similar references of left-behind shapes, with a

petitions were melded together into one.

The different events, Jack-Leg Drilling, Hand Steeling, Hand Mucking, Spike Driving, and Machine Mucking, are designed to show spectators the daily life of a hardrock miner.

Spectators can enjoy the mining events every year in the Basham Park arena in downtown Creede. The events are free to the public and a permanent grandstand has been constructed for easy viewing. The events begin both mornings at

events in Creede, visit: www.creede.com/4th -of-

and fireworks. Creede will host three days of events beginning the Colorado State Mining Championships The giant, annual parade will begin downtown at 10 a.m. Historically, about 10.000 people attend this dusk at Mountain Views RV Park south of town. On Friday, events begin at 9 a.m. and continue through the day and end at the Creede Rep with a 7:30 p.m. performance of "Importance of Being Earnest," and a 9:30 show of "Boomtown." Saturday events include street vendors, a beer garden, and Saguache-Moffat-Villa a Farmers' Market. There Abduction." Alien figures will be a 7 p.m. performance of "Young Frankenpartments will have a stein," at the Creede Rep., and an 8 p.m. dance at the Elks Lodge. For more information, visit www.

resented the earth, with a black piece in the middle. "This piece here is a

4.5-billion-year-old teorite," said McInerney, referencing the black piece in the middle. "This side of it is crystallization of millions of years in our cosmos, and what the core of our earth is made of. There is something really grounding and connecting to this, and that's why I placed it in the middle of the gold. This has a symbol of connective quality.'

McInerney, who is from Kansas City, said she was invited to the Solstice by another artist and was excited to attend and be included. McInerney is also a teacher at an art institute.

Artist Mark Cowardin was also at the Solstice event and had two large lit up sculptures in the main room at the Solstice event. The sculptures were made up of colored bars, and lights.

Cowardin said that the sculptures were clouds, but he enjoyed hearing interpretations people's of what they thought his sculptures were.

"I have always been really interested in the connection between humans and nature. The idea of these clouds is that they are floating in the sky, but they are actually on scaffolding, which is something that is used to fix things, or the things we use to get higher up. There are lots of meanings in these



of his pieces that was on display at the in Center attendees pose for a photo in Center Motor Car Garage during the Sol- front of the artwork created by attendees stice in Center event June 21 and June 22. during the event on June 21 and June 22.

pieces for me, but these are clouds. The colors also imitate the sunrise and the came from just because I sunset, like the reds and the oranges and yellows in the sky," he said. Cowardin said that he

has been an artist his entire life and he is also a teacher. He enjoys making big display pieces. One person thought

that these were potatoes. Which, this is an agricultural place, so it's neat they thought they were potatoes, it's relative," he said. Cowardin, who is from

Kansas, said that he was invited to the event and brought others to the event to share their art.

"For me, one of the things I love about making art is conversations. I am excited that other artists also chose to come up from Kansa City to display their art too. While I have inspirations about what exactly

these pieces mean, I try not to say exactly where they want people to walk in and be in awe, and be inspired, and have conversations about what they think they are. That's part of what I really enjoy about being an artist," he said. Throughout the Cen-

ter Motor Car Garage there were other displays from artists, including a large blue banner made of plastic strips, and various other small paintings with skulls, people, and abstractly drawn items.

Alluvium Studio was also decked out inside, with artwork made by people who had visited during the event. Alluvium owners Steve

Huey and Krystal Anton were on site and Huey said that the turnout for the two days had been good.



Artist Mark Cowardin stands next to one Krystal Anton left, and some of the Solstice

many people who came in and created collages and we hung them on the wall. We are helping bring these people in here, with these artists," Huey said.

people come in. There were

Huey said this year they hit the jackpot because Cowardin brought many of his artist friends from Kansas City with him and made it a bigger event than last year.

We have been here since 2019. This is the fourth year we have done this. Each year more artists show up. We are very happy to be here. This year we have engaged more of the locals too. There were a lot of people from Alamosa and Saguache here. Making sure they know what this is, and what we are bringing out here is exciting. The studio has been busy all day. It's been good. We are very happy with We have had a lot of the turnout," Huey said.

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Events

tors are actual miners

who come to Creede on July 4th each year to battle for the highly-coveted prize of "Best Overall Miner of the Year". On the first day of the

competition on July 4th starting at 9 a.m., the Colorado State Mining Championships features a taxing gamut of events that test the skill levels of the miners both physically and mentally. The second day of competition, the Days of '92, has been a staple since the 1960s. When the State Mining Championships came to Creede in the late 1970s, the two com-

July 4th

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town Crestone starting at 9

a.m., with a 5K run. The pa-

rade through town begins at

noon with a rendition of the

national anthem at 12:15.

Cheap Therapy takes the

stage in the town park at

12:30. The first round of the

Soapbox Derby is at 3 p.m.

with finals for a \$250 prize

Not to be missed are the

from Shumi Hikari Taiko

at 3 p.m. also in the park.

At 5:30 p.m., The River Ar-

kansas will play bringing

their indie-Americana and

honky-tonk swing to the

Grove-Crestone fire de-

Four Station Fourth of

July celebration on 4th

Street in Saguache begin-

ning at 4 p.m. This down-

home party will have food, dancing, kids activities,

drummers

at 5:30 p.m.

audience.

mesmerizing

9:00 a.m. and usually last until mid-afternoon. For a full listing of the

creederep.org and creede. com/4th-of-July.

Monolith ■ Continued from Page 1

ing Cow Cafe. A cafe manager spotted the structure in the distance as she arrived at work in the morning, but didn't think anything of it until a customer came in and asked to be pointed toward "the alien structure."

The Howling Cow has property since 2014, and the line. behind has become a popular Basham Park downtown. cycling stop that serves the dairy's fresh creams and yogurts. As of Monday, though, it's become a gathering place for bagel event. Fireworks start at sandwiches and hypotheses about alien life.

On a chalkboard menu, drink names have been given an extraterrestrial spin. Order the "Beam Me Up" for a cold brew with a double shot, or a "Radio Wave" for an Italian soda with cold foam. The monthly ice cream flavor, orange juice shake, has been relabeled the "Cow drawn on the menu have thought bubbles that read: "beep beep boop beep."

probably just "They weren't getting enough business," one diner offered.

Marketing ploy or not, the shiny metal monolith, bolted to a slab of concrete, certainly hasn't hurt business.

By 11 a.m. Thursday a line had formed in the cafe from the counter to the door, a dozen customers long, and didn't let up until well after noon. A second rush arrived around 2 p.m.

"Been busy?" a custom-

The barista nodded and laughed. "Where's the monolith?" she said mockingly. Then she softened. "Actually, it's kind of cool. I just can't say that word anymore."

milky green beverage onto the counter: "Crop Circle!" she yelled into the crowd, the cafe's new name for a matcha latte with vanilla.

Monolith #1

The monolith mysteries began in November 2020, when a crew from the Utah Department of Public Safety was flying over remote, desert backsheep. They spotted an unusual metal gleam deep in a slot canyon, and landed the helicopter to investigate. There they

the incident were posted to the agency's blog. "Please don't try and visit the site as the road is not based vehicles," the agency tweeted.

few people had been, and were unlikely to be, was simply too tempting.

r/FindTheMonolith, and Then she pushed a more than 3,000 people lithtracker.com, a mix of was pinpointed and postusers used Google Earth imagery to determine that to the appeal of the piece. country counting bighorn age of satellite imagery and social media stunts, to leave a mark that went completely undetected for years.

found the first mysteri- after its viral debut, the ing the Utah case.

ously placed monolith, a monolith was gone roughly 10-foot-tall prism hauled away in the night lodged into the red earth. by a group of four men Photos and videos from concerned with the environmental impact of so many visitors on the delicate Utah backcountry.

But while the men suitable for most Earth- trucked the monolith out of the desert, something strange was happening But this was late 2020, halfway around the world six months into deep pan- — the same day the Utah demic isolation. Internet monolith came down, a on July 4th at 9 a.m., with been part of the farm er asked a barista from sleuthing was at an all-second monolith was retime high and the pros- ported on a plateau near pect of visiting a remote Piatra Neamt in Romasite in the desert where nia. Days later a third popped up in Atascadero, Calif.

> Over the course of 2020, A subreddit sprung up, dozens more monoliths were reported to monojoined it to theorize about hastily placed copycats its origin and locate the and "S-Class" monoliths, Utah phenomenon. In less or "significant monoliths, than 24 hours a location well made, with zero explanations of appeared to Reddit, and some ance," according to the website's six-part classification system. The it was placed sometime in original Utah monolith late 2015 or early 2016. To and the guick Romanian some, the timeline added follow-up are two of three "S-Class" monoliths in It was still possible, in an the world. The third appeared in Spain in April 2021.

According to The Associated Press, the Bureau of Land Management is Less than two weeks still actively investigat-

Race

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she switched districts. That announcement garnered endorsements from some of the top "establishment" Republicans in the state, as many felt that Boebert's antics were no longer viewed favorably by many in her district.

While the primary race between Hurd and Hanks was, at times, expected to be somewhat close, by the end of Tuesday night, it was called for Hurd who came in at the end leading Hanks by 14 percentage points. On the other side of the aisle,

Democrat Adam Frisch was the sole candidate to run for the seat. Frisch announced his campaign within days of former opponent being sworn into office for her second term,

week, since then.

Once a race that even the a gallon of gas." pundits didn't pay attention to, CD3 became highly competitive in the last election, specifically due to Frisch, himself a political newcomer at the time. coming within 546 votes of taking Boebert's seat in Congress.

one that may determine the he was focused on rural areas and personally congratulate majority in the House of Representatives, which makes it sites. even more important.

Valley Courier Hurd on Thursday morning, said, "I'm going to work hard to get

the [Republican] party united" He continued, "I'm going to from Republicans but also unaffiliated and maybe even some Democrats.

That was a bit of a switch I would want.' from February when, speaking on a non-partisan show called ry were known, Adam Frisch's Action 22, Hurd had listed campaign issued the following security at the border as the number one priority.

The seat is now viewed as orado Public Radio as saying CD3's Republican primary but he has since expanded his Jeff Hurd. My hat always goes

"I'm going to work for voters In a brief interview with the everywhere, from people in the cities to small towns, families and small businesses, farmers, ranchers and people like employees of the power company in Craig where workers work hard to earn every vote are looking at losing their jobs. And I know I have to earn ev- be a yes man for either party. ery single vote.

campaign trail, literally every to voters. The cost of living, the can do that. I believe in what cost of housing and the price of I'm doing and in trying to be the kind of representative that

> After the results of the primastatement.

"First, I would like to thank Hurd was also quoted by Col- all the candidates who ran in off to anyone who is willing to stand up to represent their country and community. It's unfortunate, however, that both political parties often cater to the extremes and prioritize party loyalty over the best interests of the country. It's why I entered this race. I won't I'll be an independent voice of "I think voters are wanting reason for rural Colorado to and Frisch has been on the things that are most important shout, and I'm a person who and protect a woman's free-

dom to make her own health care decisions." Frisch then focused in more

closely on Hurd.

"The last thing our district needs is another corporate lawyer funded by corporate PAC money. My presumptive opponent won't have the backbone to stand up to Washington interests. He will choose a federal abortion ban over trusting the women of CD3 to have the freedom to make their own health care choices and he threatens one of our most precious resources: water. One of Hurd's biggest backers is actively working to take San Luis Valley's water to the Denver metro area," said Frisch.

Frisch is referring to former Colorado Governor Bill Owens, one of the primary investors in Renewable Water Resources "My priorities are those someone to work more than to cut inflation, secure the border (RWR) a scheme to export water out of the San Luis Valley.

Sharing memories

The following article by Tom L. Thompson, titled The Sign of Memories, was first published in The Last Word column of the Rocky Mountaineers Rendezvous, a newsletter for a great group of Forest Service employees from the Rocky Mountain Region, many of them



Land, Water

Goodland

long retired. I had the honor of providing the photograph used for that story. While I am a bit younger than Mr. Thompson, I share the same sentiment

and warm feeling as I pass the National Forest signs across the country. hompson served as the Deputy Regional Forester of the Rocky Mountain Region for 12 years and before that, as the Forest Supervisor on the Siuslaw NF in the Pacific Northwest Region. He retired as the Deputy Chief with responsibility for the National Forests and Grasslands.

The Sign of Memories

As you travel across the country and come upon a National Forest or Grassland entrance sign, how does it make you feel? Especially, if it is a well-maintained sign, I just get this warm feeling of being home where I belong. In a sense it is a feeling of welcome, of security, of pride, of gratitude, and of just plain old

I have visited every national forest and grassland sometime in my 78 plus years, and from as early as I can remember to now, I have always had that same special feeling knowing that the Forest Service entrance sign signals a very special place ahead and it belongs to all of us. It is not for sale, and it will always be there, just for us.

In reflecting back on my early years, I think to a large degree it was a Forest Service sign that probably led me to a career in the Forest Service. Growing up on the high plains of southeastern Colorado it was quite a distance to the mountains of Colorado. On a very clear day if you were on a high point, you could sometimes make out the tops of the mountains off to the west. Every year our family set out on what I considered to be the most special week of the year and went off to the mountains. Like so many families the discovery of the National Forests started at the end of World War II.

Toward the end of World War II in

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Nelda Curtiss

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for a beautiful new Chevrolet Equinox

EV or the winner of the Zonk Shoes, i.e. Meat Loaf-ers and the audience "ahh"

and Brady's encouragement, "Thanks

It's dawned on me, life can be a lot like

"Let's Make a Deal" when we are open

The



1945, my dad, who had worked at the Pueblo Air Base all through the war, was treated to a weekend fishing trip on the upper Rio Grande River by a grateful doctor who was indebted to my dad for all the neighbor-in-the-apartment next door mechanic work he had done on the doctor's Buick during the war years. With this experience my dad came to love the Rio Grande country and thus began what became a lifetime of annual visits back there.

I don't have vivid memories of my first trip there in 1946 at six months of age, but I do have many, many wonderful memories of those early great adventures for our family on the Rio Grande National Forest as I grew up. The log cabins where we stayed were built in 1926 and surrounded by National Forest. The cabins were one room with two beds, a wood stove, a table, a bench and a few chairs, no electricity, no running water, and the outhouse was shared with a few other cabins. There was fishing right out the door, clear crisp air at over 10,000 feet elevation, views of elk on the slopes every evening, and lots of space with aspen and spruce forests in every direction.

Every year when we would make our annual trip there, I so much looked forward to coming to the Rio Grande entrance sign because we were within a couple hours of being at the cabin. The dirt road up to the cabins was a very rough road, not paved like today, but that made it even more special because

So early on I had a love for the Forest Service and at age 10, with the help of borrowed stencils from my uncle I made an official Forest Service sign for



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The Rio Grande National Forest Sign on Highway 149, just north of South Fork.

my room out of 4 x 11-inch piece of 3/8 an open parklike meadow where I sat inch plywood and even drew the Forest Service shield on the lower right corner. In looking at this sign today and the craftsmanship, the artistic touch, and the layout, I can see why I never did all that well in art classes. Even so the sign gave my room in our basement an identity and reminded me of a place off to the west where I yearned to be.

My own family continued with this tradition of making at least one trip to the Rio Grande as best we could over the years. In the mid-nineties we decided to begin using cabins down river a way that had electricity and indoor plumbing. There is a special spot on the ridge up near Spring Creek Pass in eral years.

with my grandfather probably seventy years ago. I have sat there with my dad, my mom, my sons and daughter, and now my grandchildren and every time I come to the Forest entrance sign for the Rio Grande there are memories, but there is also so much gratitude that these places are still there and will be there for my grandchildren's sons and daughters and their grandchildren.

Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest and has had the honor of serving with Tom Thompson as organizers of the Memorial Grove ceremony for sev-

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to living, open to changes, or open to the possibilities.

Doesn't it happen sometimes, we pick a path that would open a life of service, like teaching, only to discover institutions governed by special interests and not ethics. Or using all our undergraduate studies to be employed in aquaculture programs to discover no women are allowed? Or to be helping the disabled

because of one's own disability? If we make a deal with life to try again, try something new, the small curtain instead of the big curtain, we may just open a different path to the future. I've seen others embrace forced-early retirement with new careers in hospitality, computers, or healthcare. Like on the show, the physically large curtain may be a "ZONK" and the small curtain filled with diamond rings and necklaces

and dying but be discriminated against

Though discrimination in the workplace is illegal, we've all seen the unethical events that make us squirm. If we don't have the legal fees to hire representation, we can stew about the injustices, or we can live the happiest life by opening up to the possibilities from here. The greatest revenge is not always about winning the employment suit, but it can be about living and being purposeful about choices that protect others, children, animals and the planet itself.

We can move on from wherever we find ourselves. We can choose to live: join others for a walk; strike up conversations in the grocery store; or learn new skills like how to rock 'n' roll or open a Twitter account. If we want or need to, we can move from a rural setting to town or the city. TV celebs and local pastors have tweeted that success is not about the Porche in the driveway or the acres

of wealth, even though wealth renders basic needs a slam dunk. Success is about how your life has impacted others, how you've made others feel, how you

have given back. It's said that Oprah's success is because she has given so much of her riches away and has "empathized" with others. Even Wayne Brady thanks the schoolteacher and marine who have served others – and pulls a \$100 or \$1,000 out to say thank you and of course, to start

the deals rolling on his show. Living begins when we see the possibilities, make a deal of our own and are willing to smile, laugh and THRIVE! So,

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Trump and associates do not follow unwritten social, moral code

for playing.'

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express themselves to the world in a sweet time. They haven't met people like college are preparing for careers and way that is gratifying and allows them Donald Trump yet.

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work with fresh ideas, hope and ideal- to successfully make a living, be hap-**Brian Williams** Keith R Cerny **Publisher Managing Editor** (ISSN 1047-1170)

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ism. What interests them? How can they py and, perhaps, raise a family? It is a al code that people who do sincere work for others will be reimbursed for their effort. People like Donald Trump and his associates do not follow that code. News outlets and even personal accounts from Alamosa citizens who lived in the New York/New Jersey area are full of stories of how Donald Trump has made much of his money by simply refusing to pay people who do work for him. He then challenges them to take on his cadre of corporate lawyers and sue him if they want to get paid. Trump especially did this to vendors who worked on his many hotels and casinos. He is still not paying people, even his top allies.

Many people suffered huge losses and some even went out of business because of this repulsive behavior. It is one of the reasons so many New Yorkers hate Donald Trump and his family. He is the killer

of honesty, of innocence and of dreams. 'Welcome to the wicked world." Right, Donald?

David Lenderts Alamosa

Religion

Southern Baptist convention debates religious liberty again

In the midst of heated tional South-

On Religion Baptist Convention recently passed a religious liberty resolution that -- in terms of Baptist history -was rather nary.

Terry Mattingly But these are not ordinary times in American life.

Messengers from autonomous SBC congregations resolved: "That we encourage and support robust Christian engagement in the public square, including individual Christians who pursue elected or appointed office in order to influence government by living out their Christian world-Christian morals with re-

The "resolved" clauses then became much more specific:

of all people."

spect for the consciences

"That we oppose any effort to establish a state religion of any nation, including the United States of America; that we refute the idea that God has commanded any state to establish any religion or any denomination; and we reject any government coercion or enforcement of religious belief, including blasphemy laws. ...

"That we oppose any ef- America as a Christian the Rev. David Mitzendebates about female pas- fort to use the people and nation -- and those who tors and the morality of in the churches of the South- seek religious liberty for vitro fertilization, the na- ern Baptist Convention all."

establish of America."

blunt line in Resolution -- opposing ef-

forts to establish a Christian "state religion" -- was Engagement at South-Justin Ramey of Crider cal Seminary. Baptist Church in Eddyville, Kentucky.

'What does that mean?" he asked. "Should we remove 'In God We Trust' from our currency? Does ing protected?' We can't it mean we should re- ignore that issue," said move 'under God' from Darling, who was part of our Pledge? I'm grate- a circle of leaders from view while advocating ful that our government several seminaries who at one time at least acknowledged Christianity as our foundation and en- affirming that "Baptists couraged it."

> important words in to- of public life. We believe day's fiery debates about religion in American life, between people of faith according to Mark Wingfield of the progressive Baptist News Global web-

"The debate on this Christian nationalists -who believe God ordained

Southern Baptists will Christianity continue defending relias the state gious liberty while recogreligion of the nizing that -- in recent de-United States cades -- U.S. courts have also been swamped with During de- cases in which sexual bates on the revolution doctrines have convention clashed with the beliefs of traditional Christians, as well as Jews, Muslims and other worshippers, said Daniel Darling of the Land Center for Cultural challenged by the Rev. western Baptist Theologi-

"There are Christians who are asking: 'Is this system we have here in America still working? Is religious liberty still bedrafted Resolution 2.

One goal, he said, was are not secularists. Bap-The final Resolution 2 tists are not trying to text failed to include two keep believers locked out in a robust engagement and life in the public square."

Nevertheless, the 2024 gathering offered evidence that some Southern resolution," he wrote, Baptists are convinced "mirrors the dividing line that their core religious between those labeled as beliefs are being threat-

Before the convention,

macher of Grace Baptist his own resolution, the 2024 presidential contest, Church in Cape Coral, Florida, submitted a resolution that included: "We steadfastly oppose all legislation that would designate any part of the Holy Bible as hate speech, or impose any restriction on Ministries podcast about pragmatic," he said, "I'm proclaiming God's Word."

convention reach the Mitzenmacher sought a Resolution 2 amendment adding some of his language expressing opposition to what he anity -- whereas my resoto "stifle the religious the state trying to inliberty of Southern Bap- fringe upon the religious tists." His amendment liberty of Christians."

"response I got back was Mitzenmacher said that that the resolution com- he does not believe that mittee believed that the there are serious threats broader issue of religious to create a theocracy in liberty was better ad- America. dressed in Resolution 2," When his text didn't religious-liberty resolution was "clearly focused on condemning Christians trying to use the government to create a state religion of Christi-

While tensions are media

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To Local Houses of Worship

When he asked about high heading into the

"Just taking a step he noted in a Founders back and being very the convention. The final not aware of a Christian prince on the ballot.'

Terry Mattingly is Senior Fellow on Communications and Culture at Saint Constantine College in Houston. He lives considers political efforts lution was talking about in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and writes Rational Sheep, a Substack newsletter on faith and mass

Saturday, June 29,

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matthew 24:35

God always keeps His Word. Put your faith in

Sunday, June 30, 2024

"Therefore be you also the devil and his ready: for in such an hour angels:" (Matthew as you think not the Son 25:41 AKJV) of man comes." (Matthew 24:44 AKJV)

Jesus is coming back. Get ready. Commit your life to Him before it is too late.

Monday, July 1, 2024 "Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:41

Be spiritually alert. We child of God. are in a spiritual battle.

the left hand, from me, you cursed, into everlasting

These are the words of Jesus. Hell is real. Get saved now before it is too late. Give your life to Jesus today.

2024

"Behold, the eye of the LORD is on them that fear him, on them that hope in his mercy;"

Amen! It's great to be a

Thursday, July 4, 2024

said, Who is on the him come to me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him."

Are you on the Lord's side? Stand up and be

"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." (Psalms 33:6

God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 "Then shall he say

also to them on Depart fire, prepared for

(Psalms 33:18 AKJV)

LORD's side? let

Bible Digest

Wednesday, July 3,

"Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and

Friday, July 5, 2024

Freedom from Judgement and Criticism

Years ago, I was truly one of the most critical and judgmental people I

knew. It was my "default" setting. If I was at the mall or even at church, I could look at someone and immediately make three or four judgments about their clothes, hair, behavior, or family. Or if I walked into someone's home, everything could be absolutely perfect, but somehow I would notice that one corner of

wallpaper that was ripped slightly. I'll admit, judging and criticizing others was something I rather enjoyed doing before God began to change me. However, little by little, He used His Word to begin showing me truth about myself.

I'll never forget one day in particular. I had just finished judging someone and knit-picking them about something in my thoughts, when the Holy Spirit so clearly spoke to my heart and said, "Joyce, you look at everyone else with a magnifying glass, but you look at yourself through rose-colored glasses."

I got the point! The truth is, we can be pretty quick to recognize what's wrong with other people and see all of their issues. However, even though we may have some of the same problems ourselves, we usually have good excuses to justify them.

Look at what Jesus says in Matthew "You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye" (NIV). I love this-it's so practical. Jesus

is basically saying, "You love to point out everyone elses faults, but you should really begin with yourself. Until you get yourself straightened out, you can't really even help anyone else!

We need to forget about what everyone else is or isn't doing, present ourselves before God, and let Him do a work in us. The truth is, the more we

allow God to change us, the less we

are bothered by the faults of others. Our circumstances may never be perfect, and the things we don't like about our family, friends, or coworkers may not change, but God can do something even better: He can

These days, if there's something about my husband, Dave, that I think needs to change, I will pray and ask God for help. But even then, my attitude is completely different than it

Now, I'll pray something like, "Lord, if it's Your will, I ask You to help Dave change in this area. But first, if the problem is really me and not Dave, please show me. Show me if there's anything I need to change."
Sure, there are times when we may need to sit down and talk with a

friend or family member about their weaknesses or faults for the health of the relationship, but even then, it should be done with humility and love. Our motive should always be to help them.

Psalm 51:6 (AMPC) says, "Behold, You desire truth in the inner being; make me therefore to know wisdom in my inmost heart." And Ephesians 4:15 (AMPC) says,

"Let our lives lovingly express truth [in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly].... God wants to reveal the truth to

us. He desires for us to face anything that is coming between us and Him... things that are holding us back from His good plan and purpose for our I've learned to ask God on a regular

basis, "Show me truth. And help me to face the truth You show me. especially what You show me about 'Can I tell you something? All of

those days when I was constantly judging and criticizing others...I wasn't happy. First, I wasn't walking in love with people, and I was also

(Exodus 32:26 AKJV)

AKJV)

Worship Him.



sowing seed for others to judge and criticize me.

But even beyond that, there is such freedom when we can learn to "live and let live"—when we can focus on our own growth and change, and leave the spiritual progress of other people up to God.
When I look back at all of the years

I pestered Dave and pressured him to change, it's almost comical! And now that I have allowed God to change me, I can truly say that I love and enjoy my husband for who he is...and there's freedom in that.

Let God begin with you. I encourage you to pray, "Lord, please show me the truth about myself. Please change me so I can better help the people around me." As you do, the Holy Spirit—the "Spirit of Truth"—will start to show

you things about yourself...and help

you walk in new levels of freedom.

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U.S. Supreme Court ruling on obstruction law helps cases of Jan. 6 defendants

By ASHLEY MURRAY earlier explained, other states, pressured Pence Colorado Newsline

Pennsylvania police officer who joined delayed the certification of the 2020 presidential election results cannot be charged with obstructing an official proceeding unless a lower court finds otherwise,

the U.S. Supreme Court

ruled Friday. The ruling throws into question the cases of potentially hundreds of Jan. 6 defendants who faced the same charge as well as a portion of Department of Justice special counsel Jack Smith's four-count indictment alleging former President Donald Trump schemed to overturn the 2020 presiden-

Merrick Garland said following the ruling that he anticipates the decision will not affect the "vast majority" of Jan. 6 cases.

tial election.

In a 6-3 opinion, the justices, led by Chief Justice John Roberts, wrote that the charge Fischer faces — a sub-

of Section 1512(c)(2), Biden the winner. the Government must

things used in the pro- to join him and whipped WASHINGTON — A ceeding, or attempted to his base into a frenzy do so," Roberts wrote.

"The judgment of the Jan. 6 attack. the Jan. 6, 2021, attack D.C. Circuit is therefore on the U.S. Capitol that vacated, and the case certainly challenge the proceedings consistent has already argued he is with this opinion," Rob- completely immune to erts wrote.

Justice Ketanji Brown curring opinion.

Barrett, joined by Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan, dis- campaign sented.

potential to affect more link to Trump's post on than 355 Jan. 6 defen- his social media platdants who were charged form Truth Social. The with the same felony post, published at 11:41 statute, which carries a a.m. Friday, read "BIG fine and not more than 20 years in prison.

Dozens. leaders of the extrem- in the Jan. 6 riot have ist Proud Boys and Oath become a rallying cry But Attorney General Keepers, have already for Republicans leading been sentenced on the up to the 2024 presicharge, according to the dential election. Trump, Department of Justice.

United States, centered promised to pardon the on whether Jan. 6 defendents. dant Joseph W. Fischer broke the obstruction Mike Johnson of Louilaw when he joined the siana told reporters Frimob that breached the day that the Supreme U.S. Capitol and desection of an early 2000s layed Congress, and effectively, the court obstruction law — can Vice President Mike agrees that a number only be applied to tam- Pence, from certifying of the defendants in the pering with physical re-the 2020 presidential January 6 proceedings election results that have been overcharged." "To prove a violation declared Democrat Joe

establish that the de- obstruction charge as for some time, and now fendant impaired the part of his four-count the highest court in the availability or integrity federal indictment that land has declared that for use in an official pro-alleges he worked with to be so," Johnson said ceeding of records, docu- others to overturn the during a wide-ranging ments, objects, or as we election results in seven press conference.

that culminated in the

Trump will almost is remanded for further charge, as his legal team

Trump attorneys D. Jackson delivered a con- John Sauer and William Owen Scharf did not re-Justice Amy Coney spond to an emailed request for comment.

Rather, Trump's 2024 spokesman Steven Cheung respond-The ruling has the ed to the email with a WIN!"

The cases against including those who participated the GOP's presumed The case, Fischer v. nominee, has repeatedly

U.S. House Speaker Court decision

"And that is something that I also think many Trump also faces the people have recognized

Colorado Gov. Polis noncommittal on calls for Biden to step aside

WŎODRUFF

Colorado Newsline Colorado Gov. Jared Polis did not answer directly when asked Friday whether he agreed with a growing chorus of voices in the Democratic Party that say President Joe Biden should

withdraw from the 2024

presidential race.

Biden's demeanor in Thursday's first presidential debate, during which the president's answers were raspy and at times confused, reignited widespread concerns among Democrats about his age and his fitness for a bruising reformer President Donald Trump, who turned in a combative debate performance that relied on repeated falsehoods and conspiracy theo-

In a brief interview following his appearance on a panel at the

ries.

Aspen Ideas Festival gers of a second Trump early Friday, Polis was presidency," he said noncommittal asked about the calls for view. Biden to step aside, saying that he had "been Democratic elected offivery critical of Donald cials joined those calling Trump's agenda for the for Biden to step aside in

country.' "I focus on the issues, and I think (Trump's) media post, state Rep. tariff plan would be David Ortiz of Littleton devastating," Polis, a wrote that Biden's per-Democrat, said. "The formance was "really refact that he still openly ally really bad." talks about retribution is scary and un-Amer- important election of ican. So I think that our lifetimes, but if we that's an important contrast that we need to another candidate, then drive home to the people do we even mean it?" of our country."

Polis was asked by election battle against a Newsline reporter nee," wrote state Rep. whether, given what he Javier Mabrey of Denver and many others view in another post. "There as the high stakes of is far too much on the the 2024 election, Biden line in this election. We was the best messenger can't convincingly make for the Democratic Par- the case to voters that ty's agenda.

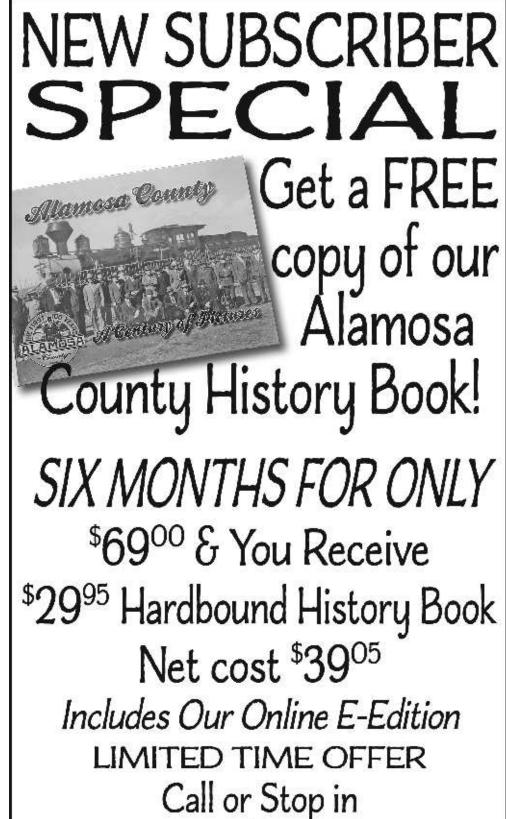
us as messengers, to re- democracy if we stay on ally highlight the dan-this path.

when before ending the inter-

At least two Colorado the aftermath of Thursday's debate. In a social

"We say it's the most don't at least consider Ortiz asked.

"We need a new nomi-Trump winning is an "I think it takes all of existential threat to our



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Valley Courier Lifestyle

Tips to clean your grill

people across the globe have a passion for grilling. Cooking over an open flame imparts a unique flavor to a variety of foods, and that profile can be augmented with marinades, wood chips and a host of other tweaks that help to create a delicious finished product.

Though many people grill throughout the year, this particular method of cooking is most popular in summer, when welcoming temperatures compel cooks to prepare meals outdoors. As grilling season kicks into high gear, grillmasters can embrace these strategies to ensure their grills remain clean.

· Clean after each use. Once food is cooked, cooks' minds immediately shift to eating. But cleaning a grill immediately after each use can make it easier to remove all the debris that can gather as foods cook. Fat, grease, melted cheese, marinades, and other substances can accumulate on the grill over time. Though grillmasters can eat before cleaning their grills, keep the fire going until after eating (vents can be slightly closed to reduce the heat somewhat), then scrape food and other debris off the grill. Grates that are still warm are easier to clean, but use heat-proof grilling gloves when cleaning warm or hot grates to reduce burn risk.

• Oil the grates before cooking. A light coating of

include some trial and error. Grilling enthusi-

asts who want to try their

hand at smoking food can

· Remember the man-

tra "low and slow." Low

and slow is the preferred

method among cooks ex-

perienced in smoking. The method involves

cooking foods at low tem-

peratures for long periods

of time. When smoking,

unlike with traditional

grilling, cooks want to en-

sure the food is not direct-

ly over a flame. Smoking

stones can be used to ab-

sorb and deflect heat, and

similar products can ac-

complish the same. That

absorption and deflection

allows foods to cook slow-

ly, which in turns helps

impart the smoky flavor

Consider adding wa-

ter to create moisture.

A water pan inside the

smoker can ensure foods

remain moist while smok-

ing. Long cooking times

can dry foods out, but the

water in a water pan can

make the environment

inside the grill more hu-

• Add flavor with wood.

Seasoned wood chunks

and wood chips can add

flavor to foods, and such

products are readily

available at many grocery

stores and home improve-

ment retailers. Choice of

chunk or chips depends

on which type of smoker

individuals have. The

grilling experts at Weber

advise using chips when

light smoking for less

than an hour. If smoking

for an hour or more, We-

ber advises using chunks.

Consider accessoriz-

ing an existing grill. duration of the smoking.

people love.

keep these tips in mind.

years. Smoking



Grilling is a wildly popular summer pastime. Ensuring grills are clean prior to cooking can make foods more flavorful and decrease the risk of illness.

oil brushed onto the grill erally should not air dry, grates prior to cooking can reduce the likelihood that food sticks to the grill while it's being cooked. Food stuck to a grill can be difficult to remove, but the oil can reduce the likelihood that ground beef off during vigorous cleanfrom burgers or chicken ing sessions, and they may breasts will stick to the cooking surface.

• Deep clean the grill every so often. Grill grates may not need a deep clean after each use, particularly when only preparing food that steel brush bristles for a handful of people. However, a deep cleaning every so often, and after heavy usage during backyard barbecues, can remove debris that can accumulate and pose a health risk over time. Follow the lon brushes, should not be grill manufacturer's instructions regarding cleaning the grill. Some might soap like Palmolive is safe to use, while others might recommend

so dry these parts off immediately after cleaning.

• Use the right tools. Steel grill brushes are popular, but these cleaning tools can be unsafe. Steel brush bristles can break get stuck on the grill during the cleaning process. If stuck on the grill, steel bristles can easily attach to food. The cooking experts at Epicurious note can cause throat and/or abdominal issues if consumed. Alternatives to steel bristle grill brushes are widely available, but grillmasters should know that some, including nyapplied to a grill until its grates have cooled off.

 Clean all components. suggest traditional dish Grease traps, ash pans and the interior of the grill, including its sides and the particular inside of lids, can be perisoaps that can protect the odically cleaned to reduce long-term life of the grill. grease buildup and the Cast-iron grill grates gen- risk of exposure to germs.

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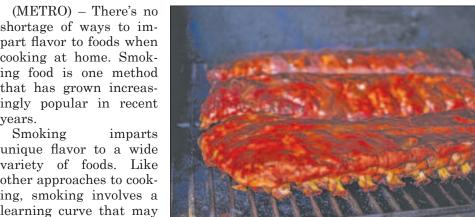
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Smoking food for beginners



Smoking is a popular way to cook foods over an open flame. Smoking may involve some initial trial and error, but the results are well worth navigating one's way through the learning curve.

Smokers or grills that can accommodate smoking can be expensive, and cooks who already have reliable charcoal or gas grills may not be able to justify such an investment. In such instances, smoker boxes, which sit right on an existing grill grate and make it easy to transform grills into makeshift smokers, can do the trick. In addition, smoker attachments that can be attached to gas and charcoal grills can enable a less expensive introduction to smoking

 Monitor temperatures. Temperature is important when smoking foods. If temperatures rise too quickly, foods can quickly become dry and overcooked. If temperatures do not rise, foods can sit on the grill for hours on end. Each recipe is unique and will suggest an ideal temperature range when cooking foods slow. That may require staying home and monitoring the grill temperature, periodically adjusting vents to maintain a steady temperature. Many smokers now enable users to monitor temperatures via a smartphone app, and those can be useful for cooks who cannot stick around the house for the



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Madyson Schliep named **ASU Sports Information Director**

ALAMOSA - Adams State Universities Athletic Director Katelyn Smith announced the hiring of Madyson Schliep as the Sports Information Director last Tuesday.

"We are so excited to welcome Madyson to our department! She brings great energy and she will be essential in taking our department to the next level in promoting both our student athletes and programs," Smith said.

For the past two seasons, Schliep served as the Athletic Marketing Graduate Assistant with RMAC foe Chadron State. Through her role, Schliep assisted with social media coverage and content creation for all twelve sports, and game day operations including statistical software, graphic design, and writing articles.

During her time at Chadron State, Schliep served as the Digital Content Editor for the Student Newspaper, The Eagle. Creating and

growing all social media, copy editing, and being a contributing writer in the opinion section.

Anative of Grand Island, Neb., Schliep received a Master's in Organizational Management with a Sports and Recreation option from Chadron State College in 2024 and a B.A. in Sports and Recreation Management in 2022, where she was a five-year member of the track and

Online registration now open for Manassa Pioneer Days 5K

Contributed

MANASSA - Area runners are encouraged to register in advance for the Manassa Pioneer Days 5K to avoid waiting in line on race day.

The Pioneer Days 5K, hailed as southern Colorado's longest-running road race – and one of its largest – will take place on July 20 beginning at 8 a.m. The start and finish lines are adjacent

to Jack Dempsey Park. Registration is available online until July 18 at https://runsignup.com/Race/ CO/Manassa/PioneerDays5K, or at bit. lyLetsGoRunMHK. The race fee is \$20.

Race officials encourage runners to register online to help make the race-day experience go more smoothly. Those who register in advance cane pick up their race packet in Jack Dempsey Park during the afternoon of July 19, or between 7-8



a.m. on July 20.

In-person registration will also be available in Jack Dempsey Park from 1-5 p.m. on July 19, and at 7 a.m. on

race day. The 47th Annual Manassa Pioneer Days 5K will be chip timed, with live results

available at bit.ly/LetsGoRunMHK. **Del Norte Rotary tourney** is July 19

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 will be a four-person scramble with

a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Registrations are preregistration only. The deadline to register is July 12.

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To register or for more information, go to mike@truelocalbank.com.

Sports Bulletin

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

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Alamosa at Salida (2), 4 p.m.

12-14 girls softball At Lee Field #1 **TUESDAY**

Sanford vs. Alamosa (2),

9-11 baseball At Cole Park

TUESDAY

Pirates vs. Cubs, 5 p.m. Angels vs. Rockies, 6:15

Red Sox vs. Dodgers, 7:30 p.m.

9-11 girls softball At Lee Field #3 **TUESDAY**

Battitudes vs. Ace of Bases, 6 p.m.

7-8 coed machine pitch **At Sunset Field WEDNESDAY**

Longhorns vs. Predators, 5:30 p.m. (southwest) Little Rascals vs. Thunderdogs, 5:30 p.m. (northeast)

Bat Busters vs. Sliders, 6:30 p.m. (northeast)

Co-ed Tee-ball At Tee-ball field **MONDAY**

Rug Rats vs. Little Giants, 5:30 p.m. (north field)

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

Coed Leisure softball At Lee Field **MONDAY**

War Turtles vs. CRP Dust Devils, 7 p.m. (Field 1) Cutthroats vs. The Undertakers, 7 p.m. (Field 2) Where My pitches At vs. SOS Misfits, 7 p.m. (Field 4) Steel Line vs. Bros Before Throws, 8 p.m. (Field 1) Top Notch vs. The Dirty Dozen, 8 p.m. (Field 2) La Puente Homers vs. Battitudes, 8 p.m. (Field 4)

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2024, and

Be it further resolved that, in accordance with state law, the Board declares a vacancy in this school director's office that will be filled by appointment by the Board within 60 days in accordance with the following procedure:

1. Interested persons are invited to send a letter to the Board with a statement of interest and qualifications by July 31, 2024. Letters can be submitted to vlopez@

on August 6, 2024

To be eligible for appointment, a candidate must be a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months and a resident of the district.

The appointee will serve the remainder of the unexpired term No. 4007.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Costilla County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. 400 Gasper St. San Luis CO.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the following: Limited Impact Review Application for a baseball field fencing project by Blanca/Fort Garland Metropolitan District in Fort Garland, on High way 159, Costilla County, Colorado. No. 4009.

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cants must hold a cur-

rent Colorado Teaching License or be able to

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AGER: CENTER HEAD START is searching for an EDU-CATION MANAGER. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent. experience working with diverse children and families, knowledge of Early Childhood development and ECE reports. Highly advised that applicants have good communication skills, leadership skills and ability to plan and problem solve. Applications can be picked up at the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions please call the office at 719-759-9259. (7/31/24)

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MOUNTAIN VAL-LEY SCHOOL DIS-TRICT has the following openings for the 24-25 school year: K-12 PE; HS SCIENCE; K-12 PRINCIPAL. Send in-Stagner @ Stagnerb@ valley.k12.co.us or call 719-655-2578. (7/10/24)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

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

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Office at 719-852-5996.

221 -**HELP WANTED**

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

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

BUSINESS MANAG-ER: ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is seeking a BUSINESS MANAGER for the DE-PARTMENT OF ATH-LETICS. The Business Manager position is Full-time and includes managing all aspects of fiscal responsibility and day to day operations for coaches and athletic department staff. Please send application to: athletics@adams.edu

221 -**HELP WANTED**

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

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Norte, Co 81132. EOE. (7/17/24) THE SLV LANDFILL is accepting applica-tions for a PART-TIME SCALE CLERK. Requires working the front office, waiting on customers, weighing loads, processing credit cards, cash transactions, cleans and maintains the office. Also, fill in for Office Assistant as needed. Must be willing to work in all types of weather and be able to work a fluctuating schedule including alternating Saturday's. Position open until filled. \$16.00 per hour 20-30 hours per week. Applications can be mailed to officemanager@slvlandfill.com or returned to the office. Download the application at slvlandfill.com. (7/2/24)

VALLEY EDUCA-TORS CREDIT UNION is accepting applications for a TĔLLER/MEMBER SERVICE REPRE-SENTATIVE. Successful candidate should have excellent communication and customer service skills, ability to listen, follow directions and identify the needs of others. They should possess a posi-tive, friendly attitude, integrity, be a team player and ability to multi-task. Prior teller experience is a plus. To apply, email résumé to laura@vecuslv.com or stop by our office at 910 Main Street in ALA-MOSA to pick-up an application. VECU has community for over 60 years and is an equal opportunity employer.

(6/29/24) COME BE A part of the growing CENTEN-NIAL R-1 TEAM! We are seeking applications for a SECONDARY MATH TEACHER, TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR, PRE-SCHOOL PARAPRO-FESSIONAL, PART-TIME CUSTODIAN, REGULAR BUS ROUTE or ACTIVITY BUS DRIVER, and a VARIETY OF SUB-STITUTES. Positions will remain open until filled. Each position has unique responsibilities, yet all require the same application process. Please submit a resume, three letters of recommendation, pertinent transcripts, and a background check/ valid CDE license with an application. Submit applications through https://www.applitrack. com/centennialschool/ onlineapp or email kimba.rael@centennial.k12.co.us. All fulltime positions qualify for a competitive benefits package and salarv as outlined through our Master Agreement, which is available at centennial. k12.co.us. The starting pay range for certified staff is \$36,872 to \$49,509; 9-month staff

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

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AT HOME CHILD CARE PROVIDER needed at the UP-PER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. 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! Please submit your application and resume to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, at 950 French Street, DEL NORTE, CO, 81132, or call at 719-657-4040, x4000. Applications may be retrieved online at urtigers.co or at the District Office.

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

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221 -HELP WANTED

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

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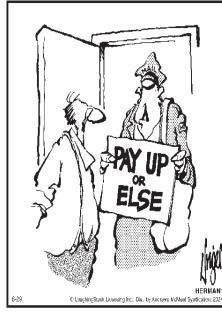
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Drug addiction, violence are tearing family apart

DEAR ABBY: My elderly father died recently. Although he had a variety of ailments, including heart disease, his death was unexpected. He spent many years of his life trying to save my drugaddicted, criminal sister from herself. Despite occasional periods of sobriety, she has invariably returned to her evil ways.

Three days before Dad passed, he was again trying to bail her out of a situation involving people she knew who stole her car. While Dad was driving her, she lost her temper (again) and struck him multiple times as my mother (on the phone) begged her to stop. Dad died a few days later, perhaps not from the assault, but his body just

said, "Enough!" My sister is now sinking her teeth into my mother like she did my dad, and I don't know what to do. I want Mom to cut her out of her life before this happens again, but Mom says, "She's still my daughter." Please advise.
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NEW JERSEY DEAR BETTER SIB-LING: Your sister IS still your mother's daughter as she was her father's. Point out to Mom that in spite of all the years your father spent bailing your sister out, her behavior never

improved. Often when we love someone, our instinct is to try to rescue them. Unfortunately, as your sister's addiction problem has proven, that rarely

Please find where the chapters of Nar-Anon are located in your vicinity and invite your mother to go with you to some of the meetings. It is a 12-step program for family and friends of addicts. You can find the information at nar-anon.org. If you do, it could save not only your sister's life but also your mother's.

DEAR ABBY: I was married for 25 years before I got divorced. We had three children. I begged my ex to be a better dad, although I knew it probably would not happen. Currently, he has no contact with any of them. He alienated them for different reasons, and his new wife has caused some issues.

Recently, my youngest daughter (who is 36) gave birth for the first time to my new granddaughter. She had a very difficult pregnancy and almost died. Four or five weeks after the delivery, she had a major blood clot in her

leg and again almost died. I think her dad should be notified by letter. However, all of the kids insist they want nothing to do



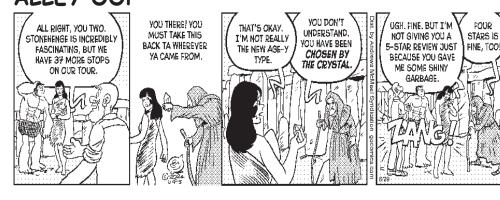
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with him. He has my daughters' phone numbers but not my son's, so he could call them. At one time, he stated that HE doesn't have any kids, they are MINE. What do you think? -- LET DOWN IN MINNESOTA DEAR LET DOWN:

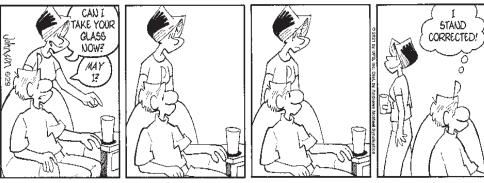
I think you should stay out of this! If your ex had wanted anything to do with his children, he would have been present for them. Your children are adults now, and they are able to decide on their own with no help from you how they want to conduct their lives. Frankly, I have a strong hunch that trying to involve their father now would only bring more pain than he has already

caused.

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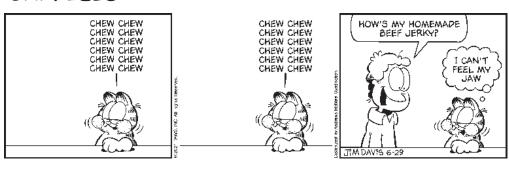
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