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SLV Today Adams State hosts free movie night

ALAMOSA — Bring your blankets and camping chairs and join the Adams State University community for a free movie night. The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. and the show, "Encanto," will start at dusk, about 8 p.m., Friday, July 26, on the front lawn of Richardson Hall.

Joint service at Little Shepherd in the Hills

The congregants of St. Stephen the Martyr Episcopal Church, Monte Vista, will join those of Little Shepherd in the Hills, Crestone, for an outdoor service of Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 28. A potluck lunch will follow the service.

All are welcome to enjoy the fellowship of community and the sacredness of the Holy Eucharist in a beautiful outdoor setting. Note that there will be no service at St. Stephen's on that day. Services resume the following Sunday at 10 a.m. at 3 rd and Washington streets in Monte Vista.

MV celebrates its newest Little Free Library

MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista will be installing a new Little Free Library (LFL) at 10 a.m. on Aug. 5 in the Terra Del Sol Subdivision. Come celebrate with books and ice cream. Sponsored by LOR Foundation and local citizens.

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Frisch raises over \$1.6M in Q2

Enters General Election with \$3.9 million cash on hand

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter
WOODY CREEK — In a press release sent out by the Adam Frisch campaign for Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, it was announced that the campaign raised \$1.62 mil-

lion with \$3.9 million cash on hand in the second quarter of 2024.

The second quarter of the year ended on June 30.

According to the release, entering the general election, the campaign has built critical infrastructure across the district to reach communities and constituents directly.

"I am grateful for all our supporters across the district who have helped make this possible. We are excited to continue traveling across the

district meeting with voters. We hear the same frustrations regardless of who we are talking to — costs keep rising, family budgets are getting tighter, and politicians in Washington don't get it," Frisch said in a statement. "My unwavering focus is not on Team Democrat or Team Republican, but Team CD3."

This quarter's average donation was just over \$30 from more than 52,000 individual donations. Frisch is the only

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Adam Frisch

Pioneer Days Rodeo winning run



Bailey Bishop rides her horse around the first barrel Saturday afternoon at the Pioneer Days Rodeo in Manassa. Bishop was the Open Barrel Racing champion with a time of 17.59 seconds and received a new saddle. Also receiving saddles were Open Team Roping champions Colby Crowther and Kalob Lepp and Open Tie-Down Roping champion Travis Canty. Saddle sponsors were Crowther Ranches, Seal Cattle Ranch, and the El Pomar Foundation. Complete rodeo results were not available prior to publication.

Photo by Brian Williams

Covered Wagon Days just weeks away

By LYNDSIE FERRELL
DEL NORTE — Del Norte is gearing up for its annual Covered Wagon Days and the four-day event is set to be a grand time for all.

Beginning on Thursday, Aug. 1, the town will be a great place to come for an afternoon of fun, farmers markets and music in the park. Kathy's Fabric Trunk will be hosting the annual quilt show and the Rio Grande County Museum

has opened an antique quilt and clothing show for all to enjoy. The San Luis Valley quilt Guild will be selling their \$10 items to raise money for several charity projects for the coming year.

The Town of Del Norte will be hosting its Thursday night Music in the Park and Mercado Del Norte will be set up in the Del Norte Town Park for an evening of live entertainment and fun for the entire family.

Friday will feature the annual Veteran's Dinner at the High Valley Community Center with proceeds going toward Veteran services and places like the Homelake Veteran's center in Monte Vista. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased at the door.

Saturday will be a day packed full of fun beginning early in the morning with the Val Alto Pancake breakfast and followed by the Bees Knees 5K

walk and run that takes participants along trails in some of Del Norte's beautiful back country. Whether looking to fill up on pancakes or participate in the 5K, both are at the High Valley Community Center.

By 7:30 a.m., people can also wander to the Del Norte Public Library's annual Book Sale. This event is a great place to come and stock up on books for the coming winter or even as a gift

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Sundays at Six continues July 28 with Xerephine Band

CONTRIBUTED
ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Live Music Association's Sundays at Six summer concert series continues July 28 with the luscious folk and indie sounds of Xerephine Band, featuring Sage and Aera, from Crestone. The concert begins at 6 p.m. at Cole Park.

Hailing from the United Kingdom, but now located in Crestone, Xerephine's music carries Celtic undertones, and she plays in an array of styles from upbeat ambient dance with bass, to meditative soundscapes featuring her unique vo-

cal style, live harp and bodhran. Activism, Catharsis and Liberation weave their way through her lyrical web and lie at the heart of many of her songs. She is also, on occasion, spotted in the woods portraying a storytelling fairy with her harp for children and adults alike.

Most recently she has been enjoying exploring a collaboration with the beautiful duo, Sage and Aera (We Dream Dawn) and a live band. Xerephine has co-hosted musical based workshops and opened

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Courtesy photo

Xerephine Band, featuring Sage and Aera, from Crestone will be performing at the Alamosa Live Music Association's Sundays at Six summer concert on July 28 in Cole Park in Alamosa.

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OBITUARIES

Anthony Eli Atencio

Anthony Eli Atencio, 64, Manassas, Va., formerly from Antonito, went home to be with the Lord on May 30, 2024. He was born in Alamosa, Colo., on March 22, 1960.

Anthony was so looking forward to retirement and returning home to the San Luis Valley. He was a loving father and grandfather and would often brag about his family.

He was a jokester who spent a lot of time laughing. He loved to fish, but mostly chose to spend his time with his family and friends. Anthony was a dedicated employee of



Prospect Waterproofing for over 20 years.

Anthony is survived by his wife, Nancy; two sons, Joshua (Victoria) Atencio, Va., and Jonathan Atencio, Antonito; Mother of his children, AnnaRae Martinez, Antonito, two step-children, Theresa and Jason; two

granddaughters, Areana (Avant) Ortega and Javeryn Atencio; two grandsons, Jonathan and Kyle; and his siblings, David, Julian, Alex (Mary Jane), Gary (Bobbie Jo), Louella (Darren), and Veronica (Tony).

He was preceded in death by his parents Elias and Sevia Atencio, infant sister Luella and infant brother Gerald.

A rosary service will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Conejos, on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 10 a.m., with funeral service immediately following. Interment will be held at a later date.

Kylee Janae Cisneros-Gomez

Kylee Janae Cisneros-Gomez, a beautiful, genuine, fun-loving soul, joined our Heavenly Father on July 17, 2024. Born on Oct. 26, 2001, in Alamosa, Kylee's life was a testament to the true spirit of joy.

She lived her life with purpose – and her primary purpose, for all who knew her, was to make people laugh. As the proud recipient of the Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal for Emerging Community Leader, she demonstrated her life of serving and helping others.

Although her time was short, she had a profound impact on those who knew her. She lived and loved fiercely. Her crazy, fun-loving, caring, and kooky personality allowed her to easily make friends. She



enjoyed spending time with family, dancing, using her creativity – but her greatest love was for reading – you would rarely see Kylee without a book nearby.

She is survived by her mother, Amanda Cisneros (Jimmy); her father, Gary Gomez; her siblings, Tony (Brae Lynn / Zayleigh), Darius, Gia,

Havy; her Grandmother, Frances Cisneros; her Grandfather, Albert (RoAnne) Gomez; her Auntie and Uncle, Sandy and Kory (Kaiden) Bragdon; her uncle, Eli Vigil; her aunt, Sherry, and numerous other close family members.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Leroy Cisneros; her grandmother, Louise Gomez; her aunt, Dina Vigil; her uncle, Josh Gomez.

The family will be hosting a Celebration of Life at Antonito High School on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 12 p.m. so you can pay tribute to her memory.

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

Ronny Dean Freel

Ronny Dean Freel, also known as Ron, Rod, and Hot Rod (as a young kid) passed away at his home in Belen, N.M., on April 30, 2024, at the age of 70. He was born in Alamosa, Colo., on May 9, 1953, to Harold (Pont) and Winifred Maxine (Feeenie) Freel.

Ron was a proud father of two daughters, Tandy Freel (Todd Burt) of Sandia Park, N.M., and Blair (Brian) Lopez of Albuquerque, N.M., and especially proud of his two grandsons, Joseph and Alex Lopez of Albuquerque, N.M.

Ron graduated as valedictorian from Moffat High School where he enjoyed playing basketball. He also rode rough stock and bulldogged at high school rodeos. Outside of school, he worked at the family ranch driving heavy equipment and tractors, a love he never outgrew.

In 1974, Ron and his wife, Lynette, moved to Bloomfield, N.M. Ron worked at a gravel quarry and Plateau Inc. before



joining Giant Industries as a crude oil truck driver. Ron worked for Giant/Western Refining for over 20 years where he managed a fleet of crude trucks along with personnel and always loved to work and drive the big rigs. Ron was also an outdoorsman who loved fishing and hunting big game in Colorado and New Mexico.

In retirement, Ron lived on an 8-acre farm that he cared for with much passion.

He tinkered with tractors, raised hay, cared for livestock, and maintained a great group of friends. He especially loved his "four-legged kids" that accompanied him during work and play, they were always by his side.

Ron was preceded in

death by his parents Harold L. and Winifred M. Freel, his two brothers, Terry (Ted) Freel and Robert (Bob) Freel, his brother-in-law, David (Dave) Stagner, and his "forever brother-in-law", Robbie Clark.

Ron is survived by two daughters, two grandsons, his sister, Linda Stagner of Moffat, Colo., and two sister-in-laws, Bonnie Buzard of Tucson, Ariz., and Kathy Freel of Moffat, Colo. Ron is also survived by his nephews, Pete (Lynn) Stagner, Brady (Kelly) Stagner, Scott (Judy) Freel, Darrel (Kim) Freel, and Clint (Dana) Stagner, nieces, Amy Freel, Robbie Jay (Jay) Bertelsen, and Tina (Bill) Eastman, and several great-nieces and -nephews.

A grave side memorial service will be held on Aug. 3, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at the Rito Alto Cemetery, County Road X, Moffat, Colo., with lunch to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rito Alto Cemetery.

Corey Don Fernandez

Corey Don Fernandez, 34, Alamosa, Colo., was taken from us Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Corey was born Aug. 17, 1989, in Alamosa, Colo., and was a lifelong resident. He worked various jobs though out his life and was always willing to lend a hand to friends and family when they needed help.

Corey faced many struggles throughout his life as we all do but he always pushed forward and never gave up. He will be remembered for his quiet, kind nature and strong will. He always showed up for people when it mattered most!

He is survived by his



mother Monica Apodaca, Alamosa; his maternal grandmother Sara Lee, Colorado Springs; sister, Toni Fernandez, Alamosa;

nephews, Elijah Sierra, Urijah Sierra and Elias Sierra, Alamosa; maternal aunts Juanita Apodaca, Alamosa, Julie Apodaca, Colorado Springs,

cousins; Joseph Sandoval Jr., Alamosa, Judah Sanchez, Alamosa, Donovin Naverez, Damion Naverez and Jayda Laster.

He was preceded in death by his birth father Robert Fernandez, stepdad Jimmy Lopez and grandpa Jim Lopez.

Services will be held at the Sacred Heart Church in Alamosa, Colo. Rosary, 9:30 a.m., Mass at 10, burial at Alamosa Cemetery, followed by lunch at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Alamosa Police Department report for July 7 to July 16, 2024

Griselda Tome Lagos, 45, of Alamosa was cited for cruelty to animals.

Joseph Kelly, 49, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful possession of controlled substance.

Cody Gonzalez, 19, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 10-19 over.

Pablo Loya, 35, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 10-19 over.

Ronnie Pacheco, 36, of Monte Vista was cited for theft under \$300.

Nicole Martinez, 36, of Alamosa was cited for changing lanes when unsafe.

Isaac Vasquez, 23, of Blanca was cited for speeding 10-19 over, driving under restraint. Benjamin Tomas-Lira, 19, of Alamosa was cited for DU-alcohol, speeding 1-4 over, failed to yield ROW to emergency vehicle.

Robert Silva, 22, of La Jara was cited for DUI-alcohol, weaving, DUI per se.

Tonya Owsley, 57, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 5-9 over.

Courtney Comardelle, 44, of Castle Rock was cited for speeding 10-19 over, pedestrian safety zone.

Amy Menges, 42, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 10-19 over.

Dale Gonzales, 59, of La Jara was cited for speeding 10-19 over. Jacquelyn De-Haan, 29, of Salem, Massachusetts was cited for speeding 5-9 over.

Jacob Herrera, 28, of Burlington was cited for speeding 5-9 over, pedestrian safety zone.

Benjamin Quinone-Hernandez, 65, of Monte Vista was cited for failing to obey traffic signal, uninsured vehicle.

Devon Ramirez, 18, of Alamosa was cited for domestic violence, harass-

ment, false imprisonment, 3rd degree assault.

David Vialpando, 34, of Alamosa was cited for violation of restraining order.

Avelino Juan-Pedro, 23, of Alamosa was cited for 2nd degree burglary, theft under \$300.

Juan Meza, 33, of Monte Vista was cited for unlawful possession of controlled substance.

Karina Escarega Castillo, 36, of Brighton was cited for uninsured vehicle, speeding 10-19 over.

Daniel Gilmore, 38, of Alamosa was cited for DUI-alcohol, uninsured vehicle failed to drive in designated lane.

Anthony Quintana, 43, of Alamosa was cited for camper parked on street over 72 hours, parking more than 12: off curb, unauthorized camping on public property.

Gary Cisneros, 43, of Alamosa was cited for unauthorized camping on public property.

Mackenzie Faucette, 22, of La Jara was cited for failing to yield ROW when proceeding from stop sign.

Jeffrey Mora, 47, of North Las Vegas was cited for failure to use turn signals, drivers vision obstructed, uninsured vehicle, driving under restraint-habitual.

Donnie Turner, 69, of Alamosa was cited for harassment.

Jonathan Granillo, 27, of Mosca was cited for false imprisonment, domestic violence.

Alicia Jiron, 29, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.

Nakia Pettis, 22, of Alamosa was cited for 3rd degree assault.

Amberlee Lopez, 29, of Antonito was cited for theft under \$300, unlawful possession of controlled substance x2.

Roger Lauro, 28, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.

Lindsey Sisneros, 34, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.

Priscilla Medina, 49, of Alamosa was cited for 3rd degree assault.

Orlando Medina, 35, of Alamosa was cited for theft \$300-\$999, obstruction, theft under \$300.

Raymond Rivera, 28, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful possession of controlled substance.

Gary Dugas, 36, of Alamosa was cited for vehicle had defective stop lights, driving under restraint, fictitious plate, uninsured vehicle.

Nathan Gibson, 38, of Alamosa was cited for off-highway vehicles, ATVs on public roadway.

Tamara Riedl, 66, of Alamosa was cited for uninsured vehicle.

Elizabeth Dodds, 39, of Alamosa was cited for dog at large, license required.

Deven Brady, 18, of Antonito was cited for speeding 5-9 over.

Frank Marksberry, 64, of Alamosa was cited for careless driving causing bodily injury.

Jay Wahrenburg, 83, of Creede was cited for careless driving.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Eric Jay Valdez

San Luis resident Eric Jay Valdez was called home July 19, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Paul Albert Skinner

San Luis resident Paul Albert Skinner, 65, took his eternal rest on July 12, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

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Valley News

Annual Snowshoe Shuffle on Aug. 3

CONTRIBUTED CREEDE — Join in the fun and support Mineral County Search and Rescue. The 39th annual Snowshoe Shuffle 5K run and walk will be held at 9 a.m. on Aug. 3.

Registration will start at 8 a.m. The race will begin at Basham Park in downtown Creede. Runners will start at 9 a.m. and walkers will start at 9:02 a.m. Awards are given to both runners and walkers in each age division — and there are a lot of age groups.

"This race is for all abilities, ages, and sizes. Make this race as fun or challenging as you like. Runners, walkers, and baby strollers are welcomed as this is a fun

family event," organizers stated.

All entrants will receive a long-sleeved tech T-shirt celebrating the dark skies of Colorado.

Stay after the race for medals for the top three male and female runners and top three male and female walkers. There will also be ribbons for the top three finishers of each age and gender group for both the run and walk. The age groups are: 6 and under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90 plus. While waiting for awards people can enjoy delicious cookies donated by Bristol Head Bakery,



Courtesy photo

Snowshoe Shuffle participants ready for the start of the 5K run and walk.

"We look forward to seeing you at this year's event as we help support

those who help us by volunteering their time to

serve the Mineral County Search and Rescue," or-

ganizers stated. If you want to be involved by don't want to walk or run, come help

Strong support for Harris among Colorado delegates

By **QUENTIN YOUNG**
Colorado Newsline

Democratic delegates in Colorado began to show strong support for Vice President Kamala Harris as the party's nominee for president almost immediately after President Joe Biden announced Sunday he would not seek reelection.

One of those delegates, state Rep. Leslie Herod

of Denver, was Colorado co-chair of Harris' 2020 campaign.

"I will be supporting Kamala Harris as our next president," Herod told Newsline on Sunday, adding that she has seen Harris' leadership qualities up close. "She really is committed to not only our country, but the people in it ... She's not an isolated leader. She is one that

leads with the people and alongside of them."

Delegates of the Democratic Party are scheduled to vote for a presidential candidate during a virtual roll call in early August, a process that had been established before Biden dropped out of the race. In exiting the race, Biden endorsed Harris to replace him on the presidential ticket. Other

people who have been mentioned as possible Democratic presidential nominees include Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear and California Gov. Gavin Newsom. Some commentators also cite Colorado Gov. Jared Polis, who endorsed Harris, as a contender.

Democratic delegate Jeri Shepherd said she signed a letter of support for Harris that's circulating among Democratic delegates from around the country. On a version of the letter that she shared with Newsline, other Colorado delegates who signed include former state Rep. Joe Salazar and Howard Chou.

Salazar, a Democratic delegate who had previously called on Biden to exit the race, told Newsline he endorses Harris as the presidential candidate. He said members of the Democratic state central committee met Sunday afternoon. The members generally expressed "strong support" for Harris as the nominee, and no members expressed support for any other nominee, Salazar said.

U.S. Rep. Joe Neguse, the assistant Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, also announced support for Harris.

"Vice-President @KamalaHarris is a dedicated public servant and trailblazer who has delivered real progress for the people of our country," Neguse said in a

post on X, with a photo of him posing with Harris. "I couldn't be more excited to endorse & support her campaign for President of the United States."

A spokesperson for U.S. Brittany Pettersen told Newsline that Pettersen is endorsing Harris.

Other members of Congress from Colorado who threw support behind Harris include Reps. Diana DeGette of Denver, Jason Crow of Centennial and Yadira Caraveo of Thornton, and U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickel.

Secretary of State Jena Griswold also declared support for Harris in an X post.

"I am proud to support @KamalaHarris, a tremendous leader who is ready to serve this country as the next President of the United States," Griswold, a Democratic delegate, wrote.

Democratic delegate Wanda James, a University of Colorado regent, signaled her support for Harris in a post on X.

State Rep. Meg Froelich of Greenwood Village, also a delegate, told Newsline she supports Harris, and she confirmed that the Democratic central committee meeting Sunday was characterized by strong support for Harris, and no members expressed support for an alternative.

"I've long wanted, and felt it was overdue to have, a woman president," Froelich said. "But I also think that this is a natural progression."

She said developments Sunday were a "shot of adrenaline" for the process of putting a Democratic nominee up against the Republican nominee, former President Donald Trump.

"My phone has just been blowing up with excitement," Froelich said. "You couldn't have two more different sets of values, so I think this moment today is part of that context, where people are really feeling so much is on the line. The stakes are so clear."

She added, "We were already feeling our guy was the better choice. This takes it to another level."

Herod said she had long supported Biden.

"I've always appreciated Biden for stepping up and putting a Black woman on the ticket with him, and running this country with her at the helm alongside of him," she said.

She said that when she worked on the Harris campaign she got to know her personally, and that experience contributed to her support for Harris' candidacy for president.

"I've always seen her as someone I've vastly respected, but mostly I held very dear the private conversations that I've had with her that have helped me to be the leader that I am today," Herod said. "I have been able to receive her wisdom on multiple occasions right here in Colorado, while I've fought for various bills across the state ... I very much have valued that kind of personal touch she brings to everything that she does."



File photo

Covered Wagon Days in Del Norte is only weeks away.

Days

■ Continued from Page 1 for the bookworms out there! All proceeds from this event go towards the library.

The annual Covered Wagon Days parade kicks off at 10 a.m. along Grande Avenue which will be closed this year from 10 a.m. until noon.

This year's theme is "The good, the bad and the ugly" which should bring out the true old west side of Del Norte.

Following the parade is the annual Ice Cream Social at the Rio Grande County Museum and the barbecue lunch fundraiser at the Del Norte Fire Department.

Saturday afternoon brings people to the

Del Norte Town Park where there will be vendors, a car show and something for everyone to enjoy. Sunday morning is the annual fly-in breakfast at the Kent Rominger Airport and church in the Town Park followed by a barbecue lunch.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.coveredwagondays.com.

Sundays

■ Continued from Page 1 for or collaborated with members of Elephant Revival, Ayla Nereo, Rising Appalachia, Michael Travis (String Cheese), Marya Stark, OTT, Phutureprimitive, Liberation Movement, Octopus Nebula, The Luminaries and Lunar Fire amongst many others. She has been gigging around the U.S. for over a decade, and has toured Europe, Russia, Iceland, the U.K and Ireland.

She teaches workshops at various events including an insightful Dive into Archetypes and Fairytales and an Intro to Ableton Live. She also facilitates nature-based retreats in her beautiful home in Crestone. For more information, visit online.xerephine.com.

The show will be livestreaming on ALMA's

Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/almalivemusic>.

Tacos Martinez and Frosty Acres Rolled Ice Cream food trucks will be on site at each concert this summer.

ALMA is again 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 gra-

nola bars, dried fruit, etc.), gluten free items, healthy canned or boxed meals (chili, etc.), shelf-stable milk and milk alternatives.

Sundays at Six 2024 is generously sponsored by Alamosa Building Supply, Alamosa Home, Alamosa State Bank, Bank Shot Sports Bar, Blanca Peak Dental Center, City of Alamosa, Colorado Trust, Comfort Inn & Suites of Alamosa, Community Banks of Colorado, Crestone Eagle, First Southwest Bank, Kenneth King Foundation, KRZA, Laura Jane Mussler Foundation, North River Greenwood, RG Bank, SLV Federal Bank, SLV Health, SLV REC/Ciello, Sports Print Plus, Stefens Quality Plumbing and Heating, Valley Courier, Valley-Wide Health Systems, Visit Alamosa, Wall, Smith, Bateman, and Xcel Energy Foundation.

Frisch

■ Continued from Page 1 candidate in the race who has never and is not taking any corporate PAC money.

"This is in stark contrast to his opponent, Jeff Hurd, who is financed and influenced by special interests and corporate PACs," the announcement read. "Hurd's average donation was more than \$1,000."

According to the FEC, Hurd had raised \$1,205,000 as of June 30. Hurd did not win the primary to run as the Republican candidate for CD3 until June 28, just two days prior to the cut off for reporting fundraising activities.

The Valley Courier

reached out to the Hurd campaign to confirm that number, which they did. No information about fundraising in July or August was offered.

Since the election in 2022, when Frisch — then a political newcomer — came within 550 votes of unseating Lauren Boebert, he had set his sights on a second contest with the Republican firebrand, raising funds that far outpaced what would be expected in a rural congressional district.

At the beginning of 2024, Boebert shocked everyone when she announced that she would be leaving the 3rd Congressional District to run in the 4th Congressional District, following the resignation of Rep. Ken Buck from of-

fice. The 4th Congressional District is considered a Republican stronghold in the state.

At that time, Hurd, who has been characterized as a more moderate Republican, had already announced his intention to take on Boebert in the primary. With her exit to another district, Hurd, favored by some of the most recognizable names in state Republican politics, emerged as the likely candidate to win the primary, which he did, handily beating Ron Hanks, who came in second.

New fundraising numbers in either campaign will not be released until the end of the next quarter, which happens on the last day of September.

Lifestyles

Colorado awarded \$328 million in IRA climate funding grants

By CHASE WOODRUFF
Colorado Newsline
 The Colorado Energy Office and the Denver Regional Council of Governments will receive a total of \$328 million in new grant funding to support the state's efforts to speed up the clean energy transition.

The funding, set to be announced Monday by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, comes from a pot of \$5 billion to be doled out by the agency as part of the Inflation Reduction Act, Democrats' landmark 2022 climate law.

The two awards under the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program allocate \$129 million to fund the Colorado Energy Office's launch of a "Colorado decarbonization accelerator," and \$199 million towards a plan by DRCOG to support building electrification and the adoption of zero-emission building codes in the nine-county

metro region. "This substantial funding is a major advancement in the bold action we must take to combat the climate crisis effectively," U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette, a Denver Democrat, said in a statement. "The Inflation Reduction Act includes some of the most significant climate action in our history, and I am proud to have voted for this landmark law. With this funding, Denver can take a significant step towards reducing pollution, combating climate change, and securing a healthier environment for future generations."

DRCOG, a planning organization governed by representatives from dozens of Denver-area city and county governments, was previously awarded a \$1 million planning grant under the same EPA program. The agency's Priority Climate Action Plan, released in March, outlined a range of proposed measures to cut greenhouse gas emissions from

buildings, from electrification incentives for large commercial and multifamily properties to free home weatherization services for low-income residents.

The DRCOG project also aims to support workforce training, "generate well-paying jobs throughout the supply chain and drive innovation in the construction industry within our state," according to a March 2024 letter in support of the proposal from DeGette and Rep. Brittany Pettersen of Lakewood.

The grants announced Monday rank among the largest single awards to Colorado state and local agencies to date under the IRA, which included a total of \$369 billion in federal funding and consumer incentives to support clean energy adoption. Earlier this year, the Colorado Energy Office received \$156 million in funding from the EPA to support rooftop solar installations and community solar programs.



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Travel enthusiasts can appreciate gifts that cater to their desire to get away from home.

Great gifts for globetrotters

(METRO) -- John Denver sang about "leavin' on a jet plane," inspiring many to take a flight to parts known and unknown. Millions of people travel to and from the country every year, with TravelPerk estimating the market size of the United States tourism sector at \$798.81 billion in July 2023. Tourism took a hit during the global pandemic, but traveling has since rebounded in a big way.

With so many people taking to the roads, rails and skies, shoppers can customize their gift lists when shopping for people who have caught the travel bug. Below are several gifts for those with wanderlust.

- Portable Bluetooth speaker: Music can make the journey more interesting and create a welcoming ambiance upon arrival. People who don't want to leave home without their favorite tunes often have curated playlists on popular music streaming services. While earbuds are a go-to for

personal listening, a portable speaker can provide impressive sound to share songs with friends when relaxing by the pool or traversing trails.

- Ergonomic neck pillow: Getting some rest and being comfortable while traveling is key. Ergonomic neck pillows keep the neck and head in a comfortable position when sitting upright during long flights or rides.

- High-quality passport cover: Consider a passport travel cover that is personalized with a graphic, name or monogram. A cover can protect the passport and keep other travel documents orderly while adding a layer of elegance to travel.

- Compression packing bags or cubes: Travelers want to ensure they can bring all their gear when getting away, but sometimes suitcase space can come at a premium. Compression products work like a vacuum sealer, removing air to reduce the space that items take up.

- Travel adapter: Inter-

national travel requires contending with different power outlets. In order to use electronic equipment brought from home, travelers will require the right adapter. Look for ones with multiple ports.

- Travel pouch or money belt: Keeping valuables out of the hands of pickpockets means being savvy about safe storage. Travel pouches and money belts are designed to be discrete, and some can be hidden in waistbands or under clothing to protect valuables.

- Travel journal: Journals allow travelers to capture memories along the way, with space to jot down experiences and add photos. It can make for a cherished keepsake in the future.

- New luggage: Every traveler needs a durable piece of luggage or two when the desire to see the world strikes. A rolling, vibrantly colored carry-on ensures the luggage is easily spotted and gives travelers the option to skip baggage check and bring it right on board.

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Popular board games through the years

(METRO) – Board games remain timeless, despite the popularity of video games and mobile gaming. Ask any person about a favorite game they may have played, and it's likely some traditional board games will be at or near the top of the list.

Some may be interested to find out which games were the most popular the year they were born or garnered their fair share of devotees during their childhood. Here's a look at popular games throughout the seventies, eighties and nineties, courtesy of researchers with Popular Mechanics.

- 1974: Connect Four combined the strategies of Tic Tac Toe and checkers into this strategic game.

- 1975: Pay Day involved getting through a calendar month paying bills and other expenses. It's basically balancing the budget in game form.

- 1976: Whosit? had players trying to guess their opponent's secret identity.

- 1977: Electronic Battleship added noises to the regular game of trying to sink battleships to make play more exciting.

- 1978: Simon required players to improve their pace in this heart-racing memory game.

- 1979: Guess Who was another game of figuring out a person's identity by asking questions.

- 1980: Can't Stop had players rolling pairs to see how long their luck would last.

- 1981: Trivial Pursuit became the most well-

known of trivia games.

- 1982: Sequence combined a card game with a board game and included up to 12 players for big game nights.

- 1983: Topple asked players to stack colored pieces high on the board without having the tower topple.

- 1984: Balderdash was all about having players bluff their way through definitions of words and more.

- 1985: Pictionary required players to channel their inner artists to draw the words on the cards so teammates could guess.

- 1986: Fireball Island involved moving around the board to retrieve a giant ruby from the top of a mountain.

- 1987: Jenga was another stacking game but instead of piling pieces on top, it involved removing pieces without toppling the tower.

- 1988: Mall Madness came out during the height of the shopping mall boom. Players used a credit card to buy everything on their shopping lists.

- 1989: Taboo forced players to try to describe the word on the card without using the forbidden words listed below.

- 1990: Crocodile Dentist required players try to pull out crocodile teeth without triggering the jaws to snap shut.

- 1991: Atmosfear incorporated an interactive component through use of a VHS tape. The Gatekeeper popped up on screen to keep the game unexpected.

- 1992: Terrace appeared as a prop on "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and then gained popularity in real life.

- 1993: 13 Dead End Drive required players to escape from a booby-trapped house.

- 1994: Pylos involved being the player to place the last marble at the top of the pyramid.

Those wondering about the most popular game in 2023 may want to pick up Hegemony: Lead Your Class to Victory. Hegemony is centered on various "classes" of people and how to make alliances and political maneuvers to advance.



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RGC commissioners have work session on SB 24-131

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

RIO GRANDE COUNTY – During a work session on July 10, Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners discussed Senate Bill 24-131 which prohibits carrying firearms in sensitive spaces.

According to the description of the bill, "The act prohibits a person from knowingly carrying a firearm, both openly and concealed, in the following government buildings, including their adjacent parking areas:

State legislative buildings, including buildings at which the offices of elected members are located;

A building of a local government's governing body, including buildings at which the offices of elected members or the chief executive officer of a local government are located (local government buildings); and

A courthouse or other building used for court proceedings."

The county already has a policy in place prohibiting the carrying of firearms, concealed or openly in most government facilities which include the 12th Judicial Court, the Rio Grande County Administration building, where both the court and administration resides and the Rio Grande County Annex building and county clerk's office.

The purpose of the discussion was to limit the prohibition of firearms to these areas and to reject the portion of the bill that includes the campus and adjacent parking areas as well as other county properties including the Kent Rominger Airport, the Rio Grande County Weed District offices and the Rio Grande County Museum.

Rio Grande County Attorney Nancy Lake was the first to speak on the topic,

stating that it was in the best interest of the county to consider creating a resolution that says the county would allow firearms in the adjacent parking areas to encourage people carrying firearms to leave them safely locked in their vehicles when coming to the county to conduct business or attend court.

The 12th Judicial District also sent a letter stating the same, and pointing out that firearms were already strictly banned from the court rooms located on the third floor of the county building. Rio Grande County Sheriff Ann Robinson and her team of law enforcement voiced the same sentiment, stating that they would prefer to allow the public to have a place to store the vehicles away from county facilities while still respecting the right to carry.

As far as the other facilities up for discussion that are located away from the main county campus, commissioners opened the floor to hear from both department heads and elected officials. Rio Grande County Clerk Cindy Hill voiced that firearms would remain prohibited in her offices and the county annex building.

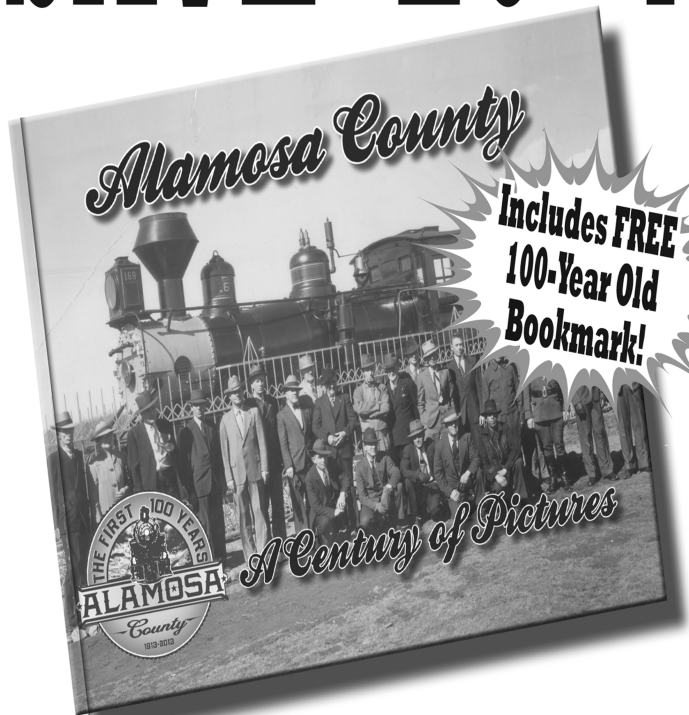
Rio Grande County Emergency Manager and Airport Manager Brian Burrell said he had pilots that came to the airport who carried and those who fly in for hunting seasons.

"It just wouldn't make sense to prohibit firearms at the airport for these reasons," he said.

It was also discussed that the Rio Grande County Museum was a public place where the open or concealed carry of a firearm should be allowed.

Commissioners will consider all the discussion before making a final decision during an upcoming regularly scheduled public meeting.

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A record number of 476 runners and walkers finished the Manassa Pioneer Days 5k on Saturday in the 47-year history of the event.

Manassa 5k sees record participation

STAFF REPORT
MANASSA—An all-time high of 535 participants registered for the annual Manassa Pioneer Days 5k walk-run with a second record of 476 recorded as finishers Saturday in the 47-year history of the family-oriented event, according to longtime race organizer Ed Creery. He also estimated close to 3,000 spectators there to witness the race finish.

Alamosa native Pat Melgares, official timer as "lets go run," said his race data base indicated that registrants came from 15 states and 89 United States cities.

Isaac Higuera, of Alamosa, was the top overall finisher in 16:53.5 with Alliyah Molina of Alamosa topping the female field in 18:40.2.

Final results were as follows:

Male Age Groups

5 and Under - 1. Gus King, 47:51.7; 2. Nash Nelson, 55:47.6.
6 to 8 - 1. Conley Polkowski, 27:47.5; 2. Danilo Adams, 30:28.8; 3. Asa Norton, 33:30.2; 4. Leif Segó, 33:59.5; 5. Connor Lane, 35:42.7; 6. Michael J. O'Connell, 37:33.4; 7. Knox Nelson, 41:27.3; 8. Liam Norris, 42:03.4; 9. Brian Segó, 45:57.4; 10. Owen Horton, 50:49.7; 11. Owen George, 50:49.8; 12. Seth Charlson, 53:15.5; 13. Levi Brown, 55:56.3; 14. Frankie Salazar, 57:37.2.
9 to 12 - 1. Grovson Romero, 20:35.8; 2. Cole Edelen, 21:47.0; 3. Cade Gonzalez, 23:07.1; 4. Ian Sorenson, 24:09.1; 5. Eyan Sowards, 25:51.1; 6. Wyatt Bush, 26:04.4; 7. Weston Dikes, 26:07.8; 8. Jackson Gilchrist, 26:38.9; 9. Miles Hammell, 26:58.9; 10. Kayvan Polkowski, 26:59.5; 11. Blayton Sowards, 28:02.0; 12. Wesley Paulsen, 28:06.3; 13. Ty Smith, 30:03.2; 14. Liam Johnson, 30:07.7; 15. Everett No Last Name, 30:32.5; 16. Sneezy White, 30:46.5; 17. Anders McDaniel, 30:50.3; 18. Emmett Bush, 31:56.6; 19. Cam Coleman, 32:00.0; 20. Mark Bush, 32:20.3; 21. Hagen No Last Name, 34:01.7; 22. Leean Leean, 34:18.9; 23. Brandon Munson, 34:43.9; 24. Brenton Sandoval, 34:52.7; 25. Doc Williams, 35:35.2; 26. Hunter Bush, 34:56.1; 27. Wyatt Miller, 35:03.0; 28. Mitchell Romero, 38:39.9; 29. Trent Brady, 39:27.5; 30. Kellan Taylor, 39:43.3; 31. Aidan Gibson, 39:52.7; 32. Taylor McCutcheon, 51:25.1; 33. Helam Johnson, 55:51.8; 34. Alexander No Last Name, 56:41.7; 35. Lane Smith, 57:41.5.

13 to 15 - 1. Lincoln Bagwell, 20:27.1; 2. Blake Miller, 22:09.8; 3. Ian McDaniel, 22:22.0; 4. Ethan Martinez, 22:29.0; 5. Everett No Last Name, 22:57.0; 6. Kobe Abe, 23:05.9; 7. Huntley Duran, 23:53.6; 8. Rhett Taylor, 24:15.4; 9. Kade McDaniel, 24:29.5; 10. Jacob Passey, 24:35.9; 11. Simon Hageman, 25:22.8; 12. Cale Snyder, 25:43.1; 13. Alex Hammel, 27:25.1; 14. Caleb Charlton, 27:28.3; 15. Mateo Pacheco, 27:40.7; 16. Derrick Sandoval, 27:57.7; 17. Robert Bush, 28:00.6; 18. Hunter Horton, 30:54.9; 19. Tavin Sowards, 30:48.6; 20. Samuel Makoff, 31:26.5; 21. Wheeler Larson, 31:52.2; 22. Joey Torres, 32:29.5; 23. Cody Miller, 33:20.8; 24. Nicholas No Last Name, 34:02.1; 25. Kade Mortenson, 34:17.6; 26. Ramon Chavira, 35:15.7; 27. Steven J. Velasquez, 36:14.7; 28. Alec Jacquez, 36:55.7; 29. Keith Bentley, 42:09.2; 30. Adam Smith, 51:49.3; 31. Junior Johnson, 58:47.4.

16 to 19 - 1. Mario Villalba, 17:44.3; 2. Case Thomas, 18:04.1; 3. Brandon Mirabal, 18:19.0; 4. Cody Williams, 18:37.0; 5. Carson Bagwell, 19:31.4; 6. Tate Bothun, 19:35.2; 7. Tyler Hostetter, 20:17.6; 8. Manny Ramirez, 20:30.2; 9. Oscar Hageman, 20:35.7; 10. Karter Lane, 20:50.5; 11. Kyle Poulson, 21:13.3; 12. Carson Gonzalez, 21:50.4; 13. Kaleb Anderson, 22:10.3; 14. Dean Garcia, 22:30.3; 15. Matt Poulson, 23:14.5; 16. Bryce Lezica, 23:18.7; 17. Tray Sowards, 23:42.2; 18. Riley Valdez, 24:40.5; 19. Thomas Spillane, 25:18.9; 20. Konner Horton, 25:18.9; 21. Kade Walenta, 25:29.5; 22. Riley Haussler, 25:48.8; 23. Dane McDaniel, 25:50.4; 24. Donovan Valdez, 27:37.9; 25. Leon Gonzalez, 27:53.3; 26. Liam Sowards, 28:06.2; 27. Kyle Jesson, 30:05.5; 28. Gabriel Anderson, 32:37.9; 29. James Romero, 33:07.9; 30. Austin Lopez, 36:14.5; 31. Trevor Huetson, 38:28.0; 32. Alex Nunez, 39:20.0; 33. Junior Johnson, 41:10.7; 34. Dalin Bothell, 41:45.1.

20 to 24 - 1. Brian Shawcroft, 19:44.7; 2. Malachi Anderson, 24:46.1; 3. Will Stanger, 25:40.4; 4. Josh Bothell, 28:10.0; 5. Nathan Leitz, 28:18.0; 6. Brent Guymon, 29:09.9; 7. Brooks Anderson, 30:54.4; 8. Isaac Baugh, 31:22.3; 9. Matthew Blankenship, 35:13.2; 10. Harrison Steudlin, 35:58.5; 11. Damien Jack, 36:08.5; 12. Jason Nunez, 38:30.6; 13. Colin Lopez, 39:57.6; 14. Tyler Wright, 47:29.7; 15. Joshua Wood, 1:00:27.4.

25 to 29 - 1. Matthew Samora, 18:58.1; 2. Steve Rasmussen, 22:26.8; 3. Derrick Faucette, 23:01.0; 4. Sam Childs, 23:41.1; 5. Matt Bothell, 25:12.3; 6. Miles Caldon, 25:17.8; 7. Caleb Palmer, 25:33.4; 8. Clayton Peterson, 25:44.4; 9. Michael Hutchinson, 27:03.4; 10. Griffen Peterson, 28:37.5; 11. James Hughes, 33:22.0; 12. Carson Nunez, 33:27.7; 13. Jackson Martin, 40:26.5; 14. Tyler Brady, 41:30.8; 15. Donovan Gray, 47:14.8; 16. Joshua Runyan, 46:05.9; 17.

Juanito Sanchez, 1:01:49.0.
30 to 34 - 1. Ty Mortensen, 23:01.6; 2. Hayden Schappell, 23:04.7; 3. Zack Lopez, 23:19.1; 4. Josh Naranjo, 24:10.7; 5. Chris Jarvis, 24:13.2; 6. Spencer Brady, 25:40.8; 7. Alex Christensen, 25:28.3; 8. Paul Romo, 34:22.4; 9. Coley Wilkinson, 39:52.2; 10. Aaron Bagwell, 40:04.7; 11. Ethan George, 57:52.0.

35 to 39 - 1. Dimitrios Romero, 22:27.5; 2. Jeremy Trajillo, 23:01.3; 3. Levi Gonzalez, 23:03.6; 4. Jose Gonzalez, 23:34.4; 5. Troy Reynolds, 23:52.6; 6. Joel Padilla, 26:04.0; 7. Ky Smith, 26:10.2; 8. Brock Miller, 26:40.6; 9. Joel Nystrom, 28:18.1; 10. Matthew Bush, 32:13.9; 11. Levi McWhorter, 32:17.3.

40 to 44 - 1. William Snyder, 19:36.9; 2. Lucas Larson, 20:13.7; 3. Ben Johnson, 22:35.9; 4. Andrew Passey, 24:05.1; 5. Jason Segó, 25:03.5; 6. Anthony Chason, 25:28.7; 7. Clint Sowards, 26:48.5; 8. Jonathan Bush, 27:24.8; 9. Farron Williams, 28:56.7; 10. Mike Hostetter, 30:04.5; 11. Neil Palmer, 30:27.9; 12. Brian Bobbitt, 30:35.3; 13. Ryan Bentley, 35:55.9; 14. Clinton Smith, 36:52.6; 15. Roberto Chavira, 40:07.2.

45 to 49 - 1. Kermit Snyder, 19:47.3; 2. Brent Edelen, 22:58.8; 3. Doranah Johnson, 23:09.4; 4. Jesus Salazar, 23:36.1; 5. Ernesto Villalba, 23:51.8; 6. Austin McDaniel, 24:23.7; 7. Randy Robinson, 24:28.7; 8. Brad Coleman, 25:07.8; 9. Aaron Polkowski, 26:04.9; 10. Ed Duran, 26:07.9; 11. Ryan Haynie, 26:15.7; 12. Jonathan Archuleta, 26:41.7; 13. Seth Leech, 28:47.7; 14. Devin Tandberg, 30:35.2; 15. Bill Thomas, 34:29.5; 16. Pares Jacques, 57:20.5.

50 to 54 - 1. Gilbert Martinez, 20:40.3; 2. John Norton, 21:41.8; 3. Steve Gilchrist, 26:45.6; 4. Kelly Pepper, 26:53.6; 5. Matthew Snyder, 26:55.9; 6. Kevin Price, 37:19.7; 7. Doug Chapman, 41:50.3; 8. Levi Herrera, 43:55.7; 9. Charlie Kuhns, 57:18.1.

55 to 59 - 1. Kirk Jarvis, 25:23.2; 2. Michael Manwarren, 29:35.8; 3. Greg Hensley, 32:52.6; 4. Gayle Jackson, 35:23.2; 5. Whitney Hoagland, 49:15.1.

60 to 64 - 1. Paul Johnson, 26:58.1; 2. Kyle Canty, 33:55.3; 3. Brian Sowards, 35:28.2; 4. David Brady, 36:49.9.

65 to 69 - 1. David Jackson, 27:54.6; 2. Jose Fernandez, 31:44.1; 3. Kelly Faucette, 34:03.5; 4. Jamie Garcia, 39:56.2.

70 and Over - 1. Ben Wiley, 26:43.3; 2. Lee Cordova, 43:19.5; 3. Tim Snyder, 50:59.0; 4. Ross Wesley, 53:11.7.

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9 to 12 - 1. Avery Duran, 22:20.2; 2. Nahli Reynolds, 23:55.8; 3. Kinley Wubben, 24:11.6; 4. Bryndal Reynolds, 25:20.3; 5. Kyndal McCarron, 28:31.8; 6. Tegan Shawcroft, 28:36.0; 7. Kate Bagwell, 30:16.9; 8. Sierra Taylor, 30:48.5; 9. Sydney Norton, 31:04.4; 10. Kelly Fobert, 31:56.9; 11. Ellyanna Nelson, 36:02.2; 12. Rowan Butler, 36:07.0; 13. Ellie Nelson, 37:17.9; 14. Sydney Sowards, 37:55.1; 15. Chelsea Polkowski, 38:17.0; 16. Brynn No Last Name, 40:17.7; 17. Taylor Horton, 40:30.5; 18. Harper Harmsen, 40:32.6; 19. Shaedyn Crowther, 42:11.4; 20. Olivia Jackson, 41:16.1; 21. Nellie George, 41:18.5; 22. Rocky Nelson, 41:23.7; 23. Caylee Snyder, 41:38.8; 24. Lyssa Coleman, 41:39.9; 25. Natalie Passey, 42:26.2; 26. Bentley Hoover, 47:03.5; 27. Emma Pauley, 47:06.5; 28. Clara Miller, 51:23.9; 29. Elyse Gonzalez, 51:28.7; 30. Alice Gibson, 56:07.1; 31. Zoey Norris, 56:08.5; 32. Kaydence Salazar, 57:38.3; 33. Olivia Smith, 57:42.5.

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221 - HELP WANTED

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Homer Simpson's dad
 - 4 Tax pro
 - 7 "Better Call —"
 - 11 At most
 - 12 Fireplace fuel
 - 13 Melody
 - 14 Lawyers' org.
 - 15 Hawkeye State
 - 16 Director — Premier
 - 17 Impede
 - 19 Leave high and dry
 - 21 To boot
 - 23 Ref's kin
 - 24 Harass
 - 27 Chum
 - 29 Writing fluid
 - 32 — Arbor, MI
 - 33 Robin or wren
 - 34 Writer — Deighton
 - 35 Ring
 - 36 Beer's head
 - 37 Mine output
 - 38 Pasture

- 39 Destiny along (2 wds.)
 - 42 Greek letter
 - 44 Ticklish Muppet
 - 46 Lustrous fabric
 - 49 Rise
 - 53 Tennis great
 - 54 Land measure
 - 56 Aroz pollo
 - 57 — the lily
 - 58 Brad
 - 59 A sib.
 - 60 Utters
 - 61 Plus
 - 62 Made the acquaintance of
- DOWN**
- 1 Eastern nursemaid
 - 2 Ali —
 - 3 School event
 - 4 Beer brand
 - 5 "Wham!"
 - 6 Name in a palindrome

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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HERMAN



"Don't kill it! It'll fly away on its own."

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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Online couple prepares to take major step forward

DEAR ABBY: I'm a Chinese man born in the United States. My girlfriend, whom I've yet to meet in person, lives in China and is 24 years younger than I am. (I live in California.) We're awaiting approval of paperwork with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service. We have both been divorced twice. She has a grown son (single) in his 30s in Japan. My two children are in their 50s and self-sufficient.

between the two of you would be like. When she arrives, take sufficient time to get to know each other, observe each other in various situations (including stressful ones) and figure out whether your personalities and lifestyles mesh. Because of these unanswered questions, I think your chances of success are about 50-50.



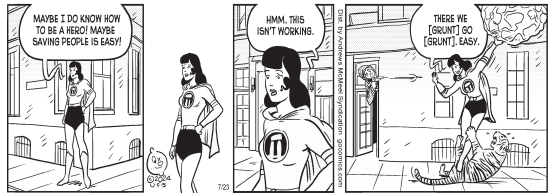
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We both are Christian and educated. Her English proficiency is fair to good. I'm a physician; she's a teacher. We are kind, gentle, patient people. We plan to meet and, hopefully, marry. She would relocate to the U.S., and I might continue to work part time. From what I've told you, how would you rate our chances of marital success? -- HOPING FOR THE BEST

DEAR ABBY: My parents are in their early 70s and have been married 51 years. They have two homes, one in the Midwest and another in the South. They used to go back and forth between them together, but for the past two years, they have basically lived in separate states.

In total, they spend about two months a year together, and Mom complains nonstop when they are together. She is concerned only with herself and having fun, and she has progressively ignored my dad, my brother, her grandchildren and me. I'm so angry with her that I think my dad should divorce her. She stays with him only for his money and admits it to me and all of her friends.

ALLEY OOP

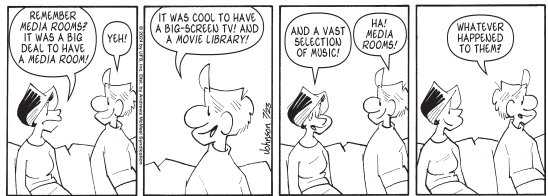


MAYBE I DO KNOW HOW TO BE A HERO! MAYBE SAVING PEOPLE IS EASY!

HMM, THIS ISN'T WORKING.

THERE WE GO! (GRUNT) GASH!

ARLO & JANIS



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YEAH!

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THEM?

BIG NATE



HERE YOU GO, BRADLEY. HAVE A PIECE OF TUNA SANDWICH.

HE LIKES IT!

MAYBE OR MAYBE NOT.

HE GULPED IT DOWN SO FAST, I BET HE DIDN'T EVEN TASTE IT!

NOT ENOUGH MAYO, I BET. I PREFER MY TUNA ON RYE BREAD.

THE BORN LOSER



WHY THE LONG FACE, BRUTUS? CHEER UP!

REMEMBER—EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING!

I KNOW... BUT MY SILVER LININGS ARE ALWAYS TARNISHED!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



WE GOT TO VISIT GRAMMA CHEVRE. WE GET TO VISIT GRAMMA MARIAN! WE'RE GONNA SEE SCOTIE GRUMBLES.

WE SURE ARE!

WE'RE DRIVING ALL THE WAY TO WINNIPEG, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BIG PLANE ALL THE WAY TO VANCOUVER!

IT'S A 4-DAY TRIP TO MANITOBA, JOHN! I WANT ELIZABETH TO STOP GRUMBLES AND ENJOY IT!

CAN YOU THINK OF SOMETHING WE CAN GIVE HER?

— A GENERAL ANESTHETIC? —

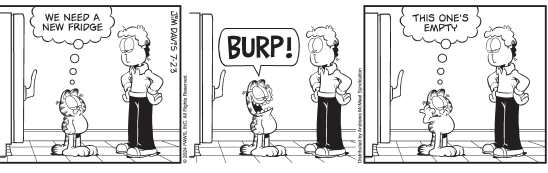
FRANK & ERNEST



THE END IS NEAR!

DO I HAVE TIME FOR A NAP?

GARFIELD

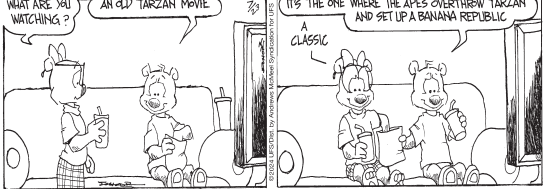


WE NEED A NEW FRIDGE.

BURP!

THIS ONE'S EMPTY.

THE GRIZZWELLS



WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?

AN OLD TARZAN MOVIE.

IT'S THE ONE WHERE THE APES OVERTHREW TARZAN AND SET UP A BANANA REPUBLIC.

A CLASSIC.

PEANUTS



ARE YOU ALL SET TO GO?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE PEPPERMINT PATTY'S WATCHDOG, YOU'D BETTER TAKE ALONG A WEAPON.

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. I'LL TAKE ALONG THE MOST DANGEROUS WEAPON EVER DEvised BY MAN!