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Bingo Aug. 11

ALAMOSA — Bingo \$1,190 must go will be played from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 11, at the Alamosa Knights of Columbus No. 2096 Hall, 1112 8th St.

Navigating temporary election season signs in Alamosa

ALAMOSA — With election season approaching, it's important to understand the City of Alamosa codes regarding temporary political signs. The city has specific regulations in place to maintain the aesthetic appeal of our community while allowing for political expression.

• Temporary Signs on Developed Property in the Public Right-of-Way (May 1-Nov. 15)

No permits are needed for these signs.

Signs are only permitted in residential zones and with property owner or tenant permission.

The top of the sign must be less than 3 feet high.

Signs must be placed 18 inches behind the curb and 12 inches from sidewalks.

Only signs smaller than 10 square feet are allowed.

• Temporary Signs on Vacant Property (May 1-July 5 and Sept. 1-Nov. 15)

No permits are needed for these signs.

Up to 32 square feet of signage is allowed per property.

Signs must not be placed in the public right-of-way and must adhere to setback requirements.

Must have property owner permission.

• General Regulations for All Temporary Signs

Signs must be promptly removed after the election.

Any materials used for temporary signs must remain in good repair for the duration of the sign's display.

Temporary signs cannot obstruct sidewalks or areas intended for pedestrian or vehicular use.

For more information, contact the Development Services Department at planning@alamosa.gov or 719-589-6631.

SLV WEATHER

Slight Chance of Showers, Breezy 76/50

Sun: Chance of Afternoon Showers, Breezy 80/50

Mon: Showers Likely, Breezy 80/48

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Transmission line study to start later this year

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C.

— Last month, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) granted Alamosa County \$1,699,965 to study transmission lines in the Valley. The grant is due to the efforts of Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laske and others.

Laske gave the Valley Courier an overview of the project and said, "I became involved when I first became a County Commissioner in 2021, when there was the fire in Boulder [December 2021], and all of the gas and electric-

ity was turned off in the Valley. This was at night and in winter.

"I started to receive calls from residents who were concerned about the outage. They had fam-

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Power lines over Poncha Pass serve the San Luis Valley. According to the Colorado State Forest Service, Western Spruce budworm and Douglas-fir beetle have decimated trees in the area. The dead and dry timber has increased fire risk in the area, which may imperil the power lines.

Photo CSFS



SLV Fair Grand Champion Beef



Photo by Brian Williams

Kaysen Johnson of Blue Spruce 4-H Club shows the Grand Champion of the San Luis Valley Fair Market Beef Show on Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista. Johnson, 18, has shown the Grand Champion of the fair four times in his 10 years of showing. He had the Reserve Grand Champion in 2023 and the Grand Champion in 2022. His younger brother, Trace Johnson, had the Reserve Grand Champion this year. The fair's Junior Livestock Sale was on Friday evening.

SLV Pride through Aug. 25

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — San Luis Valley Pride, a Non-profit organization dedicated to the ensuring the visibility and inclusion of individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ in the San Luis Valley is hosting the annual Pridefest celebration through Aug. 25 at various locations.

Pridefest brings awareness to queer individuals in the San Luis Valley. According to the group, "We strive that every individual who is LGBTQ+ feels safe to be themselves in the Valley while providing some education around queer issues."

Pride originally began as a protest in the late 60's due to police oppression that was occurring to the queer/LGBTQ+ community in New York. Thus began the famous Stonewall Riots which kick-started some of the most instrumental civil rights work. Pride then was about securing the rights to love people most genuinely, reduce discrimination, and build job protections for individuals who were being fired due to their sexuality. It still is about that, but much progress has been made and there is more to come. Pride now is a celebration of how far we have come as a marginalized group.

Pride is an important event for everyone, not just LGBTQ+ individuals, but allies alike. It's the time of the year to show up and be there in support of our families and friends.

SLV Pridefest includes wonderful

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Celebrating 80 years of Smokey Bear

By GREGG GOODLAND

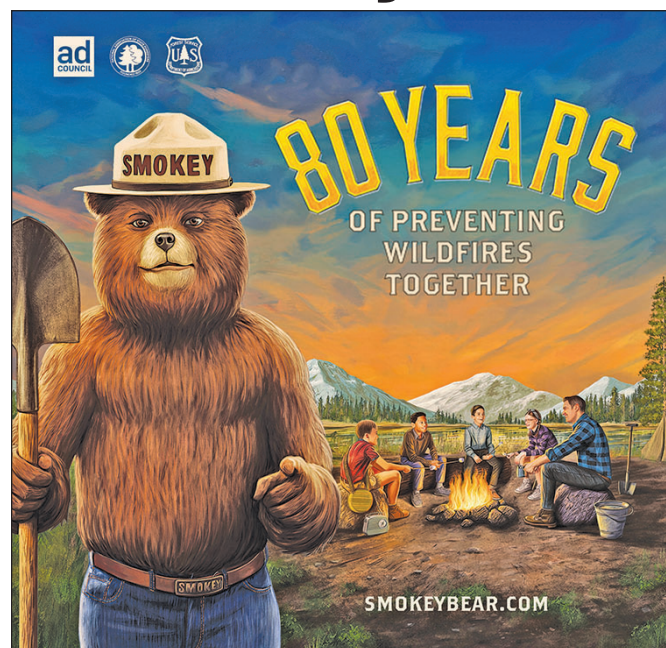
The air was heavy with a weak monsoon season moisture as I drove up the mountain on patrol, secretly hoping not to discover any illegal campfires - regardless of whether they were attended, unattended or abandoned. The national forest was under fire restrictions at the time, so campfires weren't allowed where I was patrolling. Windows down, my senses were on high alert as I passed a popular dispersed camping area close to, but not

immediately visible from the road. Near the upper part of that area, a light hint of smoke drifted through the truck's cab and into my nostrils igniting a spark of anger within me. I felt violated. So many regular campers on that mountain knew me and I was disappointed that someone would dare have a fire, knowing I would be in the area and probably write them a ticket for it.

I stepped out of the truck and followed the smoke smell past an empty campsite with a

cold fire pit. Continuing my investigation, I meandered deeper into the forest where I discovered a small wildfire burning - clearly the result of a recent lightning strike. Relieved that my forest visitors hadn't, in fact, let me down, I got right to work and called the fire engine for assistance. The crew helped me contain the fire that evening and went back the next day when it was hot and dry, which would have given that fire every opportunity to grow, possibly rapidly. I was truly

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Record

CDOT working on CO 17 north of Colorado-New Mexico state line

CONEJOS AND ARCHULETA COUNTIES

The Colorado Department of Transportation in cooperation with prime contractor, Robins Construction, will improve three culverts on Colorado Highway 17. The permanent repairs are needed after a sinkhole was discovered last spring on the south side of Cumbres Pass three-tenths of a mile from the Colorado-New Mexico state line. The project is slated to begin Monday, Aug. 12.

“Temporary repairs were made last year with a plan to permanently reinforce the culverts this season,” explained CDOT Transportation Director Julie Constan. “CDOT’s maintenance division repaired the sinkhole that was approximately 12 feet wide and 15 feet deep. Over the winter and spring, CDOT design

and engineering teams have developed a plan to address this location and two additional locations of the highway that will see permanent modifications to prevent further erosion damage.”

The work to be performed on Cumbres Pass includes:

- Mile Point 3.0 – In addition to the construction of concrete headwalls, the existing culvert will be lined. The pipe liners will help manage high creek flows and allow fish and other organisms to better transit the culvert structure.

- MP 2.7 – There are three culvert pipes at this location. All pipes will be increased in size to assist with flow. One of the existing steel pipes will be upgraded to a reinforced concrete material.

- MP 0.3 – A deep trench will be dug with

the pipe size significantly increasing to assist with flow.

Traffic Impacts

Work is scheduled to begin on Monday, Aug. 12, and continue through mid-November. Working hours will be from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Schedules are subject to change based on weather and available resources.

Plan for single-lane alternating traffic and brief delays

Motorists will encounter full stops guided by a temporary traffic signal

A 10-foot width restriction is in place

Project Information

For additional information about this project:

Webpage: www.codot.gov/projects/co17culvertreplacement

Hotline: 719-922-6112

Email: PublicInfoCO@gmail.com



Photo by Marie Mccolm

People help bring the paint by numbers community mural project to life in downtown Center on Aug. 4.

Center hosts community mural project

By MARIE MCCOLM CENTER — On Aug. 4, the Town of Center and artist Bianca Maestas hosted a community mural paint by numbers event at the 300 block of Worth Street.

People of all ages were invited to participate in this beautiful mural project. The Town of Center hosted it as a way to help beautify the downtown area.

The San Luis Valley Agriculture Coalition was having an agriculture appreciation barbecue an encouraged people at their event to also participate in the mural project.

According to Lisa Lucero, a member of the San Luis Valley Agriculture Coalition, and the director of Community Engagement for the San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center, the origins of the paint by numbers mural was from a community survey. A mural was decided for Center. Part of the survey also asked community members what they thought of when they thought of Center. The community stated that they thought of family and community. The paint by numbers mural represents a community quilt.

Maestas was chosen by

a committee to create and design the community quilt mural. Committee member Lares Feliciano talked about the selection process.

“It was an awesome opportunity,” Feliciano said. “We had a handful of submissions from all over the state, not just from the Valley. Bianca presented this beautiful proposal that was bright and joyful but also rooted in the earth and agriculture, and the joy and experience of production. We enjoyed her presentation and chose her. It’s been really cool to watch this all unfold.”

Maestas talked about the creation of the mural.

“If you look at the community quilt pattern there are a lot of different things here,” she said. “There is a community weaving through time, there are different flowers featured in the area. We have potato flowers, canola flowers, and alfalfa flowers. There’s a view of the fields representing agriculture.”

Maestas said the paint by numbers was put in the mural, on all the pictures, with the idea that people of any age could help paint the mural. Maestas said that many people had been by to help paint, “mostly children.”

“I also wanted to make

the mural easy and not too complicated, so that small children and anyone else that wanted to, could enjoy painting the mural,” she said.

Lucero said she enjoyed being a voice regarding the mural painting in Center.

“I had been wanting to do something like this forever. I cannot take any credit for this, except to be one of the biggest voices in the room. I maybe helped the process along by helping with the marketing and making sure it happened on the same day as the barbecue. I did enjoy being a part of the process,” Lucero said.

Lucero said she enjoyed seeing a little girl painting at the site.

“She is a little artist, and her mom is too,” Lucero said. “It was so cute she texted all her little friends, to help her paint that night, and they all came down too. Another aspect of the mural that I really liked was that agricultural workers were involved in the painting. I have a picture that I took, where there were a lot of H2H workers painting the mural. If you think about it, they may not come back next year, but their spirit, a piece of them, will always be in Center, because they painted there.”

OBITUARIES

Tito E. Chacon

Utah and former Romeo resident Tito E. Chacon, 92, was called home Aug. 1, 2024.

Viewing and visitation will be held Friday, Aug. 9, 2024, from 5-6 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Church. Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Friday, Aug. 9, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Jara. Mass of the

Resurrection will be held Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, at 10 a.m. also at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. Interment will follow at the Los Cerritos Cemetery.

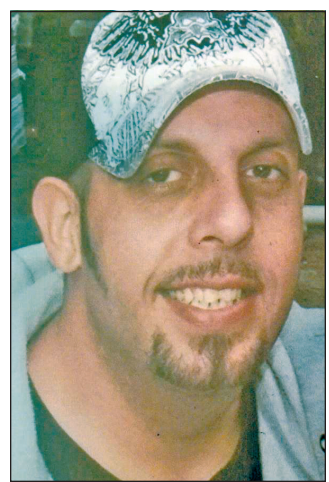
To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.



Matthew Dale Crowther

Previous Sanford resident Matthew Dale Crowther, 47, passed away Aug. 3, 2024, at his home in Tucson, Ariz. Matt was born Sept. 20, 1976, at Parkview Hospital in Pueblo, Colo., to Dale and Shaun Crowther.

He attended Sanford High School. He participated in football and wrestling, where he got to go to State. He was fond of the mountains and camping. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and was considered a younger brother to his uncles, Shawn and Corey. He was an avid animal lover, especially to his own dogs. He moved



to Tucson where he met his wife, Beverly, and his two stepsons.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Shaun; grandparents Lois and Everet Crowther and Clyde and Shirley

Horner; and his aunt, Trish Maes.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; mother-in-law, Ruth; stepsons Richard and Curtis; biological son, Cameron and granddaughter; his father, Dale Crowther of Sanford, Colo.; siblings Leslie Crowther of Clarkson, Neb., Clint (Tara) Crowther of La Jara, Colo., Lacy Crowther of Pierce City, Mo., and Colt (Amanda) Crowther of Alamosa, Colo.; along with numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Aug. 24, 2024, at the Sanford Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m. in Sanford, Colo.

Thomas ‘Tom’ Alfonso Guttierrez

Thomas “Tom” Alfonso Guttierrez, of Greeley, Colo., passed away on July 27, 2024, at his home residence surrounded by family. He was born Oct. 2, 1953, to Claude and Juanita (Salazar) Guttierrez in Monte Vista, Colo.

Tom graduated from Monte Vista High School in 1971 and attended the University of Colorado in Boulder and received his Bachelor’s Degree, and he attended Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and received his Master’s. He married Kathleen Quintana at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Church in Denver, Colo., in 1974. The couple moved to Denver in 1983, followed by a move back to Monte Vista in 1999, and ultimately to Greeley, Colo. Tom and Kathy had two beautiful daughters, Alison and Eneria. Tom worked as a USDA

Inspector until 1995, then became the Director of National Market News, and served his community well.

Tom was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and family. He was an outdoorsman; he frequently visited the mountains. He enjoyed hunting and fishing; he was a true-blue Broncos fan and loved various sporting events.

He is survived by his wife Kathy, daughters, Alison (Brian) Rodriguez, Eneria (Jason Strong) Guttierrez, grandchildren, Michaela Rodriguez, Neila Fee, Jonah Rodriguez and Jordan Rodriguez, brothers, Phillip (Bernie) Guttierrez and Patrick (Bernice) Guttierrez, and a sister, Rose (Andy) Sanchez.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Juanita, and



his brothers, Claude Jr., and Michael.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024, at 4 p.m., at Allnutt Funeral Service - Macy Chapel, 6521 W. 20th St., Greeley, with a rosary following at 6 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024, at Allnutt Macy Chapel, 11 a.m., burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens, with a reception following at Allnutt Macy Chapel.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Jack Darren Venter

Jack Darren Venter, known to his loved ones as Darren, passed away on Dec. 14, 2023. Cremation was selected and a Celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, at Mountain Valley Mortuary in Monte Vista, Colo. The service will also be streamed at www.mvmortuary.com/obituaries/jack-venter.

MVPD to host National Night on Aug. 13

By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Police Department will have its National Night Out event from 4 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 13 at Chapman Park. The public is invited to attend this child friendly that will feature free food and drinks, and games and music.

Last year an estimated 500 people attended Monte Vista’s National Night Out. National Night Out is a national drug and crime prevention event, that takes place yearly in cities across the United States. The event brings law enforcement and the community together in a casual atmosphere. One goal is through this interaction they can work together to prevent drug and criminal activity in the community.

Many emergency personnel will attend the event, including ambulance and firefighters, and many other safety advocates for the community. There will be multiple booths set up at Chapman Park including a face painting, along with a bouncy house for the children.

The event will include a free hamburger or hot dog dinner for all attendees complete with chips and drinks.

Last year many MVPD

officers cooked hamburgers and engaged with the community. This is a night when residents can ask officers questions about any safety concerns they may have, get to know their local law enforcement officers, and hear what safety measures and preventative measures law enforcement uses.

Officer Twila Martinez organized the event last year and is the contact person for the event this year.

“This is a great community event. This is an annual event that we like to put on. We try to engage with the community to answer any questions that the community might have. We provide dinner and there are other booths set up. We try to have a fun filled night and engage with the community to build that trust and relationship with our community. We want them to know they are safe, and they can come to us when they need us. What we really want from people is for them to trust us and get to know us. We are here for our community, and we want them to know that,” she said.

City Manager Gigi Dennis said that National Night Out is a great time for everyone to meet law enforcement and first responders.

“I think this is a wonderful opportunity for our people to engage with our law enforcement and see that they are wonderful people first. To see their compassion and dedication in wanting to keep our community safe. They are here to help. These are solid people who care about our community,” Dennis said.

For more information about the upcoming event, to participate in the event or set up a booth at the event, contact Martinez at 719-850-4189.

School Menu	
Monday	
August 12, 2024	
BREAKFAST	Pop Tarts/Graham Crackers Fruit & Milk
ELEMENTARY	Hamburgers/Hot Dogs Lettuce/Tomato/Carroteenies Corn Chips Fruit & Milk
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Hamburgers/Hot Dogs Lettuce/Tomato/Carroteenies Corn Chips Fruit & Milk
HIGH SCHOOL	Hamburgers/Hot Dogs Lettuce/Tomato/Carroteenies Corn Chips Fruit & Milk
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To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553	

Valley News

Beat the Heat BBQ and Brewfest



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

San Luis Valley Brewing Company prepares to open for the annual Beat the Heat BBQ and Brewfest Friday at Cole Park. Today, the event continues at 10 a.m. with free yard games and the Craft Beer Garden. At 11 a.m., People's Choice Sampling begins continuing until 3 p.m., or until the barbecue is gone. Sample barbecue professionally prepared by 13 award-winning pitmasters. The Spare Keg Brewerks Brewfest starts at 1 p.m. Tickets and more information, online at slvbeattheheat.com.



Courier photo by John Waters

The annual SLV Pridefest will include a parade in Alamosa on Aug. 24. In this file photo from last year, celebrants march on Main Street in Alamosa.

Pride

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 events. There will be a Brave Spaces Roller Skating event on Aug. 10 at the Alamosa Recreation Center from 4 to 8 p.m.

There is a Pride Gaming Night at Respawn Gameroom and VR Lounge in Del Norte from 5 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 14.

On Aug. 23, there will be pre-kickoff reading in Cole Park from 4 to 6 p.m. A DJ with some Drag Queen/King performers dropping in will be at the Rio Grande Farm Park from 6 to 10 p.m. The first 100 guests to the Kick-Off Party, will get

free tacos from Taco Martinez.

On Aug. 24 at 10 a.m., folks will meet in the Alamosa Library parking lot to begin a human-led parade through town, whoever is Embracing their Rainbow the most enthusiastically dressed in their Pride will be rewarded on stage. After the parade, we kick-off Pridefest in Cole Park at 11 a.m. with live music, drag performers, and speakers.

The festivities will round out the weekend with a Drag Brunch on Sunday, Aug. 25, at the San Luis Valley Brewing Company at 9 a.m. for tickets, see our Instagram, Facebook or website slvpride.org.

Smokey

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 abandoned campfire as initially thought.

During my 16 years as a Fire Prevention Patrol, I discovered hundreds of abandoned campfires. Because of that, I never questioned the need for the longest running public service campaign in the U.S. – Smokey Bear. Millions of people know him and can relate to America's favorite bear. As I write this on Friday, August 9, Smokey's 80th birthday, around 28,000 firefighters are working to man-

glad age the several hundred active fires in the United States, primarily in the west. Nearly one hundred of those are considered large fires, accounting for over 95% of the firefighters committed. A large portion of those fires are human caused. Portions of the west are critically parched by drought and when you combine carelessness with anything that can start a fire, you quickly see the often-tragic results of those circumstances.

Land, Water and People



Gregg Goodland

Eighty years ago, the US was deep into WWII and getting increasingly concerned about the use of young men fighting wildfires and not supporting the

war effort. Not to mention the loss of the timber. As part of a greater effort to address the problem, on August 9, 1944, the creation of Smokey Bear was authorized by the Forest Service, and the first poster was delivered on October 10 by artist Albert Staehle. The poster depicted a bear pouring a bucket of water on a campfire.

The first live Smokey Bear was found in a wildfire in the Capitan Mountains on the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico in 1950. As word of that bear got out, the campaign spread like wildfire! This is a great true story and I encourage everyone to read about it on smokeybear.com.

The campaign evolved over the years and in 2001, the slogan was updated to its cur-

rent version of "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" to address the unplanned and unwanted brush and grassland fires. Wildfire prevention remains crucial, and Smokey still needs your help. His catchphrase reflects your responsibility: Only you can prevent wildfires. Remember that this phrase is so much more than just a slogan: it's an important way to care for the world around you.

These last words, found in "About the Campaign" on Smokey's website have always resonated with me. I chose this career because I love the public lands we have available for all to use. While not all of us want to, or can, work for the Forest Service, we CAN all choose to be good land stewards. One of the most common

ways to do this is to practice campfire safety – every time. Keep your fires manageable and always put them out, cold to the touch, before you leave it. Even just to go to sleep. It's the repetition that will set the correct example for the next generation of forest users. I urge you to foster that ethic and promote it as much as you can. And, above all, teach your children, and the adults that may not already know, about Smokey Bear. Because, after all, Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires.

Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest. As an avid outdoor enthusiast, he encourages individual stewardship and responsible use of our public lands.

Study

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 ily members who were on oxygen and other medical issues. People asked when the power would be on and why something in Boulder was impacting the San Luis Valley and Alamosa County."

Laske said that event initiated her interest in the issue of transmission lines and learned the lines come through "the same Poncha Pass corridor. We also had an outage in May related to a line down at Poncha Pass. That pass has been identified by emergency managers as a possible fire hazard."

Laske said her interest in transmission lines increased when she was contacted by Erin Minks with Senator Michael Bennett's office and asked to attend a meeting to have the issue be placed on a docket to look at pro-

viding transmission in and out of the San Luis Valley. This is something that has been considered for a long time, she said.

Xcel Energy operates a 115-kilovolt line over Poncha Pass, and Tri-State Generation and the Western Area Power Authority operate a 230-kilovolt line over the pass. According to Laske, a new line, such as one south to New Mexico, would reduce the risk of relying on power through the one route over Poncha.

"We will study a bigger line, a 345-kilowatt line, that might allow us to export solar energy out of the Valley. As solar is only produced during the day, if we have solar energy storage, that power could stay here."

Laske added that she has attended many meetings with power experts and always asks why, despite increased solar production in the Valley, no rates have gone down in the region. To

date, no one has answered that question.

The study will be an analysis and extensive community engagement around three potential transmission corridors to identify the optimal route to increase electric transmission capacity to the Upper Rio Grande Valley in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico.

According to the DOE, "In a continued effort to expedite the build-out of a resilient and reliable electric grid, the U.S. Department of Energy announced 20 projects across 16 states selected to receive up to \$371 million to accelerate the permitting of high-voltage, interstate transmission projects.

"These projects will also support community infrastructure projects along major new and upgraded transmissions lines, including upgrading public school buildings and emergency response fa-

ilities. Administered by DOE's Grid Deployment Office, today's Transmission Siting and Economic Development (TSED) grants will help advance at least 16 high-impact transmission lines across the country, supporting the deployment of reliable and affordable energy for consumers and creating good-paying jobs.

"Today, every pocket of the country is experiencing the grueling impact of extreme weather, and there's no doubt that we must expand our transmission grid to get more clean, resilient power to more people, in more places," said U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm.

The study is moving forward. Laske said, "We have a conditional proposal; before we applied for this application, we did an RFP [request for proposal], and that really made us competitive for

this grant; there are only 20 grants. We have a contract with a company to do a study.

"The first component is stakeholder engagement and outreach. Community meetings with the railroad, CDOT, and forest service will be held. The second component will be an analysis, not a complete engineering study; it will look at what the best route is, mapping, and routes. After that we will receive their recommendations."

The Colorado Electric Transmission Authority has applied to construct the line, although Laske said they are a last-resort option, and the line could be built by any entity.

The \$1.7 million grant study will begin later this year and take 18 months to complete. After this study is finished an engineering study must be completed.

Laske thanked Craig

Bearclaw with the Council of Governments and Sarah Stoeber with the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group and the Colorado Energy Office for their assistance.

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<p>August 19 Through September 20, 2024</p> <p>Cloyde Snook Gallery: <i>Floor Saga: Photographic documentation of a 350-hour performance</i> The Church Project Community Art Center</p> <p>Hatfield Gallery: New Works by Matt Capell and Nora McBride The Church Project Community Art Center</p> <p>Gallery Hours: 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday</p>						

Opinion

I'm back and writing again!

Danke, gracias, thank you for helping me with my surgery, recovery and standing straight up, even walking. My breathing is stronger now because of the surgery on my cervical spine. The last decade or so my breathing has been soured by partial collapse of my lung and paralysis of my hemi diaphragm.

Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

Although I had neck surgery in the 1990s, I had this cervical spine surgery at the end of May because of the damage to my disks and pinching of the nerve. Med Ride provided my trip home from the hospital. After wearing the cervical neck brace for nearly nine weeks, I'm free of the device. Dr Peter Syre, the surgeon, gave the all-clear this morning in our virtual check-up. Yes, I yelled "yahoo," as I pulled it off during the Zoom call.

Several people helped me while I was in the hospital for two weeks. I would like to say a big thank you to Barbara, Dana, Edna, Jackie, Kay, Laura, and Greg — let me tell you about them.

Barbara organized a few people to clean my house, washed and dried laundry, switched out my bed linens and vacuumed. Jackie took in my cocker spaniel Schroeder who enjoyed some gardening tips from Jackie's friends. Kay helped me get Schroeder to grooming at All Four Paws Grooming in Alamosa. She brought me hemp salve for nerve pain, too. Laura also worked with Barbara and brought about a cleaner house for me including less obstacles to get through from the living room to the back door. Dana came over every day and watered and fed cats I sponsor for Cats Alive. After her chores for her goats, Edna drove almost an hour to wash my dishes more than once. Greg mowed the grass and made sure weeds were shortened.

Thanks to the Colorado Brain Spine Institute surgeon Dr. Syre, my surgery at Swedish Medical Center was a success. After surgery, I was moved straight to my room and didn't have to serve time in the ICU. Still in operating scrubs, Dr Syre dropped by after his last surgery to give me the run-down on my procedure. He said my surgery only took two hours, not four, and added: "Neither did you have to go to ICU or any of the other possibilities like intubation, tracheotomy." Of course, like me. he was smiling as he talked. The nursing and physical therapy teams there and at Swedish rehab were so customer friendly; I felt deeply cared for.

So, I'm recovering now with the help of At Home Health services including Dr. Genevieve-- physical therapist. I'm so grateful for everyone who straightened, washed and cared for my needs. Readers have shared prayers, too. Since my hands cannot keyboard, I'm actually writing this post using the dictate tool on the Microsoft Word 360.

I'll leave you with this thought: I'm back and getting stronger every day! Thank you.

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OpEd: Statement regarding whether or not Saint Benedict's Campground should be shut down

ALAMOSA — We are of the opinion that the operation of St. Benedict's Campground (Encampment) should be continued.

• Primary Rationale

Disbandment of the Encampment will remove a valuable resource for unsheltered individuals from the landscape of services which comprise Alamosa's response to homelessness. While there is universal agreement amongst residents of the encampment, local service providers, and City officials that the Encampment is not a perfect solution to homelessness, it is a space conducive to both the health of our community and the survival of those living outdoors. Work in homeless services is rarely perfect, as the complex nature of homelessness does not easily lend itself to solutions that work for every individual in a community.

Dissolution of the Encampment would not end unsheltered homelessness in Alamosa. While there are perspectives on homelessness which view it as primarily an issue of transitory, non-local individuals moving into our town, this is not borne out by data. In data collected from Encampment residents from 2021 through present, a substantial majority were either born in Alamosa or had been stably housed in the City for at least three years prior to their homelessness. Removing this singular place, other than La Puente's shelter, where those experiencing homelessness can legally reside will not make them leave Alamosa, which is their home, but will instead compel them to disperse to camp in isolated areas, both public and private. This isolation will increase their risk of death by overdose, exposure, and victimization by others.

• Access to services

The centralization of the encampment provides a singular point of access to the service providers who work with the homeless. Case management services are more productive when provided to a population that is not constantly moving to avoid ticketing/fines/arrests. This includes work being done by Street Outreach staff, law enforcement, behavioral health professionals, medical providers and more. The established location means that 1) resource providers are able to reliably access this high-risk population, and that 2) encampment residents are able to contact and provide a specific location to emergency services for themselves or other residents who are experiencing a crisis or medical emergency. Rapid intervention for individuals experiencing an overdose or acute exposure is crucial to keeping people alive, and the regular distribution of essential survival and medical supplies is an important part of reducing rates of overdose and exposure. Disaggregation of the St. Benedict's residents into remote or isolated locations would disrupt both of these processes. Two deaths by exposure are on record in Alamosa in the last 4 years, neither of which occurred at the Encampment.

• Safety

Whereas providing adequate safety for residents at the Encampment is an ongoing and challenging task, many residents communicate that there is more "safety in numbers" experienced at the camp than in places where people experiencing homelessness hide in isolation. Those residing at the encampment report improved security relative to living in secluded and ever-changing locations.

• Outcome data

214 individuals have found residence at the Encampment since it was first established, all of whom have received at least one service while residing there. Of these, 124 have left the Encampment to move indoors, including 36 individuals who have moved into rental housing of their own. Residents of the Encampment achieved a 57% rate of transition from unsheltered homelessness to living consistently indoors (even while still homeless), a significantly higher rate than those not residing at the Encampment. Transitioning from unsheltered homelessness to sheltered homelessness is frequently an important step in the housing process, but for many it is only possible following the establishment of consistent and positive connections with service providers.

Financially, a research study published by the American Journal for Preventative Medicine (2021) indicated that for every \$1 spent for homeless services, that \$2.21 was saved in emergency, healthcare, and judicial related services. The Encampment makes many of such services possible.

If we agree as a community that our goal is to reduce the number of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, the efficient provision of health care services and housing-oriented case management made possible by the encampment is an effective and evidenced based strategy for achieving that goal.

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LETTERS

Vote no and let CPW manage mountain lion, bobcat and lynx

Editor,

Voters in November will again be asked to become biologists and decide if all hunting of mountain lion, bobcat, and lynx should be forever prohibited. If you want the pros at Colorado Parks and Wildlife, many of whom hold advanced degrees in wildlife biology, to manage these cat species, then you should vote no! If you want credible science to guide wildlife management decisions, then you should vote no! If you want wildlife management policies and

regulation to be overseen by the Wildlife Commission, a citizen board appointed by the governor and designed to be apolitical and responsive to broad community interests, then you should vote no!

The proponents of this issue (Prop 91) tell you it is about protecting these cats. It is not! They will tell you it will stop hunting them just as trophies. It does not! It will ban all hunting. They will tell you it will stop the inhumane ways of hunting them. It will ban all hunting.

Some facts: Lynx are already protected by the very agency that brought them back. Lynx occupy much higher elevations than where bobcat are hunted and there are regulations to exclude hunting bobcat above certain elevations.

Hunters who kill lions must take care of the meat just like hunters must do with other big game like deer or elk. It is illegal to kill a lion just for a trophy. That word is included in the ballot issue to deceive you or to tug on you for an emotional response. There are many times more lions in Colorado now than before 1965 when they were declared big game animals and regulated hunting was begun. There is no credible science that can show regulated hunting is a threat to lion or bobcat populations.

There are scientifically developed management guidelines that are evaluated every year in order to determine if harvest objectives for lions and bobcats are being achieved. Analysis is conducted by professional wildlife scientists and managers with decades of experience.

I know these things because I was Colorado's carnivore biologist for the last 17 years of my career and I helped frame the management guidelines that CPW pros have improved greatly upon since I retired. Please vote no on this November ballot issue.

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Religion

The Lord's Supper meets Dionysus, with an audience watching

The Catholic bishops of France admired the "marvelous display of beauty and joy" in the 2024 Olympics opening rites, but also slammed the blending of Christian sacred art, Greek mythology and the sexual revolution.

"This ceremony unfortunately included scenes of mockery and derision of Christianity," said the bishops. "We are thinking of all the Christians on every continent who have been hurt by the outrageousness and provocation of certain scenes."

That was soon followed by an appeal to the International Olympic Committee from a global circle of cardinals and bishops protesting "a grotesque and blasphemous depiction of the Last Supper. ... It is hard to understand how the faith of over 2 billion people can be so casually and intentionally blasphemed."

But the Vatican remained silent for more than a week while online combat raged between clergy, entertainers, academics, diplomats and armies of social-media warriors. Finally, the

Holy See released a muted statement that it was "saddened" by the "offense done to many Christians and believers of other religions."

... In a prestigious event where the whole world comes together around common values, there should be no allusions that ridicule the religious convictions of many people."

These debates raged on and on because few combatants could agree on what took place, in part because that scene in the opening ceremonies were quickly removed from the official Olympics YouTube and NBC Universal accounts.

However, photographs and video show 16 or more drag and transgender performers, with one child, posed in "voguing" stances along one side of a table, in front of the Seine River and Eiffel Tower. The edgy drama also included, with brief nudity, the performers prancing on a stylized fashion runway.

Eventually, a silver food dish opened to reveal, instead of bread and wine, singer Philippe Katerine -- painted blue -- portraying Dionysus, the Greek god of wine and ecstasy.

Pointing to his groin, he sang (translated from French): "Where to hide a revolver when you're completely naked?"

A DJ, Barbara Butch, took center stage, in a headdress resembling a halo. In an Instagram post, which was soon taken down, she proclaimed, "OH YES! OH YES! THE NEW GAY TESTAMENT!", under parallel images of "The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci and a photo of the Olympics table tableau.

In post-ceremony interviews, the director -- actor Thomas Jolly -- stressed that this part of the show was "his interpretation" of myths about Dionysus and a plea for diversity and nonviolence. But the Paris 2024 producers released a statement to TheWrap admitting that da Vinci's masterpiece served as one inspiration, while adding: "Clearly, there was never an intention to show disrespect towards any religious group or belief."

In pre-Olympics coverage, the Sortir a Paris website noted that the opening ceremonies would include "a familiar scene re-enacted by drag queens ... surrounding Barbara Butch at her turntables:

a recreation of the Last Supper, another famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci, set against the backdrop of the Seine. As you may have guessed, this is a multiple pun in French."

That French pun, cited by the newspaper Le Soir, Sportskeeda.com and other sources, was "La Cene sur la scene sur la Seine," or in English (failing to capture the pun), "The Last Supper on a stage on the Seine."

No one should be surprised by this blast of satire, since French artists have "been poking fun at Christianity for centuries," noted the Rev. Mike

Starkey, an Anglican priest, journalist and regular contributor on BBC Radio 2. But this was the Olympics, a "unifying ceremony of a global celebration of sport and goodwill."

Thus, he added, it's important to note that Christianity has become "overwhelmingly African, Latin and Asian" in the 21st century and, in terms of statistics, is now the world's most persecuted faith.

"In social justice circles today, imperialism and racism are viewed as original sins of Western culture. By a supreme irony, the drag parody of the Last Supper managed to be a distilled expression

of both," wrote Starkey in an online commentary. "It featured camp, arty, and mostly male Westerners, poking fun at a faith that is globally poor, ethnically mixed and majority black, persecuted, and predominantly female."

"Hardly a message the Olympics should be sending to the watching world."

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

<p>All-Denominational Emmanuel Chapel - Independent Bible Church 0432 Hwy 149, South Fork 719-873-5411 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Church of the Living God 11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper 719-378-2080 Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth Thursday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>San Luis Valley Christian Center 305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista 719-852-6168 Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>Prayer House Church 410 Main Street, La Jara Pastor Jaime Flores • 719-298-0007 Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm</p> <p>Sargent Community Church 6967 N. County Rd. 2 E., Monte Vista (across from Sargent School) Pastor Stephen Burns • 719-852-2980 Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Back Row Church - Church Community In the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Building Alamosa www.backrowchurch.com Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342 Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm</p> <p>Apostolic Alamosa Apostolic Church 510 First St., Alamosa Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m. 2-3 p.m. - Lunch 3-5 p.m. - Worship Service Antonio Apostolic Church 710 Main St., Alamosa Meets sundays 11-12 p.m. - Sunday School 12-1 p.m. - Worship service</p> <p>Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Champions, Acts 2:38 9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351 Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-588-7307 Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Service</p> <p>Assembly of God River of Life Church 2602 Clark Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service</p> <p>Center Assembly of God 7th & Miles • P.O. Box 507, Center, CO 81125 Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Assembly of God Sons And Daughters Of God Ministry 677 Madison Street, Monte Vista Pastor Leonard Sandoval, 719-849-0212 Sunday 10:00 a.m Service Wednesday 7:00 p.m Prayer</p> <p>New Life Fellowship 520 7th St., Del Norte, 81132 719-657-3360 Adult Sunday School, 9:00 Services - 10:00</p> <p>Baha'i Faith meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m on Zoom. Email hartline@gogae.org for a Zoom invite</p> <p>Baptist Grace Community Baptist Church 431 Lincoln Ave, Monte Vista Rev. Bill Walstrom, 719-937-1451 Worship: 9:30, Sunday School: 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm www.joycemeyer.org</p> <p>Living Water Bible Fellowship 2910 Clark Street, Alamosa 719-589-6351 Sunday, 9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services** Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade) Sunday, 10:45 am Teen Bible Study (6th-12th grade) Tuesday 7:00 pm Young Adults College Group Wednesday 8:30 pm Bible Quizzing (1st-8th grade) Wednesday 8:30 pm Rejoin Youth Group (6th-12th grade) Saturday 5:00 pm Worship Service** **Small Groups meets throughout week, please call for info **Nursery is available (twkvs-prk)</p> <p>College Heights Baptist Church 2045 Church Avenue, Alamosa 719-589-6814 Pastor Jesse Ciccone Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>San Luis Valley Baptist Church 930 Slate Avenue, Alamosa 719-589-5938 Pastor R.L. McDonald Wednesday 7 p.m. - Worship Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Evening Worship Spanish Ministry- Iglesia Bautista Rehobot Pastor Sal Garcia, 589-3020</p> <p>Calvary Bible Chapel 7160 Brush Lane, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Ministry of the Word Small group studies meet during the week.</p> <p>Calvary Bianca Pastor Mathew Leonard - 719-379-3317 Sunday, 9:30 am - Bible Study Sunday, 11:00 am - Service Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know You</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church 2160 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 6 p.m. - C.L.A.Y. Youth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>South Fork Baptist Church 0130 Four Seasons Dr.(Old Chizum Bldg), South Fork (East side near laundromat & car wash) Sunday Scool, 9:30am Sunday, 10:30am - Worship For more information - Pastor Paul Moon - 719-496-7702</p> <p>United Presbyterian Church of Antonito P.O. Box 665, Antonito Office Hrs. Tues, 9:00am -12:00 Sunday - 9:45am - Sunday School 10:45am - Service</p> <p>Catholic Sacred Heart Church 715 4th Street, Alamosa Saturday, 4:00 p.m. - Mass Saturday, 6:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass Sunday, 8 a.m. - Mass Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass</p> <p>Hooper Church 3rd and Adams, Hooper Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship</p> <p>Meditation, Kriya Mountain Institute Alamosa - (575)758-5876</p> <p>United Church of La Jara 522 Walnut, La Jara 719-274-5250 Terry Buckman, Pastor Cell Phone: 339-8444 Office Hours: Mon, 9:00 am - 12:00 Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am</p> <p>Christian Science Services 400 Ross Avenue, Society Hall, Alamosa Services - Sundays at 10:00 p.m. The second Wednesday of each 4 p.m. Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.</p> <p>Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order Presbyterians 630 Spruce St. (1.5 blocks south of Hwy. 160) Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Sunday</p> <p>Church of the South Fork 0116 Landen Dr., South Fork, Co, 81154 Sunday are at 9 am - Services School Room. Choir is held on Mondays at 6pm during the summer months with a final practice at 8:15am on Sunday</p> <p>Christian Bethel Christian Church Pastor Erik Lira Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m. Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Services Monday Free Music Classes Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Word of Faith Christian Center 401 Sante Fe, Alamosa Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night</p> <p>The Peak Community Church 510 San Juan, Alamosa Sundays, 6 p.m. - Fellowship Sundays, 7 p.m. - Worship & More</p> <p>Pentecostal Alamosa Pentecostal Church 184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-589-0475 Pastor Carl Sutter Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45 Worship 2:00-3:00</p> <p>Christian Fellowship Church The Door 1300 West 12th St., Alamosa Pastor Martin Montoya • 719-587-6197 Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival</p> <p>Christian Independent Alamosa Christian Church 410 McQuerry, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Youth Group</p> <p>Christian Reformed Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-589-3493 1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa Pastor Philip VanderWindt Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>Churches of Christ Alamosa Church of Christ 408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step group meets, every Friday at 7 p.m.</p> <p>South Fork Church of Christ 205 Birch St., South Fork, 719-873-1259 Nathan Wheeler Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Central Church of Christ 200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811 David L. Baker Preacher Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>San Luis Valley Church of Christ 704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-589-2114 Pastor Sal Garcia Sunday Bible Study 9 am Sunday Worship 10 am Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm</p> <p>Cornerstone Community Church Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical Clinic Pastor Mark 719-657-9107 Sunday 9:50 a.m. free breakfast Sunday 10:20 a.m. Contemporary Worship & Children Sunday School Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Dinner, music, fellowship, teachings You</p> <p>Episcopal Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 607 4th Street, Alamosa Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service</p> <p>Saint Stephen the Martyr 729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista Sunday, 10 am Service</p> <p>First Christian Church 518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa 589-6805 Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>Valley Fellowship 240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3904 Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship, Prayer and Bible Study *Bible Studies during the week, call for information.</p>	<p>First United Methodist First United Methodist Church 2005 Mullins Ave., Alamosa - 719-589-2243 "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" Morning Worship - Sunday, 11:00 am Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am</p> <p>Community Churches United for Christ Community Church (SBC) "Community Centered Around Love" 7th & Broadway in Blanca - 719-379-3317 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11am</p> <p>Bible Believer's Community Church 11762 E US HWY 160, Alamosa, CO 81101 719) 206-3239 Sunday worship 10:30 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm www.bbchurch.co</p> <p>Presbyterian Alamosa Presbyterian Church 330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship</p> <p>Hispanic Pentecostal Iglesia Pentecostal Unida La U 907 Tenth St. Alamosa - 719-587-3546 Guadalupe Salazar Pastor Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship</p> <p>New Hope Church "The Church on the Hill" 25258 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co. 81154 Pastor John Jayne • 719-873-1202 www.newhopest.com Morning Worship -10:00 am Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45</p> <p>Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101 alamosafellowship@gmail.com Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Independent, Fundamental Baptist First Baptist Church of Costilla County 9717 County Rd H, Mesita - 719-206-0011 Pastor Paul Jones Sunday, 9:45 am - Sunday School Sunday, 10:45 am -Morning Worship Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner Sunday, after dinner - Afternoon Worship Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesita, Bible Study and Prayer meeting</p> <p>DEAF MINISTRY FOR ALL SERVICES Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Alamosa Y S A Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa Second Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Third Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Fourth Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language) 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.</p> <p>Lutheran St. Peters Lutheran Church & School Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services School: K-8, Monday-Thursday</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church & School 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship *Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week* -Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 589-4611, School: 589-3271</p> <p>Conjoes Canyon Community Chapel 20062 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Fellowship Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Mountain Valley Church 408 State St. 17, Alamosa Pastor: Richard Pinkerton 589-2899 or 588-7682 Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2555 Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship</p> <p>Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church 538 Barker Street, Mosca 970-270-3078 Pastor Steve Dunkel Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Unitarian Universalist Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa "North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church" 719-587-5529 Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am Sunday</p> <p>Valley Church of the Nazarene Pastor, Chris Yocum 228 Madison, Monte Vista - (719) 852-5858 churchoffice@valleynaz.com Sunday Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9 a.m. Wednesday Dinner at 6 p.m. Small Group Classes at 7 p.m. Thursday Teen Activities (beginning at 6:30 p.m.) *Nursery is available during all services Visit website at www.valleynaz.com for online bulletins and service information or call the number above.</p> <p>Church of Scientology 511 Main Street, Suite #12, Alamosa 719-587-5554 Monday and Wednesday, 7-10p.m. - Services</p> <p>Grace Assurance Ministry Church without Religion 9851 CR 4 S, Alamosa, CO Sunday Mornings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 719-588-7004 Eric Wolf - 719-480-3977</p>
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Bible Digest

Saturday, August 10, 2024

"Cast your burden on the LORD, and he shall sustain you: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." (Psalms 55:22 AKJV)

Pray. Cast your cares on the Lord. He loves you.

Sunday, August 11, 2024

"And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God." (Mark 15:39 AKJV)

Jesus is the One and Only Son of God. Have you surrendered your life to Him?

Monday, August 12, 2024

"After the number of the days in which you searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall you bear your iniquities, even forty

years, and you shall know my breach of promise." (Numbers 14:34 AKJV)

Choices have consequences. Don't say no to God. Trust Him and follow Him.

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

"Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man." (Psalms 60:11 AKJV)

The Lord is the One who can really meet our needs. Pray and seek His wisdom and guidance.

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

"And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." (Luke 4:4 AKJV)

Feast on God's Word. It will give you the strength you need.

Thursday, August 15, 2024

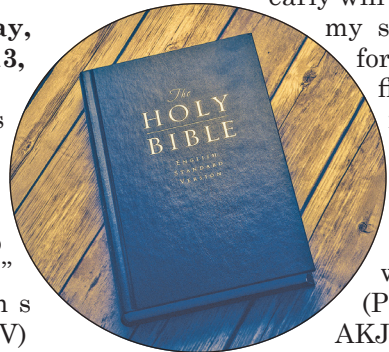
"O God, you are my God; early will I seek you: my soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;" (Psalms 63:1 AKJV)

Start your day off right. Spend time with the Lord.

Friday, August 16, 2024

"When I remember you on my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches." (Psalms 63:6 AKJV)

Sometimes God speaks to us during the night. Be ready to listen.



The Dangers of Doubt

God loves boldness and He wants us to be confident of His love for us. He wants us to know without a doubt that we are made right with Him through the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross—especially on those days when we feel unworthy of His love.

To live boldly means that we're willing to step out in faith to try new things and pursue our God-given dreams and passions without letting the fear of doubt overshadow our faith.

Doubt is a fear that can bring a lot of confusion: Did I make the right decision? I don't know. Maybe I did. Well, maybe I didn't. We can go back and forth like that in our heads forever. But I've found that when I'm confused, it's better to stop, turn off my brain, and just look at what's in my heart—not for what I think I should do, but what I believe I should do.

Sometimes it becomes very clear what God wants us to do; other times it's less obvious. But before you jump ahead, give God a chance to speak to your heart.

James 1:5-6 (AMP) says, "If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke or blame, and it will be given to him. But he must ask [for wisdom] in faith, without doubting [God's willingness to help], for the one who doubts is like a blowing about and tossed by the wind."

I hope that you noticed it says, "If any of you" need wisdom. God isn't looking for perfect people; they don't exist. So, no matter where you are, God wants to help you! Isn't that good news?

God will never leave you or forsake you, and He always remain faithful to His Word. All you have to do is ask and receive, dismissing the doubts that set themselves up against His Word. If you can do that, there's

no telling what God will make happen in your life!

Romans 4 gives a wonderful account of the story of Abraham, one of the great heroes of faith. Verses 18-19 say, "In hope against hope Abraham believed that he would become a father of many nations, as he had been promised [by God]: 'So [numberless] shall your descendants be.' Without becoming weak in faith he considered his own body, now as good as dead [for producing children] since he was about a hundred years old, and [he considered] the deadness of Sarah's womb" (AMP).

Abraham considered the facts. But he still believed God was greater. Verse 20 says, "But he did not doubt or waver in unbelief concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and empowered by faith, giving glory to God" (AMP).

Instead of relying only on what we see around us, you and I can choose to believe God's Word. And we can open our mouths to speak words of thanks, like this:

"God, I remember the good things You've done for me and how You've been faithful to those who've trusted in You through the ages. I'm giving You praise today because I know You'll always be faithful!"

Like Abraham, we all have times of waiting that God uses to test and stretch our faith. But He promises to work all things out for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

Honestly, if we can keep a good attitude throughout the process, our wait time might be shorter than it would be if we decided we'd rather murmur and complain. God wants to draw us closer to Him so that when our prayer is finally answered, and our day of breakthrough comes, we'll be stronger in our faith and able to withstand any opposition that comes against us.

Hebrews 10:36 (AMP) says, "For



you have need of patient endurance [to bear up under difficult circumstances without compromising], so that when you have carried out the will of God, you may receive and enjoy to the full what is promised."

It takes boldness to believe God's promises are for you and not just for everyone else. It takes boldness to cling to His promises when the world around you says, "It will never happen! And it takes boldness to step out in faith and try something new. But be encouraged. God isn't concerned about you making mistakes. He knows you're not perfect and He wants to give you His wisdom and strength to do everything He's put in your heart."

So, stop doubting and step out in faith...and believe God can do something amazing in you and through you. He wants to see boldness in you!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-part teaching resource *Overcoming Fear with Faith*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org

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Five SLV grid teams ranked by Mile High Prep Report

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – Mile High Prep Report posted its preseason football rankings gradually over the past few weeks on its web site with five teams from the San Luis Valley appearing in their respective Top 20.

The highest ranked local teams are in Class 1A as Centauri is ranked eighth and Monte Vista is ninth. The Falcons went 7-3 in 2023 and they won the South-Central League championship with a 5-0 record. They were defeated in the first round of the state playoffs by Wray, who is the preseason top-ranked team.

The Pirates had a 6-3 overall record in 2023 and they finished second in league play with a 4-1 record. They just barely missed going to the playoffs.

In addition to laying each other this season, both Centauri and Monte Vista have tough nonleague schedules. Both teams will play Pagosa Springs, the 11th-ranked team in Class 2A. Centauri will also face fifth-ranked Buena Vista, while Monte Vista will play Alamosa, the 13th-ranked team in Class 2A, 15th-ranked North Fork, and Rye which is listed as "other teams to watch."

Alamosa overcame a slow start in 2023 and came back to post a 4-6 record. It was the league co-champs with a 4-1 record and it advanced to the state playoffs where it was defeated by eventual state champion Delta, which is also the top-ranked team this year. The Mean Moose will play at Delta during the regular season.

Alamosa returns to the Intermountain League which has two addition ranked teams in eighth-ranked Gunnison and 11th-ranked Pagosa Springs. Montezuma-Cortez and Salida are

mentioned as "other teams to watch."

In eight-man football, Sanford is ranked 15th, and Sargent is listed as "other teams to watch."

The Mustangs went 6-4 in 2023 and they were 2-2 in league play. They advanced to the state tournament where they were defeated by Byers which is third in the preseason rankings.

The Farmers had a 4-5 record and were 1-3 in league.

The league has two ranked teams in fifth-ranked Mancos and 10th-ranked Dove Creek.

Sanford will also face top-ranked Haxtun and ninth-ranked West Grand, along with Swink which is listed as "other teams to watch."

Sargent will also see 12th-ranked Hoehne. The eight-man Six County League, in which Sangre de Cristo will compete, has 12th-ranked Hoehne and 13th-ranked Crowley County. Fowler is mentioned as "other teams to watch."

In six-man football, Sierra Grande is ranked 10th. The Panthers went 7-4 last year and they were 3-2 in league. The advanced to state and was the only SLV team to win a game with a victory over Arickaree. They lost in the quarterfinals to eventual state champion Stratton which is also the top-ranked team this year.

Two league teams are ranked as Branson/Kim is seventh and Primero is ninth. La Veta is mentioned as "other teams to watch."

Sierra Grande will also face 15th-ranked Cheraw, as well as Deer Trail which is also a team to watch.

- Class 2A**
1. Delta
 2. The Classical Academy
 3. Kent Denver
 4. Wellington
 5. Resurrection Christian
 6. Basalt
 7. Brush
 8. Gunnison
 9. Eaton

10. Sterling
 11. Pagosa Springs
 12. Berthoud
 13. Alamosa
 14. Woodland Park
 15. La Junta
 16. D'Evelyn
 17. University
 18. Strasburg
 19. Weld Central
 20. Fort Lupton
- Other teams to watch:** Florence, Lamar, Montezuma-Cortez, Elizabeth, Salida, Banning Lewis Academy, Aspen, Valley, Coal Ridge, Bennett, Mof-fat County

- Class 1A**
1. Wray
 2. Limon
 3. Colorado Springs Christian
 4. Wiggins
 5. Buena Vista
 6. Yuma
 7. Platte Valley
 8. Centauri
 9. Monte Vista
 10. Highland
 11. Forge Christian
 12. Holyoke
 13. Cedaredge
 14. Meeker
 15. North Fork
 16. Burlington
 17. Peyton
 18. Rye
 19. Flatirons Academy
 20. Grand Valley
- Other teams to watch:** Platte Canyon, Denver Christian, Estes Park, Jefferson, Ignacio

- Eight-man**
1. Haxtun
 2. Simla
 3. Byers
 4. Merino
 5. Mancos
 6. McClave
 7. Akron
 8. Sedgewick County
 9. West Grand
 10. Dove Creek
 11. Holly
 12. Hoehne
 13. Crowley County
 14. Dayspring Christian
 15. Sanford
 16. Springfield
 17. Elbert
 18. Rangely
 19. Lyons
 20. Vail Christian
- Other teams to watch:** Sargent, Fowler, Belleview Christian, Rocky Ford, Front Range Christian, Palteau Valley, Swink, Hayden

- Six-man**
1. Stratton
 2. Cheyenne Wells
 3. Idalia
 4. Otis
 5. Eads
 6. Arickaree
 7. Branson/Kim
 8. Granada
 9. Primero
 10. Sierra Grande
 11. Peetz
 12. Hanover
 13. Briggsdale
 14. Prairie
 15. Cheraw
 16. Fleming
- Other teams to watch:** Caliche, Genoa-Hugo, Kit Carson, North Park, Walsh, Kiowa, Deer Trail, Miami-Yoder, La Veta

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Sports Bulletin

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SCHEDULE SATURDAY

Prep boys golf
Alamosa at Durango Invitational, 9 a.m.

MONDAY
Prep boys golf
Monte Vista at Swink Invitational (at La Junta Municipal Golf Course), 9 a.m.

TUESDAY

Prep boys golf
Del Norte, Monte Vista at Fowler Invitational (at Cottonwood Links), 9 a.m.

FRIDAY
Prep boys golf
Alamosa, Del Norte, Monte Vista at Alamosa Invitational (at Cattails), 9 a.m.

Lifestyle

New Colorado Supreme Court chief justice optimistic about judicial culture improvements

By LINDSEY TOOMER
Colorado Newswire

Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Monica Márquez became the first Latina to take on the role when she was sworn in at the end of July.

She's one of 11 state supreme court justices in the country who openly identify as LGBTQ, and having grown up in Grand Junction, she is only the second chief justice from the Western Slope in state history.

While her job as a justice is to be fair and impartial, Márquez said she appreciates what it means for people to see someone who understands their life experience in a position of power like hers. Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter, a Democrat, appointed Márquez to the Colorado Supreme Court in November 2010.

"I have come to believe that it increases the public's confidence in our judicial branch when members of the bench who are serving the community actually reflect the communities that they serve," Márquez said in an interview with Newswire this week. "I think it breeds confidence in the decisions that are issued, I think it breeds confidence in the fairness of the process."

"On our court, all seven of us bring our respective

batch of life experience, and I think what helps contribute to wiser decisions is when that group of seven brings a wealth and breadth of life experience to the table — mine is just one of those," Márquez said.

The chief justice serves as the state judicial branch's top executive, overseeing the soon-to-be 23 judicial districts in addition to the regular duties of justice on the Colorado Supreme Court. The court voted unanimously in 2020 to institute three-year rotating terms for the chief justice role. Márquez said in the short time since she started, being chief justice "feels like two and a half full time jobs right now."

"Most of the leadership that I have to exert is leadership of influence, trying to organize people and get us all paddling in the same direction," Márquez said.

Márquez succeeds outgoing Chief Justice Brian Boatright, who led the state judicial department through a tumultuous three years recovering from allegations of misconduct and workplace culture issues. The Colorado Legislature overhauled judicial disciplinary procedures last year after investigations produced scathing reports on the judicial branch's toxic workplace

culture. Former Chief Justice Nathan Coats, Boatright's predecessor, was censured for his role leading the branch during the time allegations arose.

Boatright tasked Márquez with leading the branch's efforts to improve workplace culture, which she said started with listening tours each of the seven justices conducted with judicial employees across the state. Since she's taken on the chief justice role, she passed leadership of workplace culture initiative to Justice Melissa Hart.

"The big takeaways for us were the need for better compensation, the need for better training, the need for better attention to employee well-being, and so we've used that to sort of guide our priorities," Márquez said. "This isn't a top down, we're gonna tell you what needs to happen, kind of effort, but rather, we're inviting you to the table to tell us your ideas, and how can we support you as we try to implement those."

Márquez said the branch is in "a period of significant transition" as the branch has seen high turnover at all levels, including judicial clerks, probation staff and judicial officers. It's an opportunity, she said, to rebuild a "stronger and

better culture, and one that I hope is a little bit more unified in its approach."

The branch also adopted new mission and vision statements, which Márquez said she hopes will be embedded in every aspect of the judicial department's work.

"If I've learned anything over the last four years, it's that we often cannot predict what's right around the corner," Márquez said. "It's all fine and good for me to have broadly stated goals and plans, and then there's reality, and a lot of what we end up having to do is just react and respond to the challenges that we confront."

The branch started to roll out a new job classification and compensation model in July, which Márquez said employees

have seen as "a big win." She said there will be more refinements to come, but the basic infrastructure is in place so employees can see where they can progress within their job classifications — something they didn't have before.

The judicial department also launched a new training committee so that state training more consistently aligns with employee needs. Márquez said the branch started two other committees, one for judicial officers and one for employees, to prioritize well-being. The employee committee is working to develop a toolkit judicial districts can use to find opportunities for flexible work.

"Some jobs in the branch are amenable to work from home or virtual work. Other jobs are very much not

because they're customer-facing, and so how do we get creative in creating flexibility with schedules, lunch breaks, whatever it looks like," Márquez said.

Márquez said she has seen "tons of enthusiasm" for the changes that started as employee-driven efforts, with everyone working toward the same shared values: integrity, fairness and transparency.

"Those values can play out slightly differently in different communities — sort of what the culture looks like on the Western Slope, then in Fort Collins, then in Alamosa — so there's room for some flexibility in how those are implemented," Márquez said. "But they're at least a way to articulate the key things that bind us as a judicial branch community."

Common causes of hair loss

(METRO) — Hair loss can affect both men and women and have an impact on their quality of life and self-esteem.

Clinically known as alopecia, hair loss has many different causes, advises the Mayo Clinic. Narrowing down what could be at the root of hair loss may compel people to take steps to restore hair quality and appearance. Here are some common causes of hair loss, courtesy of the American Academy of Dermatology Association.

- Heredity (Androgenic alopecia) Hereditary hair loss is the most common cause of hair loss worldwide, according to the AADA. In men it's called male pattern hair loss, and in women it's known as female pattern hair loss.

With this type of hair loss, inherited genes cause the hair follicles to shrink and eventually stop growing hair. Shrinkage can begin during adolescence, though it usually starts later in life.

- Immune system attacks (Alopecia areata)

Hair loss can occur when the body's immune system turns on itself and attacks the hair follicles. This may cause patchy areas where there is no hair. Hair loss can occur anywhere on the body, including the scalp, eyelashes, arms, and even on the inside of the nose.

- Medications Certain medications and cancer treatments can cause hair loss. A person may lose all or most of his or her hair within a few weeks of starting chemotherapy or receiving radiation treatment.

- Hormonal changes Hormonal changes can cause hair loss. Pregnancy or menopause may cause fluctuations of hormones that lead to hair loss. In addition, hormonal changes in the thyroid may cause hair loss.

- Illness and stressors A person may notice that he or she is losing many more hairs than normal a few months after recovering from an illness or undergoing surgery or experiencing a particularly stressful situation. The good news is that when the

stressor stops, the body can readjust and the hair loss will stop.

- Chemical or physical damage

Certain hair treatments or hair styling procedures like perming, hair coloring, relaxing the hair, or using heat styling products can damage hair follicles and lead to hair loss.

Hairstyles that pull on the scalp, such as tight ponytails or braids, can lead to permanent hair loss. This is known as traction alopecia.

- Infection An infection of the scalp may cause hair loss. Hair may be restored with treatment of the illness.

Individuals who are experiencing hair loss can speak with their doctors and undergo testing to get to the bottom of hair



METRO photo

Individuals who are experiencing hair loss can speak with their doctors and undergo testing to get to the bottom of hair loss.

There are treatments available that can slow hair loss or even reverse it. Certain measures, such as being more gentle with hair, also can prevent hair loss in certain instances.

Public Notices

NOTICE

The Centennial School in San Luis, CO is currently taking bids to replace the padding, carpet, and vinyl flooring in a house that the school district owns. For more information, any questions, or to submit a bid, please contact Ernie Rael at 719-672-3322 or 719-672-3406. No. 4043. Published in the Valley Courier on July 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, August 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, & 13, 2024.

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* Joe.Garcia@centennial.k12.co.us
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For further details, contact Joe Garcia at 719-672-3322 or at joe.garcia@centennial.k12.co.us. No. 4058. Published in the Valley Courier on August 6, 7, 9, & 10, 2024.

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THE ALAMOSA POLICE DEPARTMENT is seeking a full-time BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICIAN to join their team as a BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CO-RESPONDER. This position offers a unique opportunity to intervene and de-escalate crisis situations while providing essential mental health services to individuals in need. The successful candidate will work closely with law enforcement and community partners to assess, diagnose, and develop treatment plans for clients experiencing behavioral health crises. Interested candidates can submit their application at cityofalamosa.org and attach their resume and a cover letter detailing their qualifications and experience. Starting pay FLSA Exempt DOQ, non-certified \$64,750 - \$67,987, certified \$76,211 - \$80,021. Fringe benefits include CO PERA Retirement employer contribution 14.73% & employee contribution is 9.00%. 11.5 holidays per year, 2 personal days, 80 hours of sick leave and 80 hours of vacation leave per year. Employer paid life insurance, STD, LTD & AD&D, 75% of medical, vision, and dental premiums paid by the employer, Wellness Program, and discounted recreational memberships. Open until filled, with a first review on August 26th. (8/28/24)

JR/SR HIGH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER needed at DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a secondary Language Arts endorsement. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, DNHS Principal at ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Mrs. Hardy at 719-657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online. (9/13/24)

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is accepting applications for ALL DEPARTMENTS: lifts, ski school, base operations, food & beverage/bakers & baristas, rental, retail, ticket office, snow reporting/guest services, ski patrol, grooming, snow removal, custodial building maintenance, and a freelance photographer. To download an application and see job descriptions please visit the employment page of WolfCreekSki.com. Send resumes and applications to wolfcreekski@wolfcreekski.com or P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81447. All jobs are winter seasonal (November - April) with skiing privileges. Starting wage of \$18/hour with merit increases based on performance and experience. (10/30/24)

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ACTIVELY HIRING: DIRECTOR - ALAMOSA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, competitive pay. Accounting experience, QuickBooks experience preferred, leadership role, decision making abilities, multitasking, event planning, speaking experience preferred, grant writing experience preferred but not necessary, fundraising. Deadline for applicants is Saturday, August 17, 2024. Mail resume to: PO Box 1276, ALAMOSA, Colorado 81101. (8/17/24)

GUNBARREL STATION IS hiring a full-time TIRE TECHNICIAN. 40-44 hours/week. Starting pay is \$15/hour. Must be 18. Gunbarrel Station is also hiring part/full-time STORE CLERK. 20-30 hours/week. Must be 18. Starting pay is \$14.50/hour. Call 719-754-3543 or stop in for an application. (8/28/24)

ADELANTE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - La Puente is seeking a Master's level person (license eligible) to PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM under the guidance of the Adelante Director. This position will provide direct supervision of case management staff to ensure completion of assessments, strength-based service plans, and case notes. Experience working with people who have serious mental health issues, and/or substance use disorders as well as chronic homelessness is extremely helpful. Crisis management skills, cultural responsiveness and organization skills are needed. Position will also provide oversight and supervision to non-housing Adelante staff in the absence of the Director as needed. Salary \$58,000 to \$60,000 plus benefits, send cover letter and resume to: hr@lapuente.net. (8/28/24)

COME BE a part of the growing CENTENNIAL R-1 TEAM! We are seeking applications for a TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR, will remain open until August 14, 2024. Please submit a resume, three letters of recommendation, pertinent transcripts, and a background check/valid CDE license with an application. Submit application through <https://www.applitrack.com/centennialschool/onlineapp> or email kimbarael@centennial.k12.co.us. This full-time position qualifies for a competitive benefits package and salary as outlined through our Master Agreement, which is available at centennial.k12.co.us. The starting pay range for transportation director is \$35,000-\$43,000. We are doing great things in SAN LUIS; it's the perfect time to join our team. (8/14/24)

JUSTICE AND HERITAGE ACADEMY in ANTONITO, CO is seeking a dedicated SECONDARY MATH TEACHER and K-12 SUBSTITUTES for the 2024-2025 academic year. If you have a passion for math and education, we would love to hear from you. Please submit your letter of intent and resume to mike@cccwater.org. Competitive pay at \$15 per hour and part-time positions available. (8/24/24)

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CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED AT UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (9/6/24)

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DIRECTOR: CENTER HEAD START is searching for a highly motivated **DIRECTOR**. Required to have a Bachelor's degree. The Head Start director takes total responsibility for administration of the program, including the planning, implementation, and evaluation. He/she will supervise all Head Start staff and is responsible for community involvement in the program. He/she maintains a good working relationship with the Regional Office. Ensures that the Head Start program is in compliance with Performance Standards and all policies of the National Head Start Program. Applications can be picked up the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions, please call the office at 719-759-9259. (8/30/24)

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EDUCATION MANAGER: CENTER HEAD START is searching for an **EDUCATION 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 the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions please call the office at 719-759-9259. (8/30/24)

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BUS DRIVER/ CUSTODIAN: CENTER HEAD START is in search of a **BUS DRIVER/ CUSTODIAN**. Must have a Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with P25 endorsement. A good driving record. Able to do a pre-trip inspection to ensure functioning maintenance of bus. Ability to work with children, parents, other staff, and community people. Custodian must take responsibility for the overall maintenance of the Head Start facility. Knowledge and understanding of safety and sanitation regulations and perform routine repairs as needed throughout the building. Applications can be picked up the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions, please call the office at 719-759-9259. (8/30/24)

I NEED HARVEST HELP & TRUCK DRIVERS needed for **POTATO HARVEST** starting September 3. Please text me at 719-850-2137. (8/28/24)

LAND USE & PERMITTING ADMINISTRATOR: The Baca Grande Property Owners Association, 68575 County Road T, CRESTONE, CO 81131 \$50,000 - \$60,000 a year - Full-time. <https://www.indeed.com/job/land-use-permitting-administrator-c201b-92d488ea125>. (8/28/24)

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MOFFAT SCHOOLS IS now hiring for: K-12 **SCHOOL COUNSELOR** and **SCHOOL SECRETARY**. Job descriptions and applications can be found on the District website, www.moffatschools.org or contact Kathy Garcia at 719-341-0128 for more information. Application deadline: Until filled. (8/13/24)

JOB OPENING: PART-TIME SECRETARY at SACRED HEART CHURCH. Monday thru Friday - hours 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (25 hrs. a week). Should be bilingual and have experience with Microsoft programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher) and google email/calendar knowledge. Should be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church. Must pass a criminal background investigation; must have a good driving record, current Colorado Driver's License, and automobile insurance. Please submit a resume to admin@sacredheartalamosa.org or come to the office for an application. If you have any questions, please call the office at (719) 589-5829, ext. 11. (8/10/24)

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Soak (up)
- 4 Asian nurse
- 8 At a distance
- 12 Once while
- 13 Finished
- 14 Stack
- 15 Green squash
- 17 Skin
- 18 Actress — Rolle
- 19 Mass meeting
- 21 “— you kidding me?”
- 22 Four-poster
- 23 Liable
- 26 Pair
- 28 Dynamite letters
- 31 Insect secretion
- 32 Helen of —
- 33 Caviar
- 34 Play division
- 35 Chef
- 36 “— a girl!”
- 37 Positive vote

DOWN

- 38 Prov. in Canada
- 39 An American in Paris, maybe
- 41 Break
- 43 “— the Walrus”
- 44 Tentacled creature
- 46 Cooks a certain way
- 50 Nevada town
- 51 Missing student
- 53 Serv. branch
- 54 Spoiled
- 55 Tolkien goblin
- 56 Fastener
- 57 Comply
- 58 Came upon
- 1 Magnitude
- 2 Burden
- 3 Covenant
- 4 Hold fast
- 5 Wavy pattern
- 6 — Arbor, MI

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 7 Inheritor
- 8 Computer company
- 9 School excursion (2 wds.)
- 10 Trusted partner
- 11 Soak flax
- 16 Actor Jackie —
- 20 “About —”
- 23 Make music
- 24 Hurry
- 25 Like a stop sign
- 26 Horse’s gait
- 27 Skillet
- 29 — bene
- 30 Try
- 32 2,000 pounds
- 35 Facsimile
- 39 Bistro
- 40 Superhero team (hyph.)
- 42 Above
- 43 Put out
- 44 Money, in Mexico
- 45 EI —, TX
- 47 Speck
- 48 Only
- 49 Splinter group
- 50 Spice mixture
- 52 Singer — Dylan

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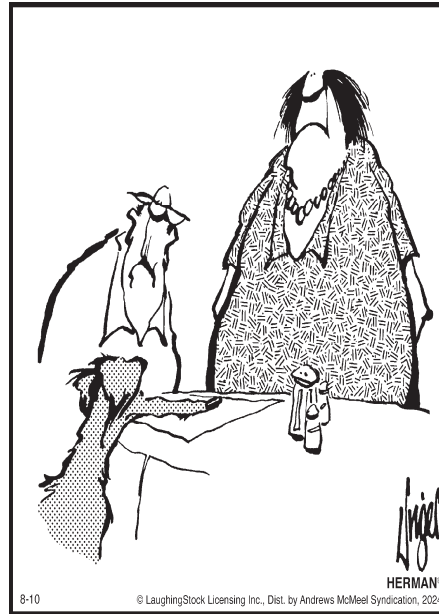
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

HERMAN



“She wants to know what the pot roast was like.”

Wrinkle in family dynamics can be hard to describe

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a daughter, “Rebecca,” I placed for adoption when I was a teenager. Long story short, we have reunited. We not only have a wonderful relationship, but I have a great relationship with Rebecca’s adoptive mom, and my husband and children (with my husband) all have an open and caring relationship with her.

Fast-forward to my recent visit with Rebecca. She and I were out, and we ran into a friend of hers. She introduced me by saying, “This is Sally, my birth mother.” I had no problem with it and received a warm reception from her friend (who, I think, did have some “backstory” knowledge).

However, my later thoughts led me here: If the situation would be reversed, and I would be introducing her to someone, what do I say? There’s NO term for our “status.” I think of her as my daughter, but most people who have known me and my husband for 30 years or so don’t know I had a child as a teenager.

I love Rebecca, who is 50 now. Why isn’t there a term to describe who she is to me (without long explanations)? I feel like this relationship needs a term, too. -- REUNITED

IN LOUISIANA DEAR REUNITED: Try this on for size: When you introduce your daughter to someone who hasn’t met her before, say, “I’d like you to meet my oldest daughter, Rebecca.”

DEAR ABBY: I am 43, and I have been talking to this guy for seven months. We agree that we aren’t dating, and we are best friends with benefits. But it seems as though we spend all our time together and that we are basically dating, but without the title. How do I get this commitment-phobe to realize we should be together without actually telling him? It would scare him off. -- LACKING STATUS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR LACKING: To you, the relationship you have with this guy seems like dating. To him, it’s friends with benefits. Nothing will change unless the two of you can have an honest conversation. If his way of handling it is to head for the hills -- after seven months -- then he really isn’t what you’re looking for. Sorry.

DEAR ABBY: I have a woman friend I take out to lunch every once in a while. I often pay the check. When she goes back home to her husband, he’s upset that she



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

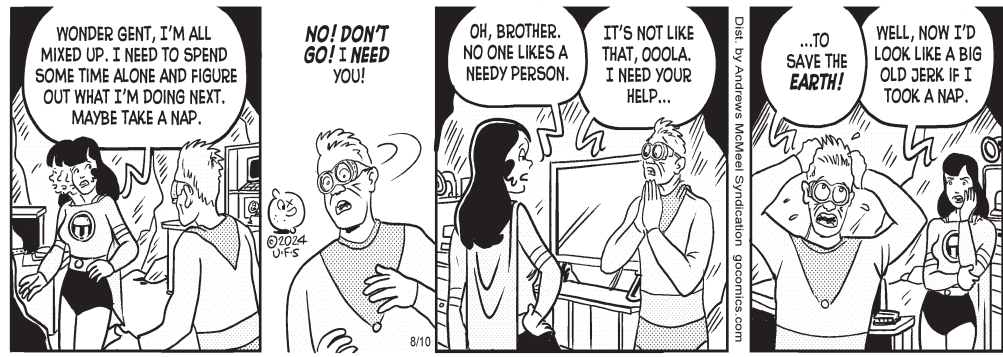
didn’t bring something back for him. He tells my friend, “It’s what partners do.”

Abby, these people are not without food or the means to get it. Neither one is starving, and he doesn’t bring back anything for her when he goes out. What are your thoughts on this? -- NOT BUYING FOR TWO

DEAR NOT BUYING: The next time you take this friend to lunch, if she asks to order something for her husband, tell her it’s fine with you, but his portion of the check will be on HER.

P.S. And if that’s “what partners do” for each other, it shouldn’t be a one-way street. What a manipulator!

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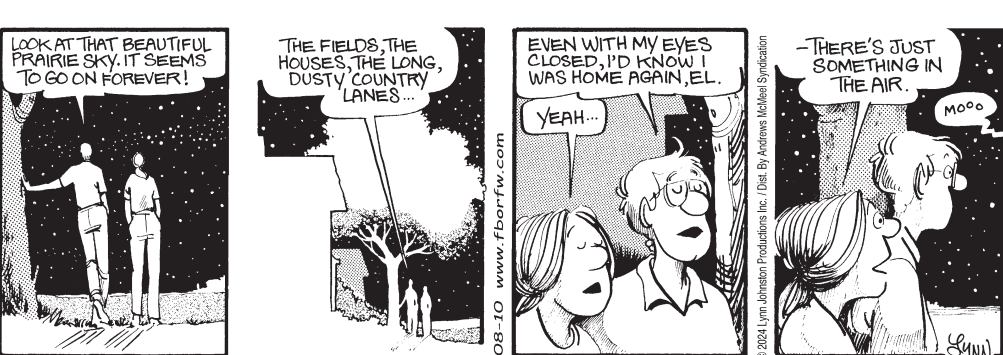
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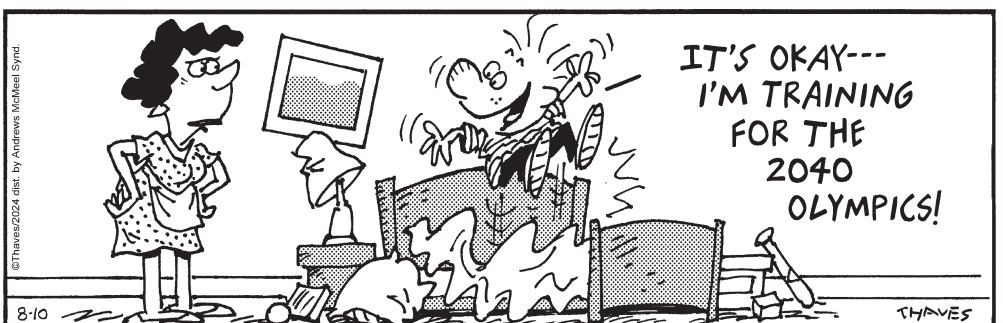
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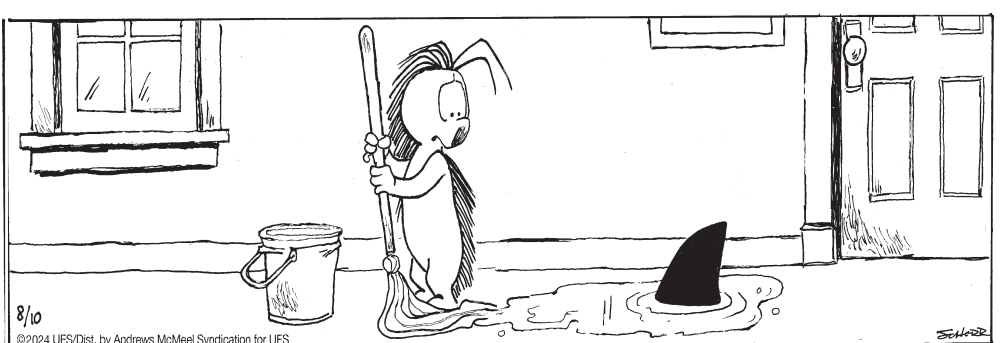
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Lifestyle



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Republican presidential candidate and former U.S. President Donald Trump speaks at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) at the Gaylord National Resort Hotel And Convention Center on February 24, 2024 in National Harbor, Maryland.

Trump agrees to Sept. 10 debate with Harris

By ARIANA FIGUEROA
Colorado Newsline

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump said Thursday he has agreed to debate Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris on Sept. 10, a reversal from his position last week that he would not participate in the ABC News event.

During a press conference at Trump's Mar-A-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida, the former president said he had also agreed to debates on Sept. 4 and Sept. 25.

The first debate would be hosted by Fox News, he said.

He initially misspoke and said the Sept. 10 debate would be on NBC, with ABC hosting the debate on Sept. 25. His campaign later clarified the ABC News debate would be Sept. 10, the date Trump and President Joe Biden agreed to with ABC before Biden dropped out of the race, with NBC hosting the final debate.

ABC News confirmed that Trump and the Harris campaign have agreed to the network's debate.

"I think it's very important to have debates," Trump said.

He then quickly moved on to disparaging Harris.

The Harris campaign, Fox News and NBC did not respond to States Newsroom's requests for comment.

In a press release, the Harris campaign called Trump's press conference a "public meltdown," but did not mention if Harris would participate in the Fox News or NBC debate.

Biden was the presumptive Democratic nominee but dropped out of the race following a disastrous performance at the first 2024 general election debate on June 27.

Following Biden's withdrawal, Harris quickly clinched the nomination and kicked off a campaign tour with her newly tapped running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz.

During Thursday's press conference, a reporter asked if there would be a peaceful transfer of power if Trump lost the election.

"Of course, there'll be a peaceful transfer and there was last time and there'll be a peaceful transfer," Trump said. "I just hope we're going to have honest elections."

The 2021 transfer from the Trump to Biden presidencies was among the

most chaotic and violent in the country's history.

On Jan. 6, 2021, a group of pro-Trump supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol in an effort to stop Congress from certifying the 2020 presidential election results. Congress impeached Trump for a second time due to his role in inciting the insurrection.

In September of 2020, Trump didn't commit to a peaceful transfer of power if he lost that election.

Trump said that the hundreds of people the U.S. Justice Department has charged and convicted in their role in the Jan. 6 attack, were not being treated fairly.

"Nobody was killed on January 6," Trump said, which is not true. "I think that the people of January 6 were treated very unfairly."

Two police officers, Howard Liebengood of the U.S. Capitol Police and Jeffrey Smith of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, died by suicide after Jan. 6 that were ruled a line of duty death. A woman, Ashli Babbitt, was shot and killed by a Capitol police officer as she tried to breach the Speaker's Lobby adjacent to the U.S. House floor.

More than 1 million veterans receiving benefits via PACT Act ahead of anniversary

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WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Friday celebrated the number of veterans enrolled in VA health care and benefits as part of a law he signed nearly two years ago, though he said more work must be done for troops who were stationed at a base in Uzbekistan in the early 2000s.

"Two years ago, I signed the bipartisan Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins (PACT) Act enacting the most significant expansion of benefits and health care for toxic exposed veterans and their survivors in over thirty years," Biden wrote in a statement.

The law, which spent years gaining the support it needed in Congress, expanded health care coverage and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances like Agent Orange and open-air burn pits.

To date, more than 1 million veterans and 10,000 survivors of veterans who died have begun to receive disability benefits stemming from the law, accounting for approximately \$6.8 billion in earned benefits. More than \$122 million of that money has gone to recipients in Colorado.

Biden said in his statement that his administration would continue studying veterans' other ill-

nesses for a "presumptive status," which could ensure them access to health care and benefits without having to prove to the VA that their conditions are directly linked to their military service.

The VA is also planning to "close loopholes for certain veterans exposed to harmful toxins during their military service," Biden wrote, without elaborating.

A White House fact sheet says the VA is looking into providing benefits for 16,000 veterans who served at Karshi-Khanabad in Uzbekistan, also known as K2, between 2001 and 2005, since there were "several contaminants...in either the air, water, soil, or soil gas."

"VA plans to take steps to consider veterans who served in Uzbekistan as Persian Gulf Veterans so that any veteran who served at K2 and who experience undiagnosed illness and medically unexplained chronic multi-symptom illnesses can get the benefits they deserve," it states. "VA will also create new training materials for claims processors and examiners on the hazards identified at K2."

Since the law — known as the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins Act or the PACT Act — took effect nearly two years ago, the VA says that 739,421 veterans have enrolled in its health care programs.

Of that total, 333,767 veterans are covered un-

der the new law, including those who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the wars that followed the Sept. 11 attacks.

The numbers released Friday are significantly higher than they were when Biden gave a speech on the law's one-year anniversary. The VA said at the time, which was one year ago, that 408,581 veterans had filed their claims and that 348,469 of those had been approved.

But Friday's announcement is somewhat similar to one Biden made in May when he cheered the VA granting 1 million claims under the law.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough said on a call with reporters at the time the law had led to "more than \$5.7 billion in earned benefits for veterans."

The exact number of veterans with approved PACT Act claims as of Friday stood at 1,005,341 while the number of survivors approved had reached 10,777.

A total of 1,251,720 veterans so far have completed filing PACT Act claims as have 21,416 survivors.

The VA has an interactive dashboard that provides veterans with information about how to apply for health care and benefits under the PACT Act as well as how many claims have been submitted.

Veterans or their family members can call the VA at 800-698-2411 to inquire about PACT Act benefits.



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