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SLV Today

Public forum on violence in Alamosa

ALAMOSA — This community has witnessed an increase in violent criminal episodes over the summer months in the City and County of Alamosa. While these incidents do not signal any discernable trend, the District Attorney's Office, the Alamosa Police Department and the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office are responsible for ensuring that the community is well informed about how our agencies are responding to community concerns. Transparency is a top priority for the District Attorney's Office.

"For that reason, we invite you to meet with us to talk about your concerns and hear directly from us about what we are doing in response," organizers stated.

Sheriff Robert Jackson, APD Chief George Dingfelder, District Attorney Anne Kelly and Assistant District Attorney Wesley Stafford will be presenting information and responding to community questions at a public forum to be held on Thursday, Sept. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m.

Submit questions and concerns that you would like addressed to district.attorney@da12.state.co.us.

Michelle Crowther graduates from Washburn

TOPEKA, KAN. — Washburn University recently announced the students in its summer 2024 graduating class. These students completed their courses for certificates, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees—more than 300 from Washburn University, Washburn University School of Law and Washburn Institute of Technology.

Michelle Crowther from Sanford graduated with a degree in Certificate with an emphasis in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

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City Council adopts wording for marijuana ballot measure

Vote was 5-1 with Coleman still opposing measure

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — During Wednesday night's regularly scheduled meeting, members of Alamosa's city council revisited a measure on the ballot. See **BALLOT** page 3



Members of city council during a regularly scheduled meeting. As circumstances sometimes require with various council members, Councilor Jamie Dominguez attends via Zoom. Photo by Priscilla Waggoner



The Conejos County Courthouse remains closed until further notice due to a fire on Aug. 29. Courier photo by John Waters

Conejos County Courthouse remains closed

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CONEJOS — Due to a fire in the Conejos County Courthouse on Aug. 29, the courthouse offices will be closed until further notice. In the meantime, the county is diligently working on getting temporary offices set up.

There may be county services available online. Many questions can be answered at www.conejoscounty.colorado.gov

If your license plates have not expired, you can renew your plates online.

Courthouse offices will still be responding to emails and phone calls. Below is a

- list of phone numbers for County Courthouse offices.
- Conejos County Administration – 719-376-5772
 - Conejos County Assessor – 719-376-5585
 - Conejos County Clerk and Recorder – 719-376-5422
 - Conejos County Land Use – 719-376-2014
 - Conejos County Road and Bridge Admin – 719-376-5431
 - Conejos County Treasurer – 719-376-5919
- Conejos Combined Courts proceedings will be held virtually until temporary offices are established.

The WebEx information for Conejos County Court Proceedings can be accessed at the following link www.coloradojudicial.gov/livestream-and-virtual-courtrooms?topic=19

• Conejos County Courts phone – 719-376-5465

The Department of Social Services, Sheriff's Office, Ambulance Service, Road and Bridge and Public Health will remain open for regular business.

All County Commissioners meetings have been cancelled until further notice and will be posted on our web site.

Early childhood learning center groundbreaking is Sept. 10

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — A significant step forward in improving childcare access for families in the San Luis Valley is on the horizon. Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, along with the SLV Early Childhood Council and other stakeholders, are thrilled to announce plans for the construction of a new Early Childhood Learning Center that will be located on the Boys and Girls Club of the San Luis Valley campus.

The new center's groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Community members, families, and all people interested in the project are invited to attend. The ceremony will be held at the construction site, 1115 Tenth St., Alamosa, where local leaders and project stakeholders will share their vision for the future of early childhood education in the region.

This state-of-the-art childcare facility will serve up to 160 children, ages 6 weeks to 6 years old, and create at least 40 new jobs in the community. The project is a direct result of a community-wide initiative aimed at increasing the availability of high-quality childcare services in the region.

The center will leverage an innovative approach to ensuring affordability and equitable enrollment practices for families across the Valley and will provide a safe and nurturing environment where young children can learn, grow, and thrive. The facility is designed with the latest in early childhood education best practices, ensuring that children receive the highest quality care and instruction during these critical formative years.

"Early Childhood Education is crucial to the success of the next generation of youth and families across the San Luis Valley," said Aaron Milten. See **CENTER** page 3

A celebration of the life of Kathy Park Woolbert

Set for 1 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 21

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — A celebration of life will be held on Sept. 21 for Kathy Park Woolbert, a woman well known and much beloved in the Alamosa community.

Kathy passed away at 5:30 p.m. on April 8, 2024, at home in her

own bed with her best friend, partner, collaborator, soulmate and husband, Henry, at her side. It was the day of the solar eclipse, which somehow seems so fitting.

"Kathy Park has gone over to the other side to join the herd," says Henry. "Horses were such a part of her life — this is how Kathy saw her passing."

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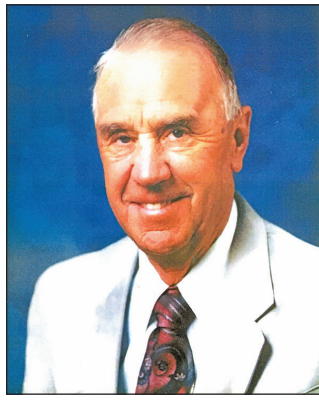
OBITUARIES

James 'Jim' Louis Higel

James "Jim" Louis Higel, 84, passed away peacefully in his home in Alamosa, Colo., on Sept. 6, 2024. Jim was born to Louis and Belle (Timmons) Higel on March 3, 1940, in Alamosa, Colo.

Jim grew up nurturing a deep connection with the land and community of Alamosa. His life's work intertwined with the land he cherished, tending to cows, cultivating hay, and managing the daily rigors of running a family ranch. His dedication extended to his service on the Rio Grande Savings and Loan board, and the Rio Grande Water Users where his wisdom and insight were greatly valued for many years. Jim has also been instrumental in helping conserve and protect the water and land that he loved so much.

Jim was the devoted husband of Janet Higel, and together they shared a passion for life's simple pleasures, including cheering on the Denver Broncos and basking in



the company of their beloved family.

He was a caring father to Greg (Shondell) Higel of Alamosa and Jill (Doug) Jeffers of Colorado Springs. His adoration only multiplied with his grandchildren, Corey (Andrea) Higel, Taylor (Dylan) Ledford, Alec (Marcie) Higel, Rian Jeffers (Kevin), and Cade (Carrie) Jeffers, and his great-grandchildren, Solomon, Analicia, Damon, Julian, Yanessa, Eden, Memry and Judah as well as Jim's brother-in-law, Jim (Becky) Dorian, along with numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A man of the people,

Alan Albert Maes

Alan Albert Maes, our loving son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, and great friend unexpectedly passed away on July 5, 2024, in Englewood, Colo., at the age of 63. Alan was born on Sept. 16, 1960, to Margarito Jose (Buddy) and Darlene Maes and is one of six children. He graduated from Sierra Grande High School and then entered the work force. Alan was married to Karen Rivera out of high school, having two children Erica and Aldrid Maes and then later, following divorce, marrying Liz Martinez, and having his third child, Isaac Maes.

Alan spent his last few months working in his daughter's bakery, helping his brother Alvin at his church, working with his friend Errol with his handy man business, and helping his sister Pam with her front yard. Alan loved helping others; always wanting to fix things and bring them back to life. He saw value in many things that others did not.

Alan was multi-talented, always dabbling in a little

bit of everything, but music was one of his main loves. He could play the drums, congas, guitar, sing, and dance. He and some of his friends formed a band in high school called "Black Magic". They were all so talented that they ended up taking second place at the Battle of the Bands in Alamosa Colo., in their first year together.

Alan is survived by his mother, Darlene Maes, daughter Erica Abeyta, and sons Aldrid and Isaac Maes, grandchildren DeAngelo Maes-Chacon; Dominique Abeyta, Aleece Hererra, Jaeden Maes, Daivid Maes, Damian Maes, Mila Maes, Elena Maes, Harper Maes, and Cecilia Maes, siblings Jeannie (Ray) Miller, Pamela Maes, Alvin (Patricia) Maes, April (Bill) VanGieson and Carol (Anthony) Rolfe, loyal and lifelong friends, Steve Brown, Errol Gonzales, along with many beloved nieces and nephews and many loving extended family and friends.

Alan is now reunited in heaven with his father Margarito (Buddy) Maes,

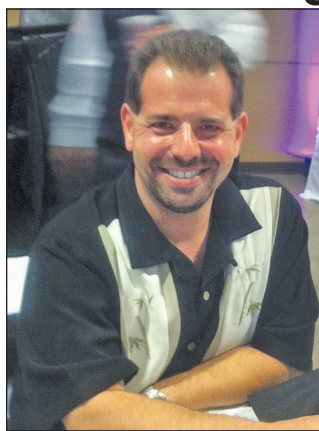
Michael J. Guadagnoli

Michael J. Guadagnoli, 49, was born on Sept. 22, 1974, and passed away on Sept. 2, 2024. Michael grew up in Trinidad and attended Mt. Carmel and Park Street Grade Schools, Trinidad Jr. High School and Trinidad High School, graduating in 1993.

Upon graduation, Michael attended Adams State College in Alamosa earning his BA Degree in Music Education in 1997. That same year he was the Director of Bands at Windsor High School and Middle School in Windsor, Colo., for 1 year. In 1998, he returned to Adams State College where he earned his MA in Secondary Education, graduating in 2001.

Michael was employed by the Monte Vista School District as Director of Bands for the Middle School and Associate Director of Bands for the High School from 1998 to 2008. Michael was currently the Vice Principal at Trinidad Middle School. He began his employment at Trinidad School District No. 1 in August of 2008.

He enjoyed his job relating seamlessly with staff and students. He went above and beyond in his devotion to the students.



He worked tirelessly to keep students on the right path to learn responsibility, to have a strong work ethic and to be willing to do what it takes to get the job done. "Mr. Guadagnoli" was loved and revered by all whose lives he touched. He will be greatly missed.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Mary Ann (Valenti) Guadagnoli, sister Darlene Guadagnoli, Aunt and Uncle Clara Mae (Marvin) Bak and Uncle Sam A. Valenti. Uncles Louis (Wanda) Carl Jr. (Helen), Joe (Ruth) Guadagnoli, Aunts Mary (Herb) Marlowe and Frances Guadagnoli. Grandparents Sam and Anna (Bracco) Valenti and Carl and Rosina (Paggiuso) Guadagnoli.

Michael was a devout Catholic putting his faith above all else. He was a

Jim relished opportunities to surround himself with friends, whether it was at a vibrant community auction or simply conversing over a cup of coffee. His laughter was infectious, and his capacity for friendship knew no bounds.

We bid farewell to a remarkable man whose memory will forever resonate in the lives he touched and the community he so wholeheartedly served. Jim Higel's legacy will continue to thrive in each sunrise over the sprawling fields he cared for and within the hearts of all who loved him.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at the Alamosa Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the charity of your choice.

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



grandson Iden Herrera, wife Rene Morfin Maes, paternal grandparents Gilbert and Theresa Maes, and maternal grandparents Jose and Delia Cordova and Bonifacio and Pauline Trujillo.

As an alternate to flowers, please consider a memorial contribution/donation in honor of Alan to: <https://lapuentehome.org/donate/> or mail to La Puente, 913 State Ave, Alamosa CO 81101.

A small memorial service will be held for Alan at Thrive Church, 2720 W. 92nd Ave., Federal Heights, CO 80260, on Friday, July 19, 2024, at 4 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held in Alamosa, Colo., at a later date.

fourth degree member of Knights of Columbus Council 1072 and Assembly 3481.

Left to cherish Michael's memory is brother Albert (Gwen) Guadagnoli and sisters Kathy (Al) Bonato and Gerry (Richard) Unrein. Nieces and Nephews Carissa (Clint) Buderus, Denise (David) Blutruch, Danielle (Bart) Rusler, Jennifer (Dan) DeGroot, Adam Guadagnoli, Jimmie (Crystal) Bonato and Dylan Unrein. Great-nieces and nephews Izaiah, Matthew, Jaycee, Easton, Berklee, Meghan, Brynlee and Michael (Mikey). Godchildren Anthony Sandoval, Adrianna Glorioso and Josie Terry.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Comi Funeral Home. Rosary Wednesday Sept. 11, at 12:30 p.m. followed by funeral mass at 1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 200 Church St., Trinidad, Colo.

Active pallbearers are Patrick Incitti, Russell Worley, Joseph Terry, Lawrence Sandoval, Anthony Sandoval and Charles Glorioso. Honorary Pallbearers are Dustin LePlatt, Wayne Leone, Michael Curro, Terry Sanchez, Guido Pachelli, Andres De Leon and James Sawaya.



Courier photo by John Waters

The new Alamosa Food Bank on State Avenue will open on Sept. 30 and needs volunteers to help move into the new facility. If interested, contact David Schneider at 719-587-3499, ext. 301, or email director.volcoor@lapuente.net.

Alamosa Food Bank needs volunteers

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ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Food Bank will be opening at a new location on Monday, Sept. 30. Currently, this food bank is at 513 6th St., Alamosa, and will be moving to the old Atencio's Market, 802 State Ave., Alamosa.

To get the food bank up and running there will be two moving days, Tuesday, Sept. 24, and Wednesday, Sept. 25. Moving times each day will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

Volunteers will be asked to lift cases of canned, bagged, and boxed products, and will be helping transfer shelving and other food bank items from the old food bank to the new food bank. If volunteers have a vehicle that can haul stuff, feel free to bring it. As long as there are slots open, 15 per shift, we will be glad to have you come and help us!

The new food bank will provide better storage, better services, and easier access to the individuals who

utilize this building. For those who can, the Food Bank Network of the SLV and the Alamosa Food Bank will always accept donations of products and cash. Consider bringing your food gifts after the new food bank opens; they will be a little bit busy from Sept. 23 to 27.

To help with the move and sign up for a shift, contact David Schneider at 719-587-3499, ext. 301, or email director.volcoor@lapuente.net.

100 years ago in the San Luis Valley

September 1924

By BARBARA KRUSE

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Things were mellow in September 1924. Weather was mild, crops were being harvested, no dramatic arrests or accidents. The Potato Growers Association withdrew early shipments due to lack of demand and low prices. Potato digging season brought along the usual crop of amateur check forgers. Pete Claussen said he brought in twenty bushels of apples from one golden transparent apple tree, and they were very fine.

The Colorado State Fair was to be held in Pueblo September 22-27 and the expectation of 200,000 attendees.

Eight hundred people attended the Harvest Festival in the Sargent Community. Sheaves of wheat, oats, and barley decorated the stage and potatoes, pumpkins, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbage and beans were abundantly displayed. There was a large display of gorgeous dahlias and beautiful gladioli were grouped with sweet peas, pinks, nasturtiums, asters and petunias.

Sugar beets were mentioned each week in the paper. They were being promoted to bring in three sugar factories into the valley.

Trout fry are being released in the Alamosa River and 50 thousand native fry, hatched at the Del Norte hatchery, will be placed in Crooked Creek and at South Fork. Another 25,000 fry to be placed in Rock Creek. Low conditions of the streams are causing fish to come down into the ditches. A man found an eighteen-inch trout in his alfalfa field in a small ditch. Overall, people say they have never seen the Rio Grande as low as the present.

OBITUARY

Lucille B. Garcia

It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of our Beloved Lucille B. Garcia. Lucille was called home on July 29, 2024. She passed away at home with her loving family by her side. Lucille was welcomed into the world on March 2, 1955, in Del Norte, Colo., the daughter of Jose V. Martinez and Manuelita A. (Manzanares) Marteliza.

Lucille devoted her life to caring for her family, raising her children and being an exceptional role model and friend to all. Lucille loved Betty Boop, going to bingo, buying scratch tickets and spending time with her family.

She will forever be remembered for her compassionate and caring nature. She was loved by all and will be missed dearly.

She will be reunited in Heaven with her parents Jose V. and Manuelita Martinez, siblings Joe, Arthur, David Martinez, Florida Grimaldo, Rosalie Abila and Virginia Silva.

Lucille's legacy will live

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Cattle broke out with blister mouth or vascular stomatitis up on the Platoro Range. It is contagious but not fatal, however it will cause considerable weight loss. Speaking of weight loss, the school nurse in Monte Vista said that only 16% of the children are of normal or above weight. A milk program has been established and proven that a child drinking milk and eating graham crackers will gain weight three times as fast as a child who does not.

White Hardware was robbed of guns, ammunition and money. Mr. White had left the door to the safe open the previous night.

The local Rotary Club held a picnic in the small ravine near the rock quarry. The celebration featured bonfires, Japanese lanterns, beefsteak and potatoes, stories and clog dances. An organ was transported up to the site for singing.

Winter coats available from Penney's, \$14.75 to \$69.50.

Germany gets four years to prepare reparation payments and is expected to amount to \$650,000,000 annually.



on through her loving husband Gary Garcia, children Gary Paul Garcia, Chris Garcia (Heidi V.), Jay Garcia, Angela Garcia, grandchildren Darian, Brittney, great-grandchild Camila S., siblings Margaret, Beatrice, Fred and Gilbert. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services will be held Sept. 21, 2024, at St. Francis Jerome Church in Center, Colo., at 1 p.m. Burial to follow services at Workers Union Cemetery west of Monte Vista, Colo.

Funeral arrangements in care of Romero Valley Funeral Home.

School Menu

Monday

September 9, 2024

BREAKFAST

Pop Tart/Graham Crackers

Fruit & Milk

ELEMENTARY

Popcorn Chicken/Boom Boom Sauce

Garlic Knots/Waffle Fries

Veggie Bar

Fruit & Milk

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Popcorn Chicken/Boom Boom Sauce

Garlic Knots/Waffle Fries

Veggie Bar

Fruit & Milk

HIGH SCHOOL

Popcorn Chicken/Boom Boom Sauce

Garlic Knots/Waffle Fries

Veggie Bar

Fruit & Milk

Breakfast & Lunch Free for all students
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To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

Valley News

September at Narrow Gauge Books

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ALAMOSA — Artist of the Month: Come and see the artwork of Kendall McNeilsmith throughout the month of September. We love his street-art inspired style, and the use of color and shape that really captures your attention and emotions.

Nonprofit of the Month: Center for Restorative Programs is the featured nonprofit for September. With every purchase you make, you can round up and donate your change to support CRPs community building and community healing programs.

Store Closure, Sept. 16-20: The NGBC storefront will be closed for new carpet installation. You'll still be able to purchase books on the NGBC website, by email, or by phone. You'll have the option to get books shipped directly to you, or order for curbside pick up.

Manga Cafe Night, Sept. 24, 6 to 8 p.m.: Join SLV Pride for snacks and manga at the Narrow Gauge Book Cooperative. Bring your own manga or borrow some of ours.

Whether you're an avid manga consumer, or just figuring things out, come hang out and have fun. Our general

manager, Delilah, will be thrilled to suggest reads for you, and there will be lots of yummy snacks, too.

Author Event: Sept. 28, at 6 p.m.: Join us for a reading, Q&A, and signing with Corveaux Millions, author of "The Duneshredder: The Gold of San Luis."

About the book: "Extreme sports enthusiast, Jaxon West, travels to the mystical San Luis Valley to conquer the slopes of The Great Sand Dunes. Just behind the massively tall peaks of Southern Colorado's Mount Blanca sits thirty square miles of nothing but sand. Blown against the mountain range for centuries, the Great Sand Dunes have only been growing, making way for some excellent boarding. As Jaxon arrives in Alamosa, he sets upon an adventure that he could have never expected, as suddenly a simple boarding trip goes downhill fast when he shreds upon a band of gold robbers. As they chase him through the high desert, Jaxon must traverse the Great Sand Dunes and escape the terrors of the Night Thing. Prepare to see the San Luis Valley and the Great Sand Dunes along with Jaxon West



Courier Photo by John Waters

The Narrow Gauge Book Cooperative is at 602 Main St., Alamosa.

in this stunning first installment of The Duneshredder."

Oct. 4: Collage Workshop from 6-8 p.m.: Lares Feliciano of Heart & Lungs Ranch is lead-

ing a pumpkin collage workshop. We'll have papier-mâché pumpkins and pumpkin-shaped cards to decorate with all sorts of fun stickers, paper, and other collage

materials. Lares is a collage artist working in many mediums, including digital collage and murals. She believes in the magic of collage as an art form and way to

make art accessible for everyone. All materials will be provided, and this workshop is free, supported by First Fridays with Visit Alamosa.

Woolbert

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As he describes the celebration of her life, "We will be gathering to share some of our favorite memories, our stories, to laugh, to cry and remember a wonderful person who will be greatly missed."

To those who knew her, Kathy was truly an extraordinary human being. And "those who knew her," included a far reaching, diverse circle of friends, colleagues and students as Kathy was imbued with an inordinate number of talents, skills, accomplishments and interests.

To those who knew her as an artist, Kathy was gifted with a truly remarkable ability to reveal the most powerful figures, shapes, animals and people hidden deep within a raw block of stone or wood. Her paintings were so astonishingly original that her work was immediately recognized as hers because of the way the world was portrayed.

As a writer, she could make people think, laugh, feel and ponder the mysteries of

life within one piece of work.

As a teacher, she both motivated and guided people incarcerated in prisons around the country to explore their own thoughts and experiences and revelations and discover their own voices in storytelling.

As an Aikido instructor, she taught principles both philosophical and physical, applying what she had learned to even the most difficult situations once she was discovered to have cancer.

And to those horses who were such a fundamentally important part of her life, she was, as Henry says, truly "one of the herd."

Even with all of this said, there is still so much to remember and to celebrate and to honor about Kathy Park Woolbert, which Henry warmly invites all who knew her to do.

The celebration of life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Woolbert Home and Dreamworks Studio, 13201 Charisma Trail, Alamosa. Live music and refreshments will be provided.

Henry is requesting people to RSVP by Sept. 15 by calling 719-589-2897.

Center

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berg, President and CEO of Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley. "There is a crisis in access to high-quality licensed care. We are supporting this initiative because parents, grand-

parents, educators, city and county officials, and leading businesses are working together to solve this crisis. We will always do the work of supporting youth and family needs."

For more information about the Early Childhood Learning Center or the groundbreaking

event, contact David Hargis, Director of Marketing and Resource Development of Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, at 719-589-5252 or marketing@bgcslv.org.

The San Luis Valley Early Childhood Initiative is a community-driven effort focused on expanding access to

high-quality childcare and early education in the San Luis Valley. Through collaboration with local organizations, businesses, and families, the initiative aims to support the healthy development of children and strengthen the economic well-being of the community.

Ballot

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November ballot where voters decide if the sale of recreational and/or medical marijuana and a related tax amount should be allowed within city limits.

Council members were tasked with deciding how the question should appear on the ballot. As explained by City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, within the questions, the proposed resolutions have to be completed with the sales tax rate that will be applied to medical and recreational.

Also, Schwiesow said, due to the Colorado's Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), the wording must include the maximum estimated revenue from the sales taxation. Should more revenue be generated from the sales tax than is reflected in the ballot measure, that amount

of money would have to be returned to the taxpayers.

After being presented with three different versions of what wording could appear, council agreed that voters should be presented with two questions where legalization and tax rates are considered together.

More specifically, the wording of the first question will ask the voter if the sale of medical marijuana at a 2% tax rate should be allowed within city limits? The second question will read somewhat the same – should the sale of recreational marijuana at a 5% sales tax rate be allowed within city limits? Council set the maximum amount of revenue to be collected at \$300,000 for both medical and recreational sales.

Schwiesow further told the council that the amount of sales tax collected by the city is not

the only revenue stream generated by marijuana sales. The state of Colorado already levies a 15% sales tax rate with 90% retained by the state and the remaining 10% of tax revenue distributed to the local jurisdictions that allow marijuana sales.

This is not the first time voters have been presented with whether marijuana should be sold within the city.

In 2017, a similar question was voted down by the voters. But after a number of council members had been approached by constituents asking for another vote to be held, council took up the issue at their July 17 meeting.

Following a long and, at times, heated discussion that began with a number of members of the public voicing their opinion, the decision to place the measure on the ballot passed with a split vote of 4-3. Such a split is uncommon for

Alamosa's city council, suggesting that there were strongly held beliefs on both sides.

Wednesday night, after Councilor Vigil made the motion to pass the resolution with the wording decided on by council, the vote was 5-1. Mayor Coleman was the sole vote against the resolution, reflecting the opposition he expressed in July to the measure appearing on the ballot, at all.

"I voted no because I think the voters already expressed their feelings when marijuana was voted down in 2017," he said.

The wording adopted by council – which will ultimately be more extensive than it appears here – will be certified by City Clerk Holly Martinez who will then pass it on to the Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder's Office for inclusion on the ballot in November.

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September

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Opinion

LETTER

Local Make A Difference Day project ends after 24 years

Editor,

In 1999 a group of concerned citizens became aware of this national day for helping others. We took this opportunity to volunteer our time and services to benefit our community. The Baer family continued to organize and carry out the project for the next 23 years.

Our goal was to have people clean up their yards and community and to provide a meal for those in need. We worked with the SLV Regional Solid Waste Authority to open the Regional Landfill for the public, for one day for a non-perishable food donation to the Monte Vista Food Bank. The Food Bank then distributed the food to needy families at a later date.

Over the 24 years, we have seen a significant decrease in dumping on roadsides. We know people's acreage has been cleaned as well.

We are very grateful to the SLV Landfill employees and Board for their support of our project; you provided a great community service. It has been our pleasure to work with each person in the office and the pit. We always enjoyed sharing with you the meal we prepared for you all at day's end.

The Monte Vista Food Bank, over the years, has distributed \$53,508 in donated food we collected. Thank you. We worked with different Directors and Board members over 24 years. We thank each of you for your service to the Community.

Over the 24 years, we have had many volunteers help us on the fourth Saturday of October. Thank you all. Our Family has always been there as support. Wesley began helping at age 6, Cassandra at age 13. They brought friends and spouses to help also. Carol's sister came several years, from Denver to help us collect food.

This event benefited all who participated. Lessons were learned, goals accomplished, and appreciation was received.

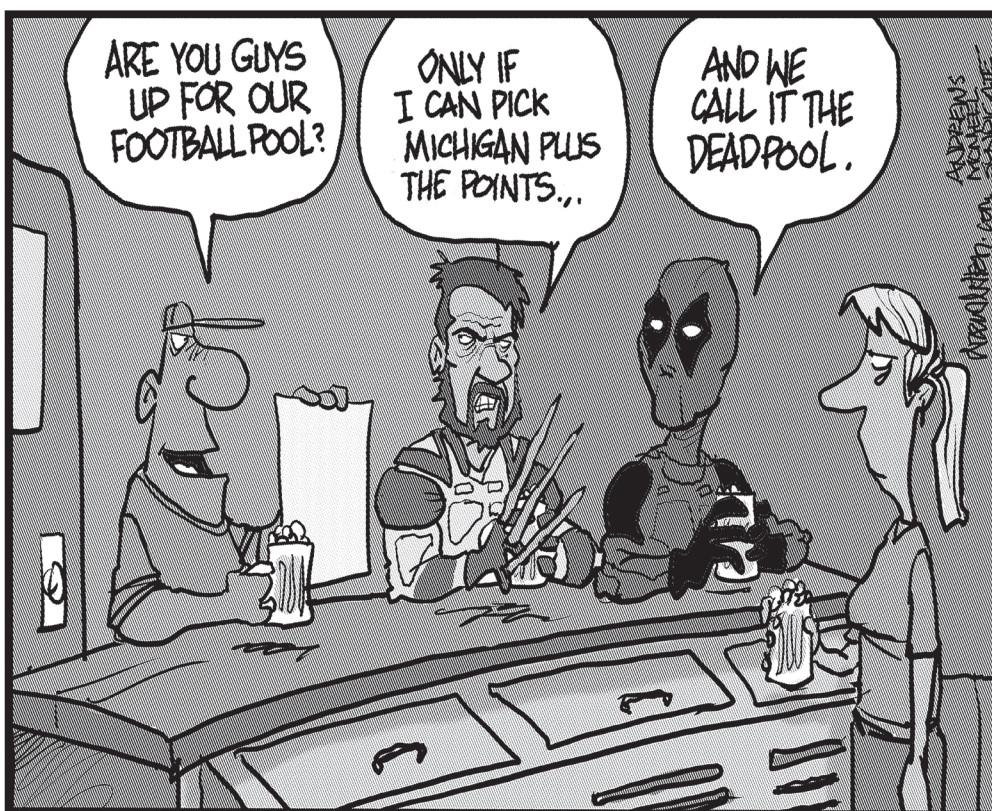
The community supported our efforts. At KSLV radio, Bob Richards did remote shows at the landfill several years as well as reading PSA's each year on the radio and doing interviews. KGIW's radio host, Mark Beatty did wonderful interviews with Carol and Steve each year before and after the event. Mark read our PSA to his listeners daily to help spread the word. A few years KRZA radio had Carol on their program. The REC did articles in their newsletter and featured us on their monthly program a few years in a row. The Courier newspaper and Monte Vista Journal newspaper gave us space each year to announce Make A Difference Day and then posted the results after with photos. The grocery stores even pitched in with donations of food which the Baer Family used to prepare a meal to share with the volunteers at the end of the workday. Thank you all, you are appreciated! As you can see a lot of preparation, organization and support was needed each year to get this project accomplished.

Over the 24 years we did make an impact. We collected \$53,508 in food donations which fed 2942 people for three days. Cash donations to the Food Bank totaled \$7402.62 for special food for the Holidays. We greeted 3,823 vehicles, trucks, trailers, and dump trucks going into the landfill, each with a donation. Deposited was 12,331 cubic yards of trash and 15,795 tires. How we saw this was...those items will not end up on the roadside or in our lakes or rivers. They were handled properly.

Thank you to all who cleaned up your yard, acreage and community then donated to help others. Please keep up with cleaning! It is important to dispose of trash responsibly and recycle.

With appreciation and gratitude to all we end our Make A Difference Day event.

The Baer family, Carol, Steve, Wes and Ashley Baer, Cassandra, Jeremy McBride and Sharon Cancino



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Missing wildland fire

Land, Water and People



Gregg Goodland

It's been a wonderfully wet and green summer here in the San Luis Valley. I'm hearing regularly these days that, even in the north end of the valley, "it's as green as I can remember." Thanks to a robust North American Monsoon, we've had abundant rainfall that has kept our wild vegetation green and at very low risk of wildfire.

I can't speak for our incredibly important farmers, but I suspect that this much rain has been problematic for them. However, from strictly the wildfire risk standpoint though, it has been great to not have unwanted wildfires filling the skies with smoke and, frankly, scaring residents with the uncertainty of where the fire will move to next. For now.

I've written occasionally about the role that fire plays in our environment, especially the wildlands around the San Luis Valley. We need fire, plain and simple, to provide ecosystem benefits that we cannot otherwise simulate as humans. Fire reduces vegetation build up, provides natural nutrients to the soils and creates/maintains habitat for many wildlife species. But the balance of where and when wildland fires are welcomed by humans is a delicate one.

As I write this, I was informed that the National Wildfire Preparedness Level was just raised to 5, the highest there is. An increase in wildfire activity both east and west of us has prompted the change which is driven in part by the reduced availability of firefighting resources. With that reduction comes the prudent action of holding off on conducting prescribed fires locally.

There are many considerations when deciding to ignite a prescribed fire, or controlled burn, as they are often referred to. The fuels conditions, or dryness of the vegetation and woody debris, must be in an optimal state so that it can burn effectively, but not too aggressively. Right now, it would be difficult to get the green vegetation to burn, but that could change soon with the onset of normal fall drying.

Land management agencies across the west typically embark on their well-planned and meaningful prescribed fire campaigns in both the spring and fall. The timing is designed around the shorter, cooler days when fire behavior will likely be only moderate, at best. And for shorter time periods. They conduct these burns in



Courtesy photo

The attached photo depicts a low-intensity fire in a Ponderosa pine forest.

strategically pre-identified areas and systematically ignite the vegetation to achieve pre-determined objectives.

I think of how I mentioned not having unwanted wildfires earlier and qualified it by saying "for now." The amazing grass and shrub growth will soon cure for the winter and will stand dry and ripe for fire. It will burn well with greater potential for faster spread, posing an increased resistance to control efforts.

This is where a well-placed and appropriately conducted prescribed burn can make a big difference on how a wildfire might affect the places that we do not want to burn so intensely, and of course, our homes, outbuildings, and other infrastructure. The careful application of fire in strategic locations will burn these tall and dry fuels under more manageable circumstances and reduce dangerous fuel loading to a less risky condition.

The wild lands around us contain a vegetation scheme that was developed over thousands of years with wildfires being a primary change component. We should use wildland fire to the most natural extent possible, including a healthy prescribed fire strategy. I'd rather see us conduct many more low-intensity, prescribed fires than witness the extreme burning of millions of acres each summer. I can tolerate the smoke because I know what the alternative is. But make no mistake; I only support the responsible application of fire in the right place, at the right time and for the right reason.

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Religion

Journalism is tricky business in Catholic cyberspace

When U.S. Catholic bishops gathered in Baltimore in 2023, they were prepared to vote on an updated document for believers seeking guidance in voting booths.

The draft prepared beforehand called abortion “a preeminent priority” for the bishops, but not -- in a rhetorical switch -- their most important issue in political life. Editors at The Pillar website obtained a copy of the proposed language and published a news story.

“Well, a number of bishops read that in The Pillar,” noted Ed Condon, one of the website’s two founders, “so several of them proposed amendments to change the text to stronger language. ... More than one bishop told us he was only informed about the issue because he read it in The Pillar.”

The final text included this phrase: “The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority.” In moral theology terms, “a preeminent priority” is quite different from a statement that abortion remains “our preeminent priority.” That bright red line has caused fierce debates, especially with a

pro-abortion-rights Catholic in the White House.

A heated opinion piece would have generated as many, or more, reader clicks than a hard news report, which would have been “good for business,” noted Condon. Opinion is cheap. Reporting is expensive.

“We don’t have ads on our site, which means we don’t make a penny from page views,” he wrote in the website’s newsletter. That was a strategic choice, “because we don’t ever want to set ourselves up with a perverse incentive to write sensationalist stories we aren’t sure about.”

In the heated environs of Catholic cyberspace, that kind of reporting will draw fierce criticism from partisans on the other side of doctrinal debates that have political, moral and cultural implications.

Catholic liberals and many mainstream journalists screamed “foul” when The Pillar published several 2021 stories -- built on patterns in cellphone data -- claiming that some important Catholic clergy in the United States and in non-tourist zones inside the

Vatican were using the hookup app Grindr. A Religion News Service column called this coverage “unethical, homophobic innuendo.”

Then again, The Pillar’s editors fielded scathing emails and texts after a recent report claiming that the Vatican’s Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith had been investigated in 2015 after accusations of minimal financial oversight and glaring irregularities -- including one official attempting to remove “shopping bags full of cash.”

The key: This powerful doctrinal department was, at that time, led by German Cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Muller, a hero among conservative Catholics. The cardinal blamed the incidents on accounting errors, while also accusing The Pillar of violating the Eighth Commandment: “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

At the moment, The Pillar is taking heat from conservatives for coverage raising questions about remarks by Sen. J.D. Vance -- a prominent Catholic convert and the GOP candidate for vice president -- defending legal access to mifepristone, an abortifacient pharmaceutical commonly called the “abortion pill.”

The Pillar has request-

ed a Vance interview to clarify his stance, asking whether -- should he remain the Republican spokesman on this issue -- his words and actions might fit the “obstinately persist” standard that would cause trouble under Catholic canon law.

“The bishops of this country ... have been arguing about whether Catholic politicians supportive of legal protection for abortion should be admitted to the Holy Eucharist,” wrote coeditor J.D. Flynn in a newsletter commentary. The question some Catholics will ask is “whether what’s good for the goose is good for

the gander -- and whether the bishops who discussed prohibiting Democrat pols from the Eucharist will take the discussion across party lines.”

Flynn and Condon are both canon lawyers as well as journalists. As co-owners of The Pillar, they want to continue to stress daily news reports, as well as deeper investigations into the legal, financial and doctrinal details of Catholic life.

Also, instead of pushing for reforms that modernize church doctrines and traditions, the website seeks reforms in which the behaviors of church leaders “match the doc-

trines the church is trying to teach and defend,” said Flynn, reached by telephone.

“For us, reform goes part and parcel with promoting true renewal -- a greater flourishing of the church’s mission. The goal is fewer things getting in the way of worship and mission.”

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On Religion



Terry Mattingly

Bible Digest

Saturday, September 7

“So I gave them up to their own hearts’ lust; and they walked in their own counsels.” (Psalms 81:12 AKJV)

Saying no to God can lead to devastating consequences. Trust God. Obey God. Save yourself the heartache.

Sunday, September 8

“And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.” (Joshua 9:14 AKJV)

Consult the Lord in all decisions. He knows what is best.

Monday, September 9

“No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and

mammon.” (Luke 16:13 AKJV)

You must decide. Who will you serve?

Tuesday, September 10

“And whoever does not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:27 AKJV)

Following Jesus is no casual decision. Are you His disciple?

Wednesday, September 11

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10 AKJV)

Do you feel lost? Jesus came to give you abundant and eternal life.

Commit your life to Him.

Thursday, September 12

“For you, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy to all them that call on you.” (Psalms 86:5 AKJV)

Jesus can set you free from sin and guilt. Call out to Him and He will show mercy.

Friday, September 13

“And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes to heaven, but smote on his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.” (Luke 18:13 AKJV)

The Lord hears this kind of praying.



How to Defeat Procrastination

It’s been said that “A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.”

The biggest thief of our dreams is procrastination. We can think about doing the right thing, plan to do it, and talk about doing it, but nothing changes in our lives until we start consistently doing what we need to do!

For instance, perhaps you are struggling with bad habits that are holding you back. You would like to change, but you’re not sure you want to change. Someone once said that bad habits are like a comfortable bed; they’re easy to get into, but hard to get out of.

But think of it this way: Are you willing to sacrifice and do the more difficult thing now in order to enjoy a life of freedom later on?

Hebrews 12:11 says, “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it” (NIV).

The irony is that we are often unwilling to suffer for a short while just to do what needs to be done. Then we end up with continual misery, dread, guilt, and the penalties of having put off something that would have taken a few minutes or a few hours to do.

In other words, by putting off the pain of doing something hard, we often spend much more time avoiding it than it would take to just do it!

To me, nothing feels better than knowing that I am doing my best, making the best choices I can make, and consistently making progress toward the best life that God has for me.

Being mediocre does not feel good to me, and I doubt that it feels good to you either. You may have gotten used to it and forgotten that there is something better, but this is a wake-up call to arise and be all you can be. The best time to get started is now! Procrastination is very deceptive. It makes us complacent by telling us that we are going to do the right thing. It justifies inactivity. I once heard a story someone made up to illustrate this point...

Three demons who were graduating from their course on how to deceive people in the world and prevent them from knowing God. Satan was questioning each demon, and he asked each one how he would deceive people.

The first one answered that he would tell people there was no God. Satan answered, “You won’t deceive many because most people down deep inside of them do believe God exists even if they have not chosen to follow Him.”

The second demon said he would tell people that heaven and hell didn’t really exist. Satan said, “You will deceive a few more than your coworker, but you won’t get many souls either.”

The third demon said that he would tell people that there was no hurry, and they could put off the decision to follow God until another time. Satan got excited and said loudly, “You will reap many souls for the kingdom of darkness by simply telling them to make the decision later.”

I have never forgotten this story even though I heard it more than 30 years ago. Procrastination is a thief—it steals our time, our potential, our self-esteem, and our peace of mind. It is like a lullaby that whispers, “Go to sleep—everything will be fine.” But everything will not be fine if we put off doing what we need to do. And the task isn’t going to get done by itself!

Procrastination is very deceptive, and we can only conquer it by becoming what I call a “now” person. Be aggressive when you know you need to do something. Don’t put it off and keep putting it off—just do it!

When we put things off, they aggravate us. We may not even be consciously aware of it, but unfinished projects pressure us.

If you walk through your home and see dishes in the sink, laundry on the floor, trash cans filled to the brim, beds unmade, every countertop piled high with mail that needs to be sorted, I feel certain that it pressures you in some way.

You may even get grouchy and start an argument with someone else in the house just because you feel overwhelmed. When we find fault with someone else it diverts our attention from how we feel about ourselves. Procrastination never makes us feel good.



organization. Some of the details recorded in the Bible about the building of the Ark and the Temple are just amazing to me. God made sure that everything was done in the most orderly and best way possible. Chaos makes us feel confused, and God is not the author of confusion, but He’s a God of order and peace (1 Corinthians 14:33).

I encourage you to form the habit of being a now person—one who does what needs to be done as soon as you can. All truly successful people have this habit. We don’t become successful by putting things off!

Again, something can seem so big in our minds, but if we make a decision to just get going and take action, it’s amazing how much differently things appear after we make a little progress.

Galatians 6:9 is so encouraging. It says, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (NIV).

Take a few moments right now and ask God to give you the grace to become a now person. Then write down one or two things—even if they are small—that you can do today to get started. Then do them. Little by little, you can defeat procrastination if you refuse to give up.

For more on this topic, order Joyce’s four-part teaching resource *Don’t Settle for Less Than the Best. 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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Baker Preacher Sunday, 9:30 am - 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 Sunday Bible Study 9 am Sunday Worship 10 am Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm</p> <p>Cornestone 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</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 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</p> <p>*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 L.A. 907 Tenth St. Alamosa - 719-587-3546 Guadalupe Zalazar 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.newhopesf.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>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 The Door 1300 West 12th St., 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 588-7662 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 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.</p> <p>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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Sports

Mean Moose use six takeaways to tame Stallions

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – After playing on a neutral field last week, the Alamosa High School football team played on their home field for the first time this season as the Mean Moose hosted Banning Lewis Prep Academy Friday at the AHS stadium.

The Mean Moose dominated the game, especially on defense. They forced the Stallions into six turnovers with most of them being converted into points.

“That’s big time,” said Alamosa coach Drew Sandlin. “Any time the defense creates turnovers, it makes the offense a lot easier. It makes it easy on me, the quarterback and everyone involved.”

Banning Lewis had the ball first and the defense wasted little time getting its first takeaway. In fact, the Mean Moose scored on the play as Stallion quarterback Sam Early mishandled the snap deep in his own territory. He pitched it into the end zone hoping to salvage only a safety, but Zane Zook scooped up the ball just before it went over the end line for a touchdown. Ryan Higareda kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

The next takeaway came on the ensuing kickoff. Jordan Jones returned the kick 46 yards, but he fumbled and the Mean Moose recovered.

Two plays later, Dyson Woodward tossed a 41-yard touchdown to Kevin Gonzales. The point-after attempt was blocked but the score stood at 13-0.

Banning Lewis fumbled the ball away on its next possession. Once again, the Mean Moose turned the turnover into points as Woodward went into the end zone on a 2-yard quarterback keeper. Higareda’s point after attempt was unsuccessful.

The Moose got another turnover late in the first quarter. However, they came up empty on that drive as Jones intercepted Woodward.

Griego got his second pick two plays later. Alamosa again got points out of the takeaway as Woodward threw a 13-yard scoring strike to Higareda. Higareda again booted the extra point and the Mean Moose had a 26-0 lead.

Alamosa got one more score before halftime as Higareda kicked a 30-yard field goal and the Mean Moose had a 29-0 lead at halftime.

Alamosa scored the first time it had the ball in the second half. Higareda put the Mean Moose into scoring position with a 57-yard kickoff return, and Zook scored his second touchdown, this time a 34-yard run. Higareda again made the extra point and Alamosa led 36-0.

The Stallions had its best chance at scoring on their next possession as they drove to the Alamosa 30. But a personal foul penalty moved Banning Lewis back and it turned the ball over on downs.

The Mean Moose got one more score in the quarter as A.J. Baker ran in a 2-yard touchdown. Higareda again kicked the point-after for a 43-0.

The fourth quarter was played under a running clock, but Alamosa managed two more scores. The Stallions were backed up to their own 4 and were in a punting situation. The long snapper put the ball over the punter’s head and out of the end zone for a safety.

Alamosa got one more touchdown on the last play of the game as Griego ran in a 5-yard quarterback keeper.

Alamosa rolled up 343 yards of total offense. 244 of the yards were in the running game with Zook leading the way with 109 yards on 12 carries. Woodward ran for 81 yards on eight carries, and Griego had 47 yards on three carries.

Woodward completed six out of 15 passes for 99



yards. Gonzales was the leading receiver with three catches for 74 yards and Higareda had two receptions for 18 yards. The Mean Moose defense held Banning Lewis to 91 total yards – 58 rushing and 33 passing. Alamosa (2-0) will go on the road for the first time on Thursday as they will face Pueblo Central. The Wildcats defeated the Mean Moose in each of the previous two seasons. “They’re a powerhouse,” Sandlin said. “We’re going to be on our game and we have to play our best football all year long. But we’ll get after it this week and we’ll get better.” The game will be played at historic Dutch Clark Stadium with kickoff slated for 7 p.m.

Alamosa 51, Banning Lewis 0

Banning Lewis	0	0	0	0-0
Alamosa	19	10	14	8-51

First quarter
A – Zook recovered fumble in end zone (Higareda kick), 11:12
A – Gonzales 41 pass from Woodward (kick blocked), 9:38
A – Woodward 2 run (kick failed), 0:23



Second quarter
A – Higareda 13 pass from Woodward (Higareda kick), 8:42
A – Higareda 30 FG, 4:39
Third quarter
A – Zook 34 run (Higareda kick), 10:38
A – Baker 2 run (Higareda kick), 0:00
Fourth quarter
A – Safety, ball went out of back of end zone, 7:12
A – Griego 5 run, 0:00

Pirates win home golf tournament

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

MONTE VISTA – The Monte Vista High School boys golf team hosted its annual tournament Friday at the Monte Vista Golf Course.

The home surroundings were good to the

Pirates as they easily won the tournament. They had score of 224 which was 24 strokes better second-place Pagosa Springs.

Leading Monte Vista was Kaden Mellott who was the individual medalist for the second straight day as he shot a one-over-par 71. Connor Mellott was third with a 74, Liam Ellithorpe was fourth with a 79, Jakoby

Ross was ninth with an 88, and Aiden Ford tied for 11th with a 90.

Alamosa finished in third place with 256. The Mean Moose were led by Serjio Najera who was fifth with an 80, followed by Gibson Gillespie who was seventh with an 86, Brady Van Iwaarden who tied for 11th with a 90, Jaidyn Burciaga who was 14th with a 95, and Zavier Medina who was 15th with a 96.

Del Norte took fifth place with 317. Leading the Tigers was Tytus Atencio who was 13th with 91. Landan Velasquez was 19th with a 106, and Noah Bailey was 26th with a 120.

The next tournament for all three schools is the Gunnison Invitational which will take place Monday at Dos Rios Golf Course.

MONTE VISTA INVITATIONAL
At Monte Vista Golf Course
Par 70

Team scores
Monte Vista 224, Pagosa Springs 248, Alamosa 256, La Veta 285, Del Norte 317, Swallows Charter Academy 333.

Individual scores

Kaden Mellott (MV)	71
Johnathon Smith (PS)	73
Connor Mellott (MV)	74
Liam Ellithorpe (MV)	79
Serjio Najera (A)	80
Lukas Ozzello (LV)	84
Tyler Dimond (PS)	86
Gibson Gillespie (A)	86
Jakoby Ross (MV)	88
Cedar Liverett (PS)	89
Aiden Ford (MV)	90
Brady Van Iwaarden (A)	90
Tytus Atencio (DN)	91
Jaidyn Burciaga (A)	95
Zavier Medina (A)	96
Kaden Crovo (LV)	99



Left: Monte Vista High School's Kaden Mellott was the medalist at the Monte Vista Invitational Friday at the Monte Vista Golf Course with a one-over-par 71. Center: Serjio Najera led Alamosa with an 80. Right: Tytus Atencio led Del Norte with a 91.



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Isabel Galloway (PS)	100	Max Brown (PS)	106	Levi Hill (SCA)	117
Miguel Rivera (LV)	102	Tristan Musgrave (LV)	108	Noah Bailey (DN)	120
Landan Velasquez (DN)	106	Ryder Wolgram (SCA)	110	Wylen Bates (SCA)	129
Karson Kleven (SCA)	106	Orlando Gallegos (LV)	115		

Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD

- THURSDAY**
Prep boys soccer
Alamosa 1, Pueblo Centennial 0
Prep girls volleyball
Alamosa def. Pagosa Springs 25-12, 25-13, 25-20
College men's soccer
Eastern New Mexico 2, Adams State 0
College women's soccer
Adams State 1, Eastern New Mexico 1
College women's volleyball
Midwestern State (Texas) def. Adams State 25-13, 25-21, 26-24

FRIDAY

- Prep football**
Alamosa 51, Banning Lewis Academy 0
Monte Vista at Rye - no

SCHEDULE

- SATURDAY**
Prep football
Antonito at Bethune, 11

- report
Olathe at Center - no report
Pagosa Springs at Centauri - no report
Prep girls softball
Alamosa 10, Pueblo East 2
Falcon 10, Alamosa 9
Prep girls volleyball
Antonito at Creede - no report
Center at Sierra Grande - no report
Del Norte at Custer County - no report
Mountain Valley def. Monte Vista JV 26-24, 15-25, 17-16
Questa (N.M.) def. Centennial 25-8, 25-14, 25-9
Sangre de Cristo JV def. Mountain Valley 25-21, 25-20
College women's volleyball
Adams State def. Western New Mexico 25-20, 25-15, 25-22
Northwestern Oklahoma State def. Adams State 25-20, 25-23, 25-13

- a.m.
Sangre de Cristo vs. Soroco (at Buena Vista), 1 p.m.
Sanford at Swink, 2 p.m.
Deer Trail at Sierra Grande, 4 p.m.
Prep cross country
Alamosa, Antonito, Centauri, Centennial, Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista at Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Cattails), 9 a.m.
Prep girls gymnastics
Alamosa at Pueblo Central, 10 a.m.
Prep girls softball
Alamosa at Pueblo County Invitational (at Runyon Sports Complex), TBA
Prep girls volleyball
Delta at Alamosa, noon
Antonito, Creede at Sargent, 1 p.m.
Deer Trail at Sierra Grande, 1:30 p.m.
Sanford at South Park, 2 p.m.
Centauri at Lewis-palmer Invitational, TBA
Centennial at Sierra Grande, TBA
College football
Western New Mexico at Adams State, 6 p.m.

- College cross country**
Adams State hosts Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Cattails), 8:45 a.m.
College men's soccer
Adams State at Lubbock Christian, 2 p.m.
College women's soccer
Adams State at Lubbock Christian, 4 p.m.
College women's volleyball
Adams State vs. Southern Arkansas (Midwestern State Invitational at Wichita Falls, Texas), noon
- MONDAY**
Prep boys golf
Alamosa, Del Norte, Monte Vista at Gunnison Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
- TUESDAY**
Prep boys soccer
Alamosa at Taos (N.M.), 4 p.m.
Prep girls softball
Alamosa at Rocky Ford (at Babcock Park), 4 p.m.
Prep girls volleyball
Sangre de Cristo at Antonito, 4:30 p.m.

Kaden Mellott medals at Rye Invitational

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Monte Vista High School boys golf team finished in second place at the Rye Invitational Thursday at Hollydot Golf Course in Colorado City.

The Pirates finished with a score of 234, which was two strokes behind the champion Montezuma-Cortez.

Leading Monte Vista was Kaden Mellott who was the individual medalist with a one-over-par 72. Liam Ellithorpe and Connor Mellott tied for ninth as both shot an 81, and Jakoby Ross tied for 37th with a 93.

Alamosa and Del Norte also competed at the tournament.

The Tigers placed 17th with 315 and they were led by Tytus Atencio who tied for 55th with a 101. Landan Velasquez tied for 57th with a 102, Trenton Woolf tied for 75th with a 112, and Noah Bailey tied for 77th with a 118.

The Mean Moose were 19th with 327. Jace Sanchez and Jaron Mason tied for 60th with a 104, Kyan Mason was 79th with a 119, and Perry DiCamillo who was 77th with a 122.

Team scores

Montezuma-Cortez 232	Monte Vista 234	Swink 248	Rye 256	Pueblo East 257	Cheyenne Mountain 259	Pueblo Central 260	The Classical Academy 269	Las Animas 271	Pueblo West 276	Pueblo South 279	Fowler 279	Rye 282	Pueblo Centennial 297	Rocky Ford 301	Limon 313	Del Norte 315	Pueblo County 319	Alamosa 327	Swallows Charter Academy 376	Flor-ence 412	Calhan NS
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Lifestyle

Trump promotes raising tariffs, corporate tax cut

By JACOB FISCHLER AND ASHLEY MURRAY

Colorado Newswire

Former President Donald Trump said Thursday he would protect American industries if he is reelected by increasing tariffs on imports while cutting other taxes and regulations, in a speech to the Economic Club of New York.

The GOP presidential candidate's remarks came as the economy has taken center stage in the run-up to the 2024 presidential election. Both Trump and the Democratic nominee, Vice President Kamala Harris, have criticized a ballooning national deficit, high housing costs and increasingly expensive groceries.

In a wide-ranging speech that also framed his hardline immigration position in economic terms and blasted Harris for what he said were the policy shortcomings of the Biden administration, Trump laid out several planks of an economic platform focused on corporate tax cuts and protectionist policies that he predicted would boost domestic manufacturing.

"Some might say it's economic nationalism," he said. "I call it common sense. I call it America First ... We have to take care of our own nation and our industries first."

Trump's speech came one day after Harris delivered new proposals to cut taxes on small businesses during a speech at a brewery in New Hampshire.

While Trump would cut corporate taxes and extend the tax cut for high earners that he signed during his first term, he said he would raise tariffs, which are taxes on foreign goods. Doing so would compel U.S. companies to keep their production jobs in the country, he said.

Tariffs would also seed a new "sovereign wealth fund" that would "return a gigantic profit," he said.

He told the economists and business professionals in the room that he would lean on them to advise on the fund, and that it would be flush with cash from tariffs on foreign imports.

The "greatest sovereign wealth fund," he said, would also pay for infrastructure, defense capabilities and "cutting-edge medical research," as well as pay down the nation's debt.

"We'll create America's own sovereign wealth fund to invest in great national endeavors for the benefit of all of the American people," he said. "Why don't we have a wealth fund? Other countries have wealth funds. We have nothing. We have nothing. We're going to have a sovereign wealth fund or we can name it something different."

Tax battle
Trump told the group that Harris would raise taxes, including on unrealized gains on invest-

ments before they are sold.

"Unbelievably, she will seek a tax on unrealized capital gains," he said.

Trump would lower the corporate tax rate from 21% to 15%, he said, while Harris would raise it to 28%.

He also said he would appoint Elon Musk, the billionaire owner of X who has endorsed Trump and regularly posts about the election, to lead a government efficiency commission.

Trump would seek to make permanent the tax cuts he signed into law in 2017. Taxes have featured prominently on the campaign trail ahead of the 2025 expiration of the law that cut individual tax rates, reduced the corporate tax rate and doubled the child tax credit.

In her remarks in New Hampshire, Harris promised to increase deductions tenfold on business start-up costs, up to \$50,000 from \$5,000. She also vowed to simplify the tax filing process for entrepreneurs by allowing them to claim a standard deduction, similar to what's available for individual income taxpayers.

Harris also drew attention to her New Hampshire speech when she broke with President Joe Biden's tax plan for capital gains, promising "a rate that rewards investment in America's innovators, founders and small businesses."

Harris told the crowd that anyone earning \$1 million or more would see a 28% rate on long-term capital gains under her administration, if elected. The proposal deviates from Biden's plan to raise revenue by taxing capital gains over \$1 million at 39.6%. Biden also proposed a 5% Medicare surcharge on long-term capital gains for high earners.

The current rate for high earners is 20%.

A long-term capital gain tax is applied to any profit made on the sale of an asset, like stocks, bonds, or real estate, held by the owner for more than a year.

Immigration
Trump also sought to make his signature policy issue — an ultra-hardline immigration stance — an economic one.

An increasing number of migrants entering the country through the border with Mexico are taking jobs from Americans, he said, singling out Americans of color.

"Hispanic American jobs are under massive threat from the invasion taking place at our border," Trump said. "They're taking jobs from Hispanic Americans, African Americans."

He added, falsely, that all jobs created during the Biden administration were filled by immigrants in the country illegally.

Trump has called for an unprecedented deportation program of undocumented immigrants and has placed

the blame for record migrant crossings on Biden and Harris.

'Like nobody's ever grown before'

Trump promised "tremendous growth," mostly attributing that growth to a yet unnamed percentage tariff on foreign imports. He signaled his target for tariffs will be higher than any percentage floated so far.

"We're gonna grow like nobody's ever grown before," he said. "We will be bringing in billions and billions of dollars, which will reduce our deficit."

He also suggested during the question-and-answer portion that funds raised through tariffs could help families reduce the cost of child care, but offered little detail.

But economists and critics say Trump's major economic plans to raise tariffs and extend his signature tax cuts will put additional costs on consumers and add trillions to the deficit.

Trump's plan to extend the 2017 tax cuts would add between \$4.1 and \$5.8 trillion to the national deficit over the next decade, according to the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Budget Model.

Rule of law
Trump said the country has suffered economically under Biden and Harris because of his legal issues.

Trump has faced four criminal prosecutions, including two federal cases related to his mishandling of classified documents following his presidency and his conduct to provoke the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

He was also convicted of New York state felonies related to an illegal hush money arrangement during his first White House campaign and is charged in Geor-

gia with election interference related to the 2020 campaign.

He said Thursday the prosecutions were politically motivated, making investors lose faith in the country's governance. He hinted that he

would retaliate and said that he would eliminate political prosecutions.

"They always have to remember that two can play that game," he said. "Nobody ever thought this was possible. This is how you create massive

capital flight and turn once prosperous nations into absolute ruins. I will have no higher priority as president than to restore the fair, equal and impartial rule of law in America. We have lost the rule of law."



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HEAD JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL COACH needed at **DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL**. Experience as a coach or assistant coach at the middle school and or high school level is preferred. Must possess: effective coaching techniques and a thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport; and have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gibbs Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@urtigers.co 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers.co, 719-657-4020. (9/24/24)

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Veggie in a pod
 - 4 Draper of "Mad Men"
 - 7 Thick piece
 - 11 Venomous snake
 - 12 Nimbus
 - 13 Muscular quality
 - 14 Snooze
 - 15 Perfect place
 - 16 Memory alone
 - 17 Protect
 - 19 Wiggly dessert
 - 21 Fix fraudulently
 - 22 Turf
 - 23 "God — the Queen"
 - 24 Baby animal
 - 25 Moist
 - 28 Stake
 - 29 Mythical bird
 - 30 Brake part
 - 31 Cad
 - 32 Bat wood
 - 33 French film

- 34 Tummy muscles
- 35 Fruit stone
- 36 Goofs
- 37 Favorite
- 38 Actor — Kilmer
- 39 Fancy goblet
- 43 Drive
- 46 Unseen emanation
- 47 Killer whale
- 49 Mineral
- 50 Valley
- 51 Word of agreement
- 52 "— to Billie Joe"
- 53 Toward sunrise
- 54 Chinese "way"
- 55 Household god

- DOWN**
- 1 Twinge
 - 2 Birthright
 - 3 Equipment
 - 4 Pop
 - 5 Designer — Cassini

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 6 One without equal
- 7 Fine fiddle, for short
- 8 Plunder
- 9 Against
- 10 "— there, done that"
- 12 Row of shrubs
- 18 Fastener
- 20 Throw in a curve
- 23 Uppity one
- 24 Price
- 25 Powerful current
- 26 Many years
- 27 Summer shirt
- 28 State near Fla.
- 29 Slicker
- 30 "Beat it!"
- 35 Luau fare
- 36 Bottled water brand
- 37 Lean
- 39 Imprison
- 40 Expressive dance
- 41 War god
- 42 Humorist — Bombeck
- 44 Mother of the Valkyries
- 45 Snidely Whiplash look
- 48 Biz VIP

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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



"I want to make sure nobody steps on him."

Drunk, handsy brother-in-law creates a mess within family

DEAR ABBY: My sister's fiancé, "Logan," always seemed very flirtatious with me. I told her she needed to control her future husband. After they were married, the same gestures and innuendos kept happening, and I reminded my sister about it. Logan did and said inappropriate things right in front of her. Once she even commented, "Geez, you married the wrong sister!"

The night of my father's funeral dinner, everyone was getting tipsy. (I don't drink.) Twice, in front of his wife and our sister-in-law, Logan pulled me tightly close into his hips. I told him to stop. He said, "OK, you are in enough trouble."

Later, while I was in the kitchen, in front of my uncle and brother, Logan pulled me into his chest. I pulled away and he came after me. I told him to stay away. Tension was already high between my sister and me. After dinner, when everyone was leaving, Logan came and tapped on my windshield, pointed at me and said, "You, you, you."

That evening, I sent him a text, saying, "Perhaps you DID choose the wrong sister." Of course, he showed it to my sister. Now there's a huge rift in the family, and I'm the

"bad guy." And although the hands-on game took place in front of everyone, nobody saw anything during Dad's funeral dinner because everyone was drunk. Someday, the truth will reveal itself. For now, I must eat crow. Any advice, Abby? -- PUNISHED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PUNISHED: Your mistake was in not shouting "NO!" the first time Logan assaulted you. Avoid any family gathering that includes alcohol. Advise Logan and your sister as often as possible. Enroll in a self-defense class so that if anyone puts their hands on you, you can defend yourself. And last, if Logan catches you alone, tell him that if it happens again, you will report him to the police for assault -- because that is what he has been doing to you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 42 years passed away a year and a half ago. He was a talented singer. Five months before he died, while he was still well enough to sing, two young ladies came to our home with a keyboard and microphones and recorded him singing worship songs. This was supposed to be so that his grandsons, who would be very young when he passed, would be able to hear him in the future.



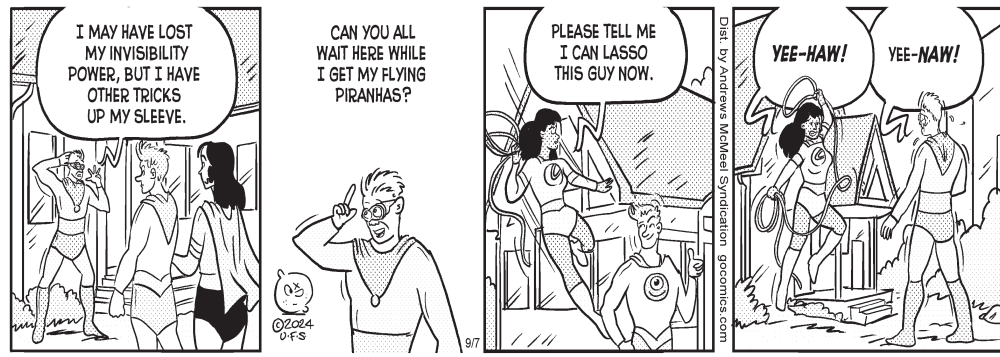
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

These young women were considered close family friends for many years.

They have now cut all ties with me and won't respond to any of my requests for the recording. I am hurt beyond words because we loved them like family. One of them just released an album of worship songs. She had tried for several years to get my husband to work on it with her. What should I do? -- SINGING A SAD SONG

DEAR SINGING: What you should do now is consult an attorney and share what happened. At the very least, you should get the recording and, if they have profited financially from it, a portion of the money.

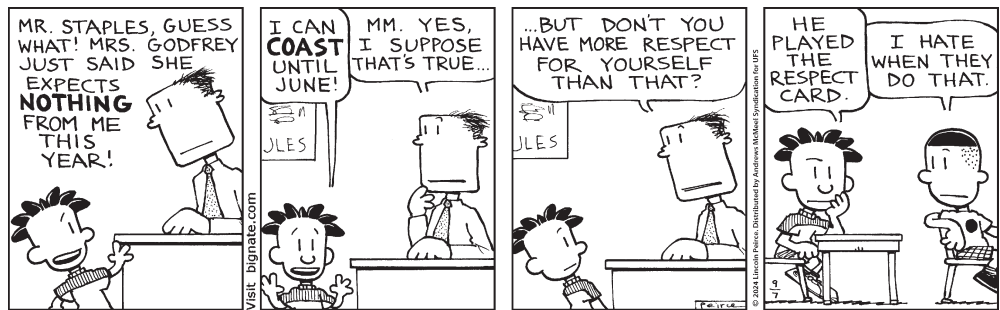
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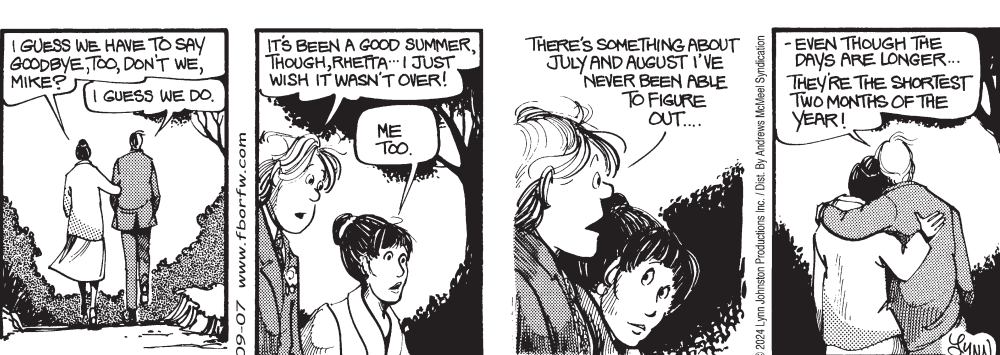
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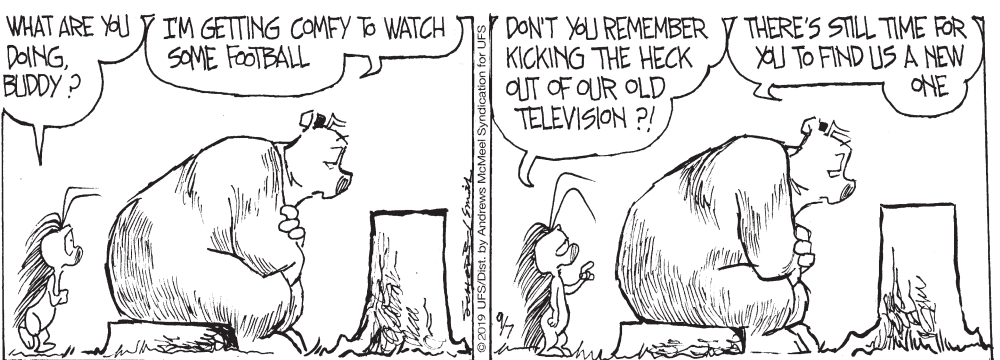
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Trump's Jan. 6 case to extend beyond Election Day

By ASHLEY MURRAY
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WASHINGTON — Exactly two months out from the presidential election, U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan plans to move ahead with the case accusing former President Donald Trump of subverting the 2020 presidential election results, telling Trump's attorneys that she is "not concerned with the electoral schedule."

Chutkan released a timeline for the case late Thursday afternoon setting several deadlines for evidence, briefs and replies for the weeks prior to November's election, and ultimately stretching beyond Election Day.

While it had been evident for some time that the Republican presidential nominee likely would not face a trial before Nov. 5 on election interference charges, Chutkan's calendar made it certain.

Trump did not appear in federal court for Thursday morning's hearing in Washington, D.C., but his lawyers pleaded not guilty on his behalf to the four charges that remained unchanged in U.S. special counsel Jack Smith's new indictment, filed last week.

The case had been in a holding pattern for eight months as Trump appealed his claim of presidential immunity all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

U.S. prosecutors say they are ready to restart the case in the coming weeks, while Trump's team has argued for more time to review evidence and dismiss the superseding indictment.

The Supreme Court returned Trump's case to the trial court after ruling that former presidents are immune from criminal charges for official "core constitutional" acts while in office and hold at least presumptive immunity for "outer perimeter" activities, but not for personal actions.

This gave Chutkan, an Obama administration appointee, the major task of parsing Smith's indictment, deciding which allegations against Trump fall under the umbrella of official acts and which relate to actions taken in a personal capacity.

Chutkan set the following deadlines on the pre-trial calendar:

The government must complete all mandatory evidentiary disclosures by Sept. 10, with other disclosures ongoing afterward.

Trump's reply briefs to certain evidence matters are due Sept. 19.

The government's opening brief on presidential immunity is due Sept. 26, and the Trump legal team's reply is due on Oct.

17. The government's opposition is thereafter due on Oct. 29.

Trump is also scheduled to provide a supplement to his original motion to dismiss based on statutory grounds by Oct. 3, and the government must reply by Oct. 17.

Trump's request to file a motion based on his argument that Smith was illegally appointed to his special prosecutor position is due on Oct. 24, with the government's reply due on Oct. 31. The due date for Trump's opposition to the government's reply is Nov. 7, stretching the pre-trial calendar beyond the presidential election.

Chutkan skeptical
Chutkan did not issue any decisions on immunity at the Thursday hearing but rather spent significant time grilling Trump's attorney John Lauro on why he believes it is "unseemly" for Smith's office to lay out its case this month in an opening brief. Thomas Windom, a federal prosecutor in Smith's office, said the government would be ready to file the brief by the end of September.

Lauro argued that Smith wanting to file "at breakneck speed" is "incredibly unfair that they are able to put in the public record (evidence) at this sensitive time in our nation's history."

"I understand there's an election impending," Chutkan snapped back, reminding him that it "is not relevant here."

"Three weeks is not exactly breakneck speed," Chutkan added.

Lauro argues that Chutkan should examine parts of the indictment that accuse Trump of pressuring then-Vice President Mike Pence to accept false slates of electors leading up to Pence's ceremonial role in certifying the election results on Jan. 6, 2021.

"The problem with that issue is if in fact the communications are immune, then the entire indictment fails," Lauro argued.

"I'm not sure that's my reading of the case," Chutkan replied.

The government maintains that all actions and communications by Trump described in the new indictment were "private in nature," Windom argued.

Chutkan also spent time during the roughly 75-minute hearing questioning Lauro on the Trump legal team's numerous plans to request the case's dismissal. One anticipated plan is to try its successful play in Florida, where a Trump-appointed federal judge tossed his classified documents case after Trump argued Smith was ille-

gally appointed as special counsel.

Chutkan said she will allow the defense to file that motion but warned that attorneys must provide convincing arguments on why "binding precedent doesn't hold" for the time-tested position of special prosecutor.

New indictment, same charges

Trump is charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States; conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding; obstruction of, and attempt to obstruct, an official proceeding; and conspiracy against rights for his alleged role in conspiring to create false electors from seven states and spreading knowingly false information that whipped his supporters into a violent attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

A federal grand jury handed up a revised indictment Aug. 27 in an effort to tailor the charges to the Supreme Court's July 1 immunity ruling. The fresh indictment omitted any references to Trump's alleged pressure campaign on Justice Department officials to meddle in state election results.

But the document added emphasis on Trump's personal use of social media outside of his actions as president, and said he and several co-conspirators schemed outside of his official duties. The new indictment also stressed Trump's pressure on Pence to accept the fake electors in his role outside of the executive branch as president of the Senate.

If Trump wins the Oval Office in November, he would have the power to hinder or altogether shut down the Department of Justice's election interference case against him.

If he loses to Democratic nominee Vice President Kamala Harris, the case is sure to be set back by further delays, as the Trump team plans numerous challenges and will almost certainly appeal — likely to the Supreme Court again — Chutkan's decisions on which allegations against Trump are or are not subject to immunity.

According to Friday's joint filing in which each side laid out plans for the case going forward, Trump's team also warned they will challenge that Trump's tweets and communication about the 2020 presidential results should be considered all official acts.

Additionally, Trump plans to file a motion to dismiss the case based on the Supreme Court's June ruling that a Jan. 6 rioter could not be charged with obstructing an official proceeding — a charge that Trump also faces.

Gov. Polis signs special session bill to expand agricultural tax breaks

By SARA WILSON
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Colorado Gov. Jared Polis signed the second bill passed during last week's special session into law on Friday morning, making certain property tax exemptions for agricultural equipment permanent.

It applies to equipment used in a controlled agricultural environment and extends it to commercial greenhouse that is solely used to grow crops for humans or livestock. The exemption, passed in 2022, is currently set to expire in 2027.

"Colorado is proud to put food on tables across

the state and around the world, and the success of our agricultural businesses and entrepreneurs is a key part of that," Polis said in a statement. "Today we are breaking down barriers and cutting taxes for Colorado greenhouses, helping to keep more money in the pockets of the hardworking Coloradans who help strengthen our economy."

House Bill 24B-1003 was sponsored by Democratic Rep. Junie Joseph of Boulder, Republican Rep. Matt Soper of Delta, Democratic Sen. Kevin Priola of Henderson and Republican Sen. Mark Baisley of Sedalia.

"This ensures all equipment used to plant, grow and harvest crops — regardless of whether they are grown outside or under a roof — are treated the same for business personal property tax purposes," Priola said during the bill's Aug. 28 committee hearing.

It is unclear how much the exemptions will affect local property tax revenue, according to the bill's fiscal note.

The bill was one of two passed during the recent special session on property taxes. Polis signed the major compromise bill to reduce property tax rates on Wednesday.

Volunteers Needed for San Luis Valley Well Water Samples:

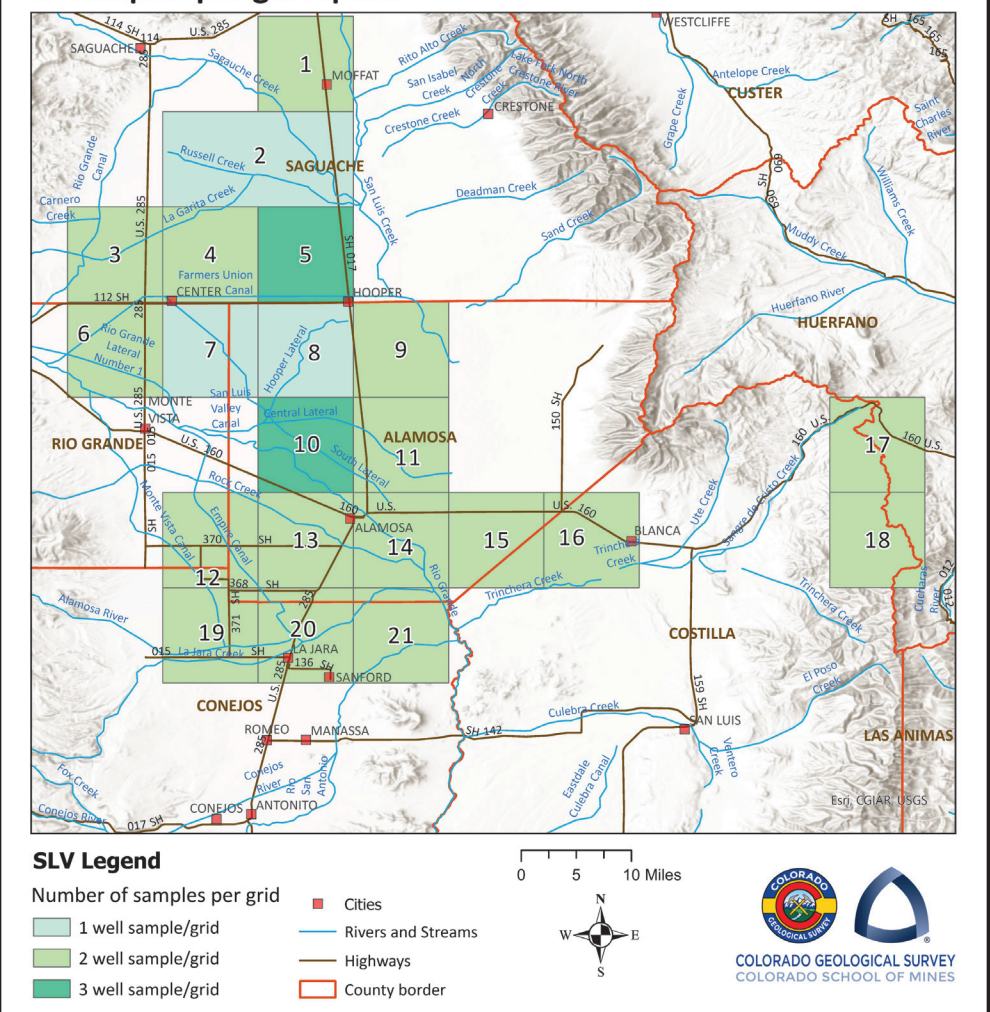
The Colorado Geological Survey (CGS), a department of the Colorado School of Mines, has been funded through a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) to conduct a 5-year study of baseline radionuclides and metals in groundwater obtained from privately owned residential water wells throughout Colorado. CDPHE's reason for this study is education focused for homeowners on wells. Note: CDPHE has no regulatory authority over private wells. The grant is covering the costs so is free to homeowners.

For this effort, 41 water samples are currently available for select areas of the San Luis Valley. These have been divided up in a grid, each containing 1, 2, or 3 samples. If the number of volunteers in a grid space exceeds the quota, the CGS will prioritize selection of participants by spatial distribution combined with geologic considerations.

For this effort we are seeking volunteers to whom we will ship, via FedEx Ground, a boxed sampling kit with a pre-paid FedEx Ground return shipping label. We will need filled water samples returned within about 2 weeks. Once we receive a water sample, we will assign a sample number to anonymize it. Thus, the owner's contact information will stay solely with CGS. We anticipate about a 2 month turn-around time before we can email lab results to the individual well owners.

Volunteers, please send an email to LSEBOL@mines.edu with your name, shipping address, (physical address of property if different), and phone number (FedEx requires phone numbers for shipping). A reply email will be sent with more detailed sampling information, asking for confirmation. If possible, please also identify which grid space the well is located within (available grids are shown in color on our grid map).

Residential water well sampling grid showing available number of samples per grid space





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