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SLV Today

Art exhibit and talk at SLV Museum

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Museum in Alamosa is hosting an exhibit of Plein Air in oils done by artist Cindy Cometto of San Luis. The exhibit runs through the month of October, with a reception on Friday, Oct. 4, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

At 7 p.m., Tyler Cerny from Colorado Parks and Wildlife will give a presentation on the Sandhill Cranes in the San Luis Valley.

The San Luis Valley Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays and is located at 401 Hunt Ave.

Rotary to feature BGCSLV board member

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Rotary Club would like to invite all interested individuals to its regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 7, at noon. The meeting will be held at Juanito's Mexican Kitchen, 2069 First St., Alamosa.



SLV Boys and Girls Clubs Board Member Dr. Lauren Sonderegger will give an update on developments at the Club.

Rotary International provides service to others, promotes integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through our fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. For more information about Rotary International see www.rotary.org/en.

For more information about the Alamosa Rotary Club, call 719-588-2557.

South Fork October blood drive scheduled

CONTRIBUTED SOUTH FORK — There will be a Valley Blood Drive on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the South Fork Community Building from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is open to everybody from Alamosa to Creede and beyond.

Blood donation makes a monumental impact on the lives of people across the country and here locally. Because of the high temperatures across the US and in Colorado, New Mexico, and other surrounding areas, a lot of blood drives have been cancelled and so "we're in desperate need for blood," organizers stated.

Bring your id and or donor cards when you come. Sign up at www.bloodhero.com, sponsor code: southfork, or contact Karen Miller, 720-313-4834 or mkmillermink@aol.com.

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City council agenda includes 2025 budget, pay raises

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier reporter

ALAMOSA — Members of Alamosa's city council will have a lot on their plate to discuss Wednesday night.

Preceding the meeting, a work session will be on "regulation of natural medicine facilities." Work sessions are taped and should be available for viewing the next day.

Once the council is called to

order, it will consider two proclamations: one on domestic violence awareness and the other recognizing Fire Prevention Week. The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee will also provide an update.

Council members will then move into consideration and discussion of five significant ordinances, with three on second reading, and a resolution.

On second reading, which al-

lows time for public comment, Ordinance No. 21 is designed to make downtown a more vibrant and welcoming place and includes addressing first floor businesses not being open for walk-in hours. Some issues have been reported with real estate offices in particular occupying space on Main Street but never being open. Also, temporary banners being used for too long and starting to look tattered and

faded. Mobile food vending is being discussed both in terms of regulations (ordinance, second reading) and establishing additional food zones (resolution.)

Council will, under first reading, review the budget for 2025.

In addition to a breakdown of anticipated revenue and expenses in departments across the city, the budget also allows

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What was that thing in the sky?

Large, white balloon seen over Alamosa

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — The clear blue skies over the San Luis Valley looked a little different earlier this week when a large, white object was seen floating overhead. No, it wasn't a spycraft from a foreign country. It wasn't even a weather balloon. It was a Stratollite high-altitude balloon system owned and launched by World View Experience, a company based out of Arizona.

According to Phil Wocken, World View Experience vice president of marketing and communications, this particular



Photo courtesy of World View Enterprise

A photo of the Stratollite that was flying over the San Luis Valley being launched from Page, Ariz., on Sept. 15.

Stratollite was launched out of Page, Ariz., on Sept. 15. It's flying at a little more than 67,000 feet on a mission to test communication systems in the stratosphere. For

context, 67,000 feet is almost twice as high as most commercial airplanes fly.

“The system that your readers saw [on September 30] flew south and was near the Santa Fe area on

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Photo courtesy of 9News

A photo of a different Stratollite that prompted questions from the public as it flew over Boulder on Sept. 6.

BGCSLV CEO earns prestigious Jim Wetherington Award

CONTRIBUTED OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley (BGCSLV) CEO Aaron Miltenberger was presented with the prestigious Jim Wetherington Southwesterner Award during the Boys & Girls Clubs of America 2024 Southwest Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City, Okla., on Aug. 29.

The award is one of the highest honors club staff members, at any level, can receive from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA). Miltenberger has been pivotal in the transformation of BGCSLV to four locations, with expanded staff, programming, and community partnerships that continue to have a pivotal impact on the development of San Luis Valley youth. Recent accomplishments include leadership roles in the development of Alamo-

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Courtesy photo

Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley (BGCSLV) CEO Aaron Miltenberger, center, was presented with the prestigious Jim Wetherington Southwesterner Award on Aug. 29 in Oklahoma City, Okla.



Courier photo by John Waters

The sentiments of some Saguache County residents regarding cell tower construction are expressed in the bumper sticker seen recently on a car in Crestone.

Villa Grove cell tower proposal rattles town

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

SAGUACHE COUNTY — Villa Grove is a small town of about 30 residents located on Highway 285 in northern Saguache County. Last summer, after the Saguache County Board of County Commissioners approved a land use application from Mountain Tower and Land LLC and Tower West LLC (Viaero) to construct a 195-foot cell tower near the center of this small hamlet, many residents were out-

raged.

Almost one-third of the residents filed a lawsuit against the Saguache County Board of County Commissioners in Saguache County District Court last summer seeking the county to make the Land Use Application null and void. The plaintiffs are also seeking “A declaration that construction of the facility is not compatible with the surrounding area as currently constituted and that the BOCC did not comply with the

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Ernestina Romero



Her culinary skills were matched by her creativity, as she spent her spare time crafting doll clothes and making blankets. Her passion for crochet allowed her to create beautiful, tangible memories for her loved ones, each stitch a symbol of her dedication and love.

Ernestina's life was one of action and contribution. She was a woman who used her talents and energy to make a positive impact on those around her. Her ability to fix, create, and nurture was unparalleled, and her passion for life was contagious.

Her legacy is one of kindness, creativity, and passion, and it will continue to inspire and guide us. Ernestina's memory will be cherished and kept alive in the stories shared, the meals enjoyed, and the blankets that wrap us in warmth. Her spirit will forever be a part of the fabric of our lives, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

A memorial service honoring Ernestina's life will be held at a later date.

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

raised Jonathan J.J. Martinez, who will forever be grateful for her guidance and care. Her sister June and Juan Rodriguez, her brother Ernest and Peggy Romero, Dillie Romero, Lee Romero, and Leon Romero, along with numerous nieces and nephews, will remember her fondly for her unwavering support and love. Ernestina's role as a grandmother was one, she cherished deeply. She leaves behind 18 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Known for her handy and creative talents, Ernestina had a passion for life that was evident in everything she did. She loved to drive and took great pride in her car, often embarking on journeys and exploring new places. Her love for travel was just one aspect of her adventurous spirit.

Ernestina was the heart of the kitchen, where she loved to cook and prepare meals for everyone.

Tobias L. Romo



vision that was evident in all he created.

Toby continued to live life on his own terms, even as his illness limited his mobility. Known for his stubbornness and hard-headedness, Toby was also loving and caring, a friend to many who knew him and someone you can count on to assist or direct you with whatever you needed help with.

He was the life of the party and the leader of family prayers during special occasions. Toby's spirit, infectious smile and laugh, touched the lives of those around him, and he will be greatly missed. Gone but never forgotten, Toby will forever remain in our hearts.

A recitation of the Rosary will be held on Oct. 5 at 10 a.m., followed by the funeral service at St. Francis Jerome Catholic Church, Center, Colo. Inurnment of ashes at Carnero Creek Cemetery La Garita, Colo.

E. Romo and Juanita S. Romo, brother Elmer Romo, and brother-in-law Jerry A. Garcia.

In his early years, Toby was an avid outdoorsman, passionately enjoying hunting, fishing, camping, skiing, and fearlessly riding his dirt bikes. A skilled carpenter, mechanic, and craftsman, he had an artistic

the community.

He was preceded in death by his parents Patricio S. and Rebecca G. Sanchez; his brothers Joe R. Sanchez, Bernie C. Sanchez and Patricio E. Sanchez.

He is survived by his wife Eunice Bernal of the family home; sisters Alice Sanchez of Blanca, Karen Vargas of Fort Garland; two brothers Meliton Sanchez of Kersey and Floyd (Debbie) Sanchez of Denver; his children David (Melissa) Marquez, Ange-



la (Basil Martinez) Bernal, Manuel R. Bernal II; seven grandchildren (Dianne (Dalton) Gardner, A.J. Aron (Zack) Chavez, Haley Bernal, Syriah Bernal, Julian (Kamilla) Chavez, Basil Martinez II and Stephanie DeBouse); four great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and special friend Erven Jacquez.

A Rosary will be held on Friday, Oct. 4, 2024, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Chama, Colo., at 9:30 a.m.

The Mass of Resurrection will be at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 10 a.m.

Interment to follow at the Chama Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Romero Valley Funeral Home.



Photo by Dr. Bob Antiel

Kay Watkins with a steelhead trout in Alaska

Trout Unlimited estate sale

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA COUNTY — San Luis Valley Trout Unlimited would like to invite everyone to The Kay Watkins Fishing Estate Sale plus our Garage Sale at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4, at the Colorado Farm Brewery.

This fun event will honor the life of Kay. His wife, Jan, has generously donated all of Kay's

fishing equipment and fly-tying supplies to SLV Trout Unlimited. This will be a low-key silent auction format sale and will include items from various Trout Unlimited members. Items will include spin fishing gear, fly fishing equipment and a wide variety of fly-tying supplies.

"We hope this will be a happy social event cel-

ebrating Kay and there may be some great bargains too," organizers stated.

Proceeds will go to the SLV Trout Unlimited Scholarship Fund to send local youth to the annual Colorado Trout Unlimited River Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. For more information, call 719-588-7678.



Courtesy photo

The Tannahill Weavers will be performing at Society Hall in Alamosa on Oct. 4.

Tannahill Weavers coming to Society Hall on Oct. 4

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA — Society Hall is thrilled to welcome the traditional Celtic music of The Tannahill Weavers to Alamosa on Oct. 4. One of the most influential Celtic bands in history, the band manages to meld the old and the new and present it with fire and grace.

The concert will be Friday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available online at www.societyhall.org and at the Green Spot, 711 State Ave., Alamosa. The concert will also stream live on the Society Hall Facebook page and You-Tube channel.

Experience the deep and moving legacy of traditional Celtic music at its best! With fire-driven instrumentals and songs, haunting ballads and a good dose of humor, the Tannahill Weavers have

transformed traditional Scottish material and brought it into the modern world, vivaly alive and kicking.

Members of the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame, the Tannies have been joined by exciting piper and fiddle player Iain MacGillivray, who is Scotland's youngest Clan Leader. Iain, a fluent Gaelic speaker, has worked on Outlander and Men in Kilts as well as other high-profile productions.

Says Society Hall board member and area music producer Don Richmond, "I'm continually amazed at the artists that want to come play in our little town, and in this beautiful old hall!" He continues, "The Tannahill Weavers travel the world as Scottish national treasures and true ambassadors for the traditional music of the British Isles — don't miss this opportunity to see them right here in Alamosa!"

"Formed from a Pais-

ley pub session in 1968, seminal trailblazers the Tannahill Weavers now also rank as national treasures." — Glasgow Celtic Connections 2018

"They've always been an exciting live act, but over the decades the Tannahill Weavers have acquired a degree of musical sophistication that places them among the most influential Celtic bands in history." — Rob Weir, Sing Out Magazine

"An especially eloquent mixture of the old and the new." — New York Times

Don't miss the deep Celtic tradition of the Tannahill Weavers, live on stage at Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa, on Friday, Oct. 4.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

A.A. and N.A members primary purpose is to

stay sober and help other alcoholics/addicts to achieve sobriety.

There are AA and NA 12-Step Meetings throughout the valley. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affili-

ated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083 or see our website: slvaa.org

Valley News

Allen Theatres acquires Ski-Hi 6 Theatre in Alamosa

CONTRIBUTED
ALAMOSA—Allen Theatres, Inc., recently announced the acquisition of the Ski-Hi 6 Theatre in Alamosa, marking a significant milestone in the company's continued growth and expansion throughout the region. Effective Oct. 1, Allen Theatres officially took over the operation of the beloved local theatre, bringing over a century of experience in cinema entertainment to the Alamosa community.

Founded in 1912 by Frank Allen with the opening of the Allen Opera House, Allen Theatres has a rich and storied history of delivering exceptional movie-

going experiences across New Mexico and surrounding states. From showing its first motion picture in 1912 for just 10 cents to pioneering innovations like drive-ins and luxury seating, Allen Theatres has been at the forefront of creating memorable entertainment for over four generations. Today, the company remains family-owned, continuing to honor Frank Allen's vision of making movies accessible and enjoyable for all.

The Ski-Hi 6 Theatre acquisition is a natural extension of Allen Theatres' mission to bring high-quality cinema to more communities. "We are incred-

ibly excited to become a part of the Alamosa community," said Russell Allen, President of Allen Theatres. "At Allen Theatres, we take great pride in offering state-of-the-art facilities while maintaining the local, family-friendly atmosphere that has been our hallmark for over 100 years. We look forward to continuing the legacy of Ski-Hi 6 while enhancing the customer experience with our signature blend of comfort, convenience, and top-tier entertainment."

Allen Theatres plans to introduce several upgrades at Ski-Hi 6, including improved concessions, digital projection systems, and

luxurious seating options to ensure that Alamosa residents enjoy the very best in modern cinema. The company also looks forward to fostering strong relationships within the community, supporting local events, and providing a family-oriented environment where patrons can gather and enjoy the magic of movies.

With the acquisition of Ski-Hi 6, Allen Theatres expands its presence in Colorado, joining its network of 16 theatres across 13 towns, with a total of 112 screens. This latest venture solidifies Allen Theatres' commitment to providing exceptional movie-going experiences for all



Courtesy photo
Allen Theatres on Oct. 1, took over operation of the Ski-Hi 6 Theatre in Alamosa.

generations. For more information about Allen Theatres and the Ski-Hi 6 Theatre, visit www.allentheatresinc.com.

Educator Highlight Award for September: Sargent High School's Jay Sarason

Aviation teacher came out of retirement to give lessons on flying and life

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

The National Pilot's Association has a free aviation curriculum that any high school in America can adopt. Jay Sarason thought why not bring it to Sargent High School. In fact, he came out of retirement just to teach it.

Now with the class in its fifth year, the Adams State School of Education is honoring Sarason with the Educator Highlight Award for September.

"I brought it to the school board, and they loved it," Sarason said of the aviation curriculum. "They

didn't have a teacher available, so I volunteered and fell in love with the kids and continued out of retirement to teach it."

Sarason is a pilot and flight instructor, and was an officer with the Colorado Division of Wildlife for the better part of three decades. Now, he spends his days and weekends teaching students not just how to be good pilots and how to read maps, he's teaching them life skills that can take them anywhere.

What are the applications for this class? Sarason says, "Everything."

Flying incorporates "physics, decision making, weather, map reading, knot tying. You name it. It's really a holistic program that develops them as a pilot but even if they don't fly, the skills are universally transferable to just

being a good person in the community."

Most Saturdays, Sarason takes his students to the Del Norte airport so they can fly.

He has just about every freshman taking his class this year and it continues to grow in popularity.

"The kids that are able to take it love it. I think it's one of their favorite classes."

The students aren't just sitting in class reading powerpoints or studying, they're getting hands-on experience. They're getting up in the air. Sarason was even able to secure flight simulators for his students to use.

Field trips and guest speakers are part of the fun, too. They took a trip to Washington, D.C., and Sarason says his students have been able to listen to



Courtesy photo
Jay Sarason is the Adams State University September Educator Highlight Award recipient.

astronauts and test pilots in the classroom.

"It's a really pretty active, dynamic class."

Sarason's motto is to always "fly the plane." When in doubt or trouble, "fly the plane." In sunshine or rain, "fly the plane."

The Educator Highlight Award recognizes Adams State University School of Education alumni, prominent local teachers, and

other educators working within or hailing from the San Luis Valley. In so doing, Adams State University hopes to build familiarity with the community as a serious destination for future educators.

Here's a list of all the educators who have been presented with the award from Adams State School of Education.

This monthly award rec-

ognizes Adams State University School of Education alumni, prominent local teachers, and other educators working within or hailing from the San Luis Valley. In so doing, Adams State University hopes to build familiarity with the community as a serious destination for future educators. To nominate an educator email Paul Clark at pclark@adams.edu.

Thing

Continued from Page 1 Tuesday," Wocken said.

Stratollites are often confused with weather balloons, but the differences are pretty stark. Weather balloons are basic and, once launched, can drift into the stratosphere where, if they get too high, they pop.

In contrast, a Stratolite is described as a high-altitude balloon system that uses a combination of a zero-pressure lift balloon filled with helium and a super-pressure ballast balloon to lift a stratospheric vehicle with payloads attached into the stratosphere. (The stratosphere is the second lowest layer of Earth's atmosphere.)

The two-balloon sys-

tem, like the one seen over the Valley, is used to control altitude and to find directional winds and, while being navigated remotely, can either travel to a new area or hang out (literally) over a specific site. Missions using this type of Stratollite can last up to 30 days.

Neither are all Stratolites the same with mission capabilities that can range from days to weeks to months. A different version on a shorter mission than the one seen over Alamosa was measuring solar radiation for NASA along the Front Range and in northern Colorado a few weeks ago.

NASA and NOAA have used Stratollites to study the planet and space from the stratosphere to improve weather forecasting, to understand the impacts

of solar radiation or measure long-term changes in our planet and her atmosphere. The U.S. Department of Defense and Homeland Security have used the balloons to meet intelligence and surveillance needs in protecting national security interests.

Stratollites can also be used for purposes that may not immediately come to mind, such as detecting and monitoring wildfire activity over long periods of time or helping to assess damage and assist in recovery efforts after a natural disaster – two scenarios that are becoming more and more frequent. The sky is [no longer] the limit.

As Wocken said, "We exist to inspire, create and explore new perspectives for a radically improved future."

Tower

Continued from Page 1 requirements of the Land Use Code in approving the Land Use Application and adopting the resolution." They are also seeking attorney fees and costs.

Thomas Wagner, the attorney for the plaintiffs, said the proposed tower is "basically right in Villa Grove, it is a parcel on the north side of town. The property is zoned for agricultural use, but under the Saguache County land code with a use permit that they eventually got, you can use it for industrial use like a cell tower. Wagner said residents objected to the permitting at both a plan-

ning commission meeting and a county commissioner meeting where the application was approved.

"The biggest concern that they [plaintiffs] have is that the cell tower is going to be a couple of hundred feet high...what their arguments is that it doesn't comport with the surrounding uses of property, and that is one of the things the county commissioners have to consider when they authorize a special use permit like this," Wagner said.

Wagner added the proposed tower will be right up to residents' houses and will impact the view-plane coming down Bonanza Road. That view affords people unobstructed views of the Sangre de

Cristo Mountains to the east.

Local resident Paula Maez said, "The tower is 195 feet of metal monstrosity. Even our trees, the tallest things in town, are only about 60 feet high. We feel our commissioners were not listening to us or their own land code. That 195-foot monstrosity Just doesn't fit in here."

In a statement to the Valley Courier, Saguache County Attorney G. Brad Crowell stated, "Due to pending litigation brought by some residents of Villa Grove, the County is unable to make comment at this time. The County looks forward to presenting its evidence in a court of law where due process is afforded to all."

Award

Continued from Page 1 sa's Fifth-Day Programming in support of the new four-day school week, the pending construction of a best-in-class early childhood center on the club's Alamosa Campus, and working to continue to develop future club sites in underserved communities across the San Luis Valley.

The Jim Wetherington Southwestern Award was created in 1970 to honor Jim Wetherington, a longtime advocate of youth and public servant. Every year since its inception, the award has been earned by club staff who serve club and community members by following specific award criteria, including; being exemplary of the highest

caliber of Boys & Girls Club professionals in thought, word, and deed.

Recipients must have given 100 percent of themselves in service to the development of BGCA and the Southwestern Region and must have demonstrated unusual initiative, imagination, and creativity in the development and sharing of ideas, resources, and leadership in the interest of local clubs and the national club movement.

Miltenberger has served as President/CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley since 2018. Under their leadership, the organization has expanded from \$450,000 to \$3.9 million in revenue and grown its services to four additional communities.

With over 25 years of experience in youth and

student development, Miltenberger has been instrumental in driving partnerships in early childhood education, opioid abatement, broadband access, and housing.

They also transformed the Board to achieve strategic goals ahead of schedule, growing the staff from seven to 50 members. He holds a master's in Higher Education Administration and Leadership from Adams State University, where they led the creation of the Summer Latino Leadership Summit and addressed food insecurity by establishing the ASU Food Pantry and Community Garden.

In 2023, Miltenberger was selected as a Boettcher Fellow, an honor that recognizes outstanding leaders in Colorado. They also contributed to Boys

& Girls Clubs of America's "Movement 2050" initiative, helping to shape the long-term strategic vision for the organization. His regional leadership includes serving on the Governor-appointed boards of Colorado Opioid Abatement Council, Tony Grampas Youth Services and the Child Protection Ombudsman, co-leading Rural Philanthropy Days for the San Luis Valley, and founding the CO-SURJ Racial Justice group. They are

co-chair of the San Luis Valley Youth Development Coalition and have consulted with numerous regional nonprofits on board development and strategic planning.

Miltenberger's extensive experience in securing grant funding has allowed them to focus on building hope and belonging in rural communities and supporting historically underserved youth.

BGCSLV serves San Luis Valley youth, ages 6-18, primarily in the Al-

amosa, Antonito, Blanca, Fort Garland, and Saguache communities. Programming is year-round, taking place during after-school hours throughout the academic year, with full-day programming during summer breaks.

Additional information can be found on the club's website at www.bgcslv.org.

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Council

Continued from Page 1 for the creation of several positions and includes a 4.2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) pay raise for city employees plus a 0-4% merit raise for those employees who qualify. According

to information from the city, the pay raise, merit raise, raise in state minimum wage and addition or reclassification of personnel have a fiscal impact of \$1,047,246 and will be addressed in a separate ordinance on first reading with, as is protocol, a vote by council members.

The council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2, in council chambers at 300 Hunt Ave. Those who wish to attend via zoom may do so via the zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85753492744>. Dial-in number is 1-719 359 4580 and webinar ID is 857 5349 2744.

Opinion

Glen Canyon Dam faces dead pool

In 1998, when I was in fourth grade, I joined a class field trip to Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado. But when we got to Cortez, the road was barricaded. Hours earlier, three men had stolen a water-tanker truck and killed a police officer before fleeing into the desert.

In his book "Dead Run," writer Dan Schultz makes the case that the criminals were inspired by Edward Abbey's 1975 novel, *The Monkey Wrench Gang*. The men were survivalists planning to turn the water truck into a mobile bomb, Schultz says. Their probable goal: To pack the tanker truck with explosives and blowup Glen Canyon Dam.

Back then, the idea of draining Lake Powell was a fringe idea, attractive to anti-government extremists and radical environmentalists. Those who advocated a legal decommissioning of the Glen Canyon Dam, including supporters of the Glen Canyon Institute in Salt Lake City, Utah, were often laughed out of the room.

In those years, the dam was working as intended. Lake Powell was nearly full in the late '90s. Hydropower production was going full tilt, and millions of people were visiting the reservoir annually to fish, houseboat, and water ski.

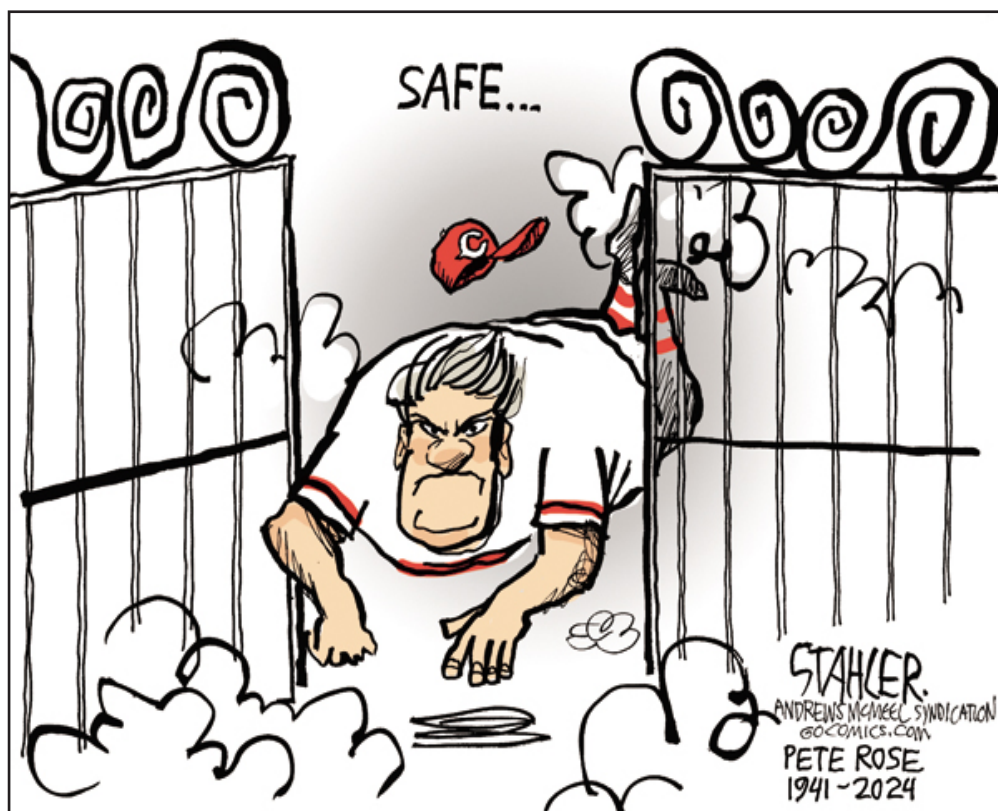
But since the year 2000, Lake Powell has been in decline. Climate change has reduced runoff throughout the Colorado River Basin by around 20% compared to the previous century. In 2022, the reservoir — the second-largest in the country after Lake Mead — was less than a quarter full.

Nearly every boat ramp on Lake Powell was unusable last spring, and there was barely enough water to sustain hydroelectric generation. One more bad snow year would have pushed the Colorado River system to the brink of collapse, dropping the reservoir's surface toward the lowest outlets on the Glen Canyon Dam — a

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Zak Podmore



point known as "dead pool."

At dead pool, the 27 million people who rely on Colorado River water downstream from the dam would likely be forced to reduce water use quickly and involuntarily.

But Lake Powell would still stretch 100 miles into Glen Canyon at dead pool.

That's because there is a significant design flaw in the dam: There is no drain at the bottom. Billions of gallons of water would be trapped in the dead-pool reservoir with no easy way to release them into the Grand Canyon.

Luckily, that catastrophic scenario didn't play out in 2023 thanks to a near-record snow year that brought Lake Powell to around 40% full. After another decent runoff this spring, the reservoir level held steady.

Twenty-four years of low levels in Lake Powell haven't been all bad, either. Over 100,000 acres of land that were once flooded had been exposed by early 2023, including countless cultural sites sacred to Indigenous people. Along Glen Canyon's tributaries, whole ecosystems have sprung back to life, biologically diverse and dominated by native species. Ecologists have been surprised by just how healthy the reemerging landscape is, despite spending decades underwater.

The Bureau of Reclamation has been studying potential modifications to the

Glen Canyon Dam, including the drilling of tunnels at or near river level that would allow Lake Powell to be emptied if necessary. Until those modifications are made, however, the potential for a crisis — caused in part by the current dam design — remains as real as ever. Two back-to-back years of severe drought, such as we've seen several times since 2000, would halt hydropower production at the dam and bring us dangerously close to dead pool.

Allowing the Colorado River to flow freely through Glen Canyon was a radical idea in the 1990s, but the opposite is true today. Climate change and steady water demand in the Southwest have shown us that the Glen Canyon Dam, instead of being a boon to water users, is part of the problem. Modifying the dam would give water managers greater flexibility in dry years, and it would allow Glen Canyon to continue its ecological rebirth. Since dam modifications would likely take several years to complete, there is no time to waste.

The extremists today are those who deny climate change, assuming that Lake Powell will refill again soon. In a rapidly warming world, business as usual should be treated as the fringe position.

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A slot canyon that spent decades under Lake Powell.

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America, what's your story?

By DAVID M. SHRIBMAN

America, tell me a story.

An American political campaign is a mashup of slogans, advertisements, speeches, exaggerations, outright lies, balloons, bunting, brass bands and the occasional discussion about an important issue.

But an actual American election is different from a campaign. It is a story.

The 1860 election that sent Abraham Lincoln to the White House is a story about civil war and civil rights. The 1920 election that propelled Warren G. Harding to prominence is a story about a country yearning for "normalcy." The 1932 election that catapulted Franklin Delano Roosevelt to the White House is a story about a nation hoping for hope. The 1960 election that made John F. Kennedy a spokesman for idealism is a story about a new generation of leadership.

Every election, even one returning a president to the White House, is a story. It's clear that the 1904 election, which gave Theodore Roosevelt four more years, is an election about reform. You cannot speak of the 1984 election, which reelected Ronald Reagan, without considering it a story about confidence and contentment.

And so, what is the story of 2024? Answer that question, and you'll know the outcome.

Here are some possibilities:

- It's a story about anger. If that's the storyline, then Donald Trump and JD Vance are the perfect narrators. They

have channeled the anger of those who are out of work or in work circumstances that are unsatisfactory; of Americans tired of the ascendancy of minorities; of voters who have had enough with the new politics of gender; of parents who believe the lessons their children are being taught in the classroom conflict with the verities they share at the dinner table.

- It's a story about joy. It's possible that the Kamala Harris campaign has put too much emphasis on the word "joy" at a time of warfare in the Middle East and Ukraine, political violence at home, economic distress in some corners of the country and skepticism about immigration. But the joy that matters could be the joy that comes with relief -- relief that the strife and contention of the Trump ascendancy may be coming to an end, and hope that Generation Z, whose members agree on the issues that divide their elders (especially abortion and immigration), will bring an end to the discord in our civic life.

- It's a story about retribution. Nobody reads Walter Scott's 205-year-old "Ivanhoe" anymore, but if they did, they would encounter the remark of Brian de Bois-Guilbert, the commander of the Order of Knights-Templar, who said that "revenge is a feast for the gods." Revenge, or retribution, also is one of the animating ideas of the Trump campaign: retribution against those who prosecuted legal action against the former president; against those who have

foisted their social and cultural ideas upon those who do not welcome them; and against environmentalists who have made war against fracking and coal mining.

- It's a story about national tolerance. "Tolerance" is a word that used to be employed as a synonym for the absence of racism. Then it became a word whose meaning is quite a bit short of that -- the reluctant acceptance of individual differences. For the purposes of this potential 2024 story, let's combine the two: the openness to accept as a president (1) a woman who is (2) Black and who (3) has South Asian roots. Now add (4) the reluctant support of Harris because of revulsion toward Trump.

- It's a story about men. When political analysts talked about the gender gap in the past, they concentrated on the great advantage that Democrats had over Republicans among women. That remains, of course. But there's a new gender gap, or at least a widening one: the advantage Republicans have among men. The past several decades have brought a focus to a crisis of men and boys, outlined in several studies (undertaken by, among many others, the Men's Coping Project at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts) and a spate of books (the title of one of the more recent volumes, published two years ago, is instructive: "Of Boys and Men: Why the Modern Male Is Struggling, Why It Matters, and What To Do About It," by Richard V. Reeves). The Trump team is targeting what it

calls the "bro vote," and the strategy is working. In the vital state of Pennsylvania, for example, a USA Today/Suffolk University poll of likely voters this month showed Trump leading Harris by 12 percentage points among men.

- It's a story about women. The gender gap first attracted broad attention in 1980, when, among other reasons, the Republicans' reluctance to embrace the Equal Rights Amendment prompted women to favor the Democrat, President Jimmy Carter, over the Republican, Reagan. The result: an 8-point advantage for Carter among women -- a gap that yawned to its greatest breach four years ago, when the advantage among women for Joe Biden over Trump hit 12 percentage points, slightly bigger than the gap in favor of the first female presidential nominee, Hillary Rodham Clinton (11 percentage points). This time, Harris holds a 17-point advantage among women in Pennsylvania, according to the USA Today/Suffolk survey. This gap is related to the next storyline.

- It's a story about the Supreme Court. This can be played to either of the candidates' advantages. If it's a story about rebellion against the high court, then Harris is the beneficiary. This could come in two flavors: women's outrage over the court's overturning of the *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision, or minorities' outrage over the court's attack on minority admissions at colleges and universities. But if it's a story about appreciation for Trump's appointment of three justices who helped overturn *Roe* and struck down minority preferences in admissions, then the advantage goes to Trump. For two seasons, Americans watched a television psychological thriller called "Tell Me a Story." Like that series, this campaign surely is a psychological thriller. For more than six decades, readers have encountered a different set of problems in Tillie Olsen's classic 1961 short-story collection titled "Tell Me a Riddle." The last month has been a riddle. For the next five weeks, Americans will be living in further installments in "Tell Me a Riddle." For the next five decades, the theme will be "Tell Me a Story." The answer to the former will shape the latter.

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Lifestyles

Ribbon cutting held for EV charging stations

City of MV worked with Xcel Energy on the project.

By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA — The City of Monte Vista, Xcel Energy and the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the city's first public electric vehicle charging stations on Thursday, Sept. 26, in the parking lot at the corner of First Avenue and Jefferson Street.

MV City Manager Gigi Dennis said, "I want to thank all of you for being here today, for the celebration of our electronic charging stations. This is a project that Xcel brought to the city, as a means to have more charging stations on highways. Monte Vista previously did not have any charging stations. So, this investment in four fast-charging stations means a lot. We would have sought out grant funds, and we probably couldn't have done it, so we appreciate the partnership with Xcel and what you are doing for the community."

Dennis said she was appreciative of how the charging stations created additional economic opportunities for the city.

"People will stop, they will charge, they will make their way downtown and support our businesses and restaurants, too. We want to say thank you," Dennis said.

MV Mayor Dale Becker was excited about the charging stations and said, "Thank you. This is a great thing. This is awesome right where it's at. I drive by here every day, and see vehicles plugged in. It's going to serve a great purpose, as people continue to get more of these EV cars. I think we will see more people stopping in our area. Thank you."

Xcel Energy Area Manager Ashley Valdez spoke about the collaboration and the opening of the charging stations in the centralized location.



Photo by Marie McColm

Monte Vista City Manager Gigi Dennis cuts the ribbon at Thursday's ceremony celebrating the fast-charging EV stations in downtown Monte Vista. The city worked with Xcel Energy on the project.

"We just want to thank the City of Monte Vista for partnering with us," Valdez said. "You guys have been an absolute dream to work with. We looked at some other areas to do a charging station, but this made the most sense because people are able to get out, they are able to walk around and visit businesses, that is so important. We want that for our communities."

Valdez spoke about what Xcel Energy hopes to accomplish with the stations.

"Xcel Energy's goal is to have one of five vehicles on the road to be an electronic vehicle by 2030, and that also goes along with the state goal to have 940,000 electric vehicles on the road by 2030 as well."

Valdez said that there is some degree of difficulty in putting up these types of stations in different places due to permitting and other legalities. Valdez said that she really wanted to thank City of MV Public Works Director Robert Vance for helping Xcel throughout the process.

"We are happy to be here, and happy to continue to connect the community in a vital way. Not only Monte Vista, but the Valley as a whole too. I think as we can connect the Valley and bring more people in and through, this is just a great thing. So, thank you for letting us be a part of it. Congratulations to the Xcel team, and Monte Vista on

this project," Valdez said.

Xcel Energy Clean Transport Infrastructure and Bus Operations Manager Mike Theis added, "The partnership has been mentioned a couple of times, and certainly we couldn't have done this project without the partnership. The city, Gigi and Robert have been fantastic to work with. Sometimes these projects can get caught up in red tape, that was not at all the case here. The city helped us through the construction and permitting process. It's been a fantastic project, and we are happy to have it opened now. We have gone through some testing processes here. It's been fantastic to work with the city and finally get this opened to the public."

According to Xcel Energy, the site offers four EV fast chargers, owned and operated by the energy company. The parking area is well lit, and accessible for public use 24/7. The area that the stations are in helps provide access to local businesses and restaurants while people are using the stations.

The chargers are equipped to serve a variety of EVs. The brand and model of the station chargers are ChargePoint Express Plus. The chargers include power blocks, the blocks allow the chargers to delegate a nameplate charging speed of 160KW.

EV owner Jenny Nehring and fellow EV owner Laura Conchelos were at the ceremony. Conchelos is also a Monte Vista Urban Renewal Authority member.

"Well Laura got this kicked off, as far a nudge to the city and inquiring on the status of this. Laura and I are neighbors and EV owners. We love seeing this in our city. As someone who knows what it's like to pass through a city, find a charging station, and then you have to wait 30 or 40 minutes, it's awesome to walk down the street to stop in somewhere for coffee, this location is perfect for that. Another thing about EV owners is when they stop and have a good charging experience they will return again and again to that spot. It's great for our city, our community, and our Valley," Nehring said.

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TBA

Men & Women's Cross Country at Joe Piane Notre Dame Invitational at South Bend, Ind.
9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Saturday, October 5
Men & Women's Swim at McMurry University/vs Texas Permian Basin (Double Dual) at Abilene, T.X.
(Day 2)
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Pictured left, Kathy Maestas, Yuri Cendejas, Helen Taylor, Melissa Clark, Theresa Rudder, Beth Kinney, Amy Chacon and Mary Russell, (front) Derek Tapusoa and Maria Garcia. The GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club accepted a \$1,000 donation from the staff of First Southwest Bank of Alamosa for the Jocelyn Russell 'Into Thin Air' sandhill crane monument.

Woman's Citizenship Club accepts donation

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA — Recently, members of the GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club accepted a \$1,000 donation from the staff of First Southwest Bank of Alamosa for the Jocelyn Russell "Into Thin Air" sandhill crane monument.

The monument is well on its way to becoming a

reality thanks to generous donations like this one.

Originally, installation of the sculpture was scheduled for Fall of 2024, plans now are to install the monument at the Colorado Welcome Center in Alamosa sometime in the Spring of 2025.

The Woman's Citizenship Club is a non-profit

organization, and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs dedicated to supporting and enhancing communities through volunteer service.

For more information about the sculpture or the club, contact President Helen Lester 719-588-0822 or Mary Russell, 719-580-4029.

Sports



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Centauri's High School's Spencer Smith (66) sacks Bayfield quarterback Cole McWhirter (16) in last Friday's 41-0 win. The Falcons open South-Central League play by hosting Ignacio this coming Friday.

High school football preview – Week 6

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The sixth week of the 2024 high school football season is this week with most of the San Luis Valley teams beginning league play.

The following are thumbnail sketches of each game.

ALAMOSA (2-2) AT BAYFIELD (3-1)

This week: The Alamosa Mean Moose return to action on Friday as it will travel to face the Bayfield Wolverines. It is the Intermountain League opener for both teams and will kick off at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Last week: The Mean Moose had an open date. The Wolverines lost at Centauri 41-0 last Friday.

Next week: Alamosa returns home to host Gunnison at Homecoming next Friday at 7 p.m. Bayfield will travel to Pagosa Springs next Friday at 7 p.m.

ANTONITO (0-4, 0-2) AT COTOPAXI (0-5, 0-3)

This week: The Antonito Trojans will be on the road as they will go to face the Cotopaxi Pirates. Kickoff is at 6 p.m. at Tezak Field.

Last week: The Trojans lost to Branson/Kim 80-7 at home last Saturday. The Pirates lost to La Veta at home 44-28 last Saturday.

Next week: Antonito will host La Veta next Saturday at 1 p.m. Cotopaxi Will have an open date.

CENTER (0-4) AT MONTE VISTA (2-2)

This week: The Monte Vista Pirates will host the Center Vikings on Friday in the South-Central League opener for both teams. Game time is slated for 6 p.m.

Last week: Both teams had an open date.

Next week: Monte Vista will have an open date following Del Norte's cancellation of the varsity football season. Center will host Centauri next Friday at 7 p.m.

DOLORES (2-3, 0-1) AT SARGENT (2-2)

This week: The Sargent Farmers will host the Dolores Bears Friday at 6 p.m.

Last week: The Farmers had an open date. The Bears lost its Mountain League

opener to Mancos 48-0.

Next week: Sargent will travel to Sanford for a 6 p.m. kickoff. Dolores will have an open date.

IGNACIO (1-3) AT #1 CENTAURI (4-0)

This week: The top-ranked Centauri Falcons will host the Ignacio Bobcats on Friday. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Last week: The Falcons defeated Bayfield 41-0 at home last Friday. The Bobcats had an open date.

Next week: Centauri will travel to Center for a 7 p.m. kickoff. Ignacio will travel to Trinidad next Friday with game time scheduled for 7 p.m.

NORWOOD (2-2) AT SANFORD (2-2)

This week: The Sanford Mustangs will open Mountain League play as it hosts the Norwood Mavericks Friday at 4 p.m.

Last week: Both teams had an open date.

Next week: Sanford will host Sargent next Friday at 6 p.m. Norwood will travel to second-ranked Dove Creek for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

#6 PRIMERO (5-0, 2-0) AT #5 SIERRA GRANDE (4-0, 1-0)

This week: It will be a Top 10 matchup as the fifth-ranked Sierra Grande Panthers will host the sixth-ranked Primero Bulldogs. Kickoff at Roybal Field is at 6:30 p.m.

Last week: The Panthers had an open date. The Bulldogs defeated Kiowa 36-24 on the road last Saturday.

Next week: Sierra Grande will host Branson/Kim next Friday at 6:30 p.m. Primero will have an open date.

SANGRE DE CRISTO (1-2) AT FOWLER (1-3)

This week: The Sangre de Cristo Thunderbirds will open play in the new Six County League on Friday at it will travel to meet the Fowler Grizzlies. Kickoff at Milberger Field is at 7 p.m.

Last week: The Thunderbirds lost at Holly by a score of 68-48 last Friday. The Grizzlies had an open date.

Next week: Sangre de Cristo will host Hoehne next Friday at 7 p.m. Fowler will host Custer County next Friday at 7 p.m.

High school standings

As of Saturday

Team	FOOTBALL CLASS 2A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE	
	League W-L	Overall W-L
Bayfield	0-0	3-1
Montezuma-Cortez	0-0	3-1
Pagosa Springs	0-0	3-1
Alamosa	0-0	2-2
Salida	0-0	2-2
Gunnison	0-0	0-4

Team	CLASS 1A SOUTH CENTRAL LEAGUE	
	League W-L	Overall W-L
Centauri	0-0	4-0
Monte Vista	0-0	2-2
Trinidad	0-0	1-2
Ignacio	0-0	1-3
Center	0-0	0-4
Del Norte	0-0	0-4

Team	CLASS 1A SOUTH CENTRAL LEAGUE	
	League W-L	Overall W-L
Centauri	0-0	4-0
Monte Vista	0-0	2-2
Trinidad	0-0	1-2
Ignacio	0-0	1-3
Center	0-0	0-4
Del Norte	0-0	0-4

Team	CLASS 1A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE	
	League W-L	Overall W-L
Mancos	1-0	3-1
Dove Creek	0-0	4-0
Norwood	0-0	2-2
Sanford	0-0	2-2
Sargent	0-0	2-2
Dolores	0-1	2-3

Team	8-MAN MOUNTAIN LEAGUE	
	League W-L	Overall W-L
Mancos	1-0	3-1
Dove Creek	0-0	4-0
Norwood	0-0	2-2
Sanford	0-0	2-2
Sargent	0-0	2-2
Dolores	0-1	2-3

Team	8-MAN SIX COUNTY LEAGUE	
	League W-L	Overall W-L
Walsenburg	0-0	2-2
Sangre de Cristo	0-0	1-2
Crowley County	0-0	1-3
Fowler	0-0	1-3
Hoehne	0-0	1-3
Custer County	0-0	0-4

Team	CLASS 2A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE	
	League W-L	Overall W-L
Del Norte	2-0	11-1
Sanford	3-1	8-4
Buena Vista	3-1	6-6
Center	2-2	9-5
Monte Vista	2-3	3-10
Crested Butte	1-4	8-8
Trinidad	0-2	1-9

Team	CLASS 1A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE	
	League W-L	Overall W-L
Sargent	5-0	13-0
Sangre de Cristo	2-1	7-8
Centennial	2-2	4-6
Antonito	2-3	4-8
Sierra Grande	1-2	3-12
Creede	0-2	3-4
Mountain Valley	0-2	2-8

Team	CLASS 3A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE	
	League W-L	Overall W-L
Pagosa Springs	1-0-1	4-1-3
Alamosa	0-0-2	1-4-3
Montezuma-Cortez	0-1-1	2-7-1
Bayfield	0-0-0	4-4-1

Team	CLASS 3A TRI-PEAKS LEAGUE	
	League W-L	Overall W-L-T
Lamar	3-1	13-5-0
Southeast Colorado	3-1	8-4-0
Rocky Ford	3-1	11-6-1
La Junta	2-3	9-10-0
Alamosa	0-5	10-10-0

Springfield 36, Hoehne 20
Open date: Custer County, Fowler, Walsenburg
This week's schedule
Friday
Crowley County at Hoehne, 7 p.m.
Sangre de Cristo at Fowler, 7 p.m.
Walsenburg at Custer County, 7 p.m.

6-MAN SOUTHWEST LEAGUE

Team	League W-L		Overall W-L
	Primero	2-0	
Branson/Kim	2-0	4-1	
Sierra Grande	1-0	4-0	
La Veta	1-1	1-3	
Antonito	0-2	0-4	
Cotopaxi	0-3	0-5	

Last week's scores
Friday
La Veta 44, Cotopaxi 28
Saturday
Branson/Kim 80, Antonito 7
Primero 36, Kiowa 24
Open date: **Sierra Grande**
This week's schedule
Friday
La Veta at Branson/Kim, noon
Primero at Sierra Grande, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday
Antonito at Cotopaxi, 6 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
CLASS 3A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Team	League W-L		Overall W-L
	Alamosa	4-0	
Bayfield	2-2	5-6	
Centauri	2-2	5-8	
Pagosa Springs	1-3	6-6	
Montezuma-Cortez	1-3	7-12	

CLASS 2A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE

Team	League W-L		Overall W-L
	Del Norte	2-0	
Sanford	3-1	8-4	
Buena Vista	3-1	6-6	
Center	2-2	9-5	
Monte Vista	2-3	3-10	
Crested Butte	1-4	8-8	
Trinidad	0-2	1-9	

CLASS 1A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE

Team	League W-L		Overall W-L
	Sargent	5-0	
Sangre de Cristo	2-1	7-8	
Centennial	2-2	4-6	
Antonito	2-3	4-8	
Sierra Grande	1-2	3-12	
Creede	0-2	3-4	
Mountain Valley	0-2	2-8	

BOYS SOCCER
CLASS 3A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Team	League W-L-T		Overall W-L-T
	Pagosa Springs	1-0-1	
Alamosa	0-0-2	1-4-3	
Montezuma-Cortez	0-1-1	2-7-1	
Bayfield	0-0-0	4-4-1	

GIRLS SOFTBALL
CLASS 3A TRI-PEAKS LEAGUE

Team	League W-L		Overall W-L-T
	Lamar	3-1	
Southeast Colorado	3-1	8-4-0	
Rocky Ford	3-1	11-6-1	
La Junta	2-3	9-10-0	
Alamosa	0-5	10-10-0	

Sports Bulletin

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

SCOREBOARD TUESDAY

Prep girls softball
Rocky Ford at Alamosa – late
College women's soccer
New Mexico Highlands at Adams State – late

SCHEDULE THURSDAY

Prep girls volleyball
Centauri at Sanford, 5 p.m.
Mountain Valley at Sangre de Cristo, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Prep football
Norwood at Sanford, 4 p.m.
Center at Monte Vista, 6 p.m.
Dolores at Sargent, 6 p.m.
Primero at Sierra Grande, 6:30 p.m.
Alamosa at Bayfield, 7 p.m.
Ignacio at Centauri, 7 p.m.
Sangre de Cristo at Fowler, 7 p.m.

Trinidad at Del Norte – canceled
Prep boys soccer
Bayfield at Alamosa, 3 p.m.

Prep girls volleyball
Centennial at Mountain Valley, 11 a.m.
Center at Dove Creek, 3 p.m.

Primero at Sierra Grande, 4 p.m.
South Park at Del Norte, 5 p.m.

College cross country
Adams State at Joe Plane Notre Dame Invitational, 11:15 a.m.

College men's soccer
Western Colorado at Adams State, 3 p.m.
College women's soccer
Adams State at Western Colorado, 3 p.m.

College women's volleyball
Fort Lewis at Adams State, 6 p.m.
College swimming
Adams State, Texas-Permian Basin at McMurry (Texas), TBA

SATURDAY

Prep football
Antonito at Cotopaxi, 6 p.m.
Prep cross country
Alamosa, Centauri, Del Norte, Monte Vista at Pagosa Springs Invitational, 9 a.m.
Centennial, Center, Monte Vista, Sierra Grande

at Salida Classic, 9:30 a.m.
Prep girls gymnastics
Alamosa at Pueblo Central, 10 a.m.

Prep girls softball
Alamosa at Lamar (at Citizens Park), 11 a.m.
Prep girls volleyball
Creede, Dove Creek at Ouray, 10 a.m.

Center at Sanford, 11 a.m.
Sierra Grande at Trinidad, 11 a.m.

Centauri at Colorado Springs Christian, noon
Monte Vista at South Park, 1 p.m.

Pagosa Springs at Alamosa, 1 p.m.
Antonito at Cotopaxi, 4 p.m.
Mountain Valley at Sargent, 5 p.m.

College football
Adams State at Chadron State, noon
College swimming
Adams State, Texas-Permian Basin at McMurry (Texas), TBA

SUNDAY

College women's golf
Adams State at Farmers Insurance Sam Proal Invitational (at Pueblo), TBA
College men's soccer
Adams State at Colorado Christian, 1 p.m.
College women's soccer
Fort Lewis at Adams State, 1 p.m.

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Lifestyle

Kokanee salmon spawn returns to Colorado

Public advised to call in advance of giveaway days

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

DURANGO — Fall has returned to Colorado, and kokanee salmon have started to make their run for spawning season.

For Colorado Parks and Wildlife aquatic biologists and hatchery staff, that means a busy month ahead of collecting eggs for Colorado's hatcheries to propagate the state's kokanee program.

As part of the kokanee salmon program, giveaway days are scheduled each year for interested members of the public who hold a valid Colorado fishing license to receive fish. However, the available kokanee for the scheduled giveaway days at each location can vary greatly.

In 2023, CPW scheduled additional giveaway days in some locations and canceled giveaway days in others. Because giveaways are dependent on available fish, it is always best to call ahead the day before scheduled giveaways to make sure fish will be available. The public can also follow CPW on social media channels from their area for the latest information.

Contact information for each giveaway location is available in the 2024 Kokanee Salmon Regulations brochure.

"In some recent years, we've had issues with too many people showing up to receive a small number of kokanee," said CPW's Dan Brauch. "There have been days where we had almost as many people show up as we had fish, so it's best for people to call ahead so they don't travel too far for a small amount of fish."

Kokanee salmon were introduced to Colorado waters in 1951. They are the landlocked version of sockeye salmon. These fish grow quickly, typically live about four years and naturally die after spawning.

In 2023, CPW collected an estimated 8.3 million kokanee salmon eggs from eight spawning locations. Eggs are raised in hatcheries and stocked out across 24 bodies of water the following spring.

CPW conducts kokanee salmon giveaways to make sure the meat from spawned kokanee is not wasted. Each year, thousands of fish are given away, but availability at each location can vary depending on the size of the run.

"We have had great runs the last few years at Dolores, and Lake Nighthorse has been pretty consistent in recent years," said CPW Senior Aquatic Biologist Jim White. "I think we will have a reasonable number of fish for those scheduled giveaways. Recipients should always bear in mind that giveaways vary based on the natural run of the salmon, number of people that show up and size of the fish. Nighthorse fish are little hot dogs compared to Blue Mesa. Keep in mind, these fish are not going

to taste like an ocean-run salmon"

To be eligible for the giveaway, a 2024 Colorado fishing license must be presented. Up to four youth may receive kokanee if accompanied by a license-holding adult. Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribal members may show a Tribal ID card, Brunot fishing license or a state fishing license to receive fish.

Those interested in receiving kokanee should bring their own small cooler or other container.

Most of the kokanee are 10 to 13 inches in size.

Giveaways at the Roaring Judy Fish Hatchery north of Gunnison are scheduled for Fridays of Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 1 and Nov. 8. Attendees should be in line by 9 a.m. to receive fish.

Kokanee numbers running up from Blue Mesa Reservoir are anticipated to be low again this year. Severe drought negatively impacted several year classes of kokanee. CPW is hopeful that numbers may start to rebound by 2026. Con-

sistent moisture and good water levels in Blue Mesa Reservoir are vital for rebuilding a more robust kokanee fishery.

The number of fish available on giveaway days will fluctuate depending on the number of fish spawned during the week. Participants should call Roaring Judy Hatchery at 970-641-0190 or 970-641-7070 prior to the giveaway day for more informa-

tion. Lake Nighthorse in Durango will host giveaway days at 3 p.m. Nov. 8, 15 and 22. Lake Nighthorse staff typically allow participants to access the parking area around 2 p.m.

Joe Rowell Park in Dolores will also host giveaway days at 3 p.m. Oct. 24 and Oct. 31. It is recommended that those wanting fish arrive early to get in line at this

well-attended giveaway event.

Those interested in the Dolores or Lake Nighthorse giveaways may call 970-247-0855.

For information on potential giveaways at Granby or Shadow Mountain, the public should call 970-725-6200. For information on possible giveaways at Wolford Mountain Reservoir, the public may call 970-725-6200.



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Kokanee salmon from the Dolores River. The kokanee spawning season has returned to Colorado, with public giveaway days scheduled across the Western Slope.

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Solution

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

OCTOBER

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1789: George Washington proclaims Thursday, November 26, 1789 a Thanksgiving day.

1919: Cincinnati Reds Pitcher Adolfo Luque becomes the first Latin American player to appear in a World Series.

1985: The shuttle Atlantis makes its maiden flight.

World **FACT:**

Despite its name, this German festival begins near the end of September.

Answer: Oktoberfest

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

T S A U U A K R R E N A D
S S A E G A U S

Answer: Sauerkraut and sausages

NEW

WORD

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How they say that in...

English: Tent (circus)

Spanish: Carpa

Italian: Tendone

French: Chapiteau

German: Zirkuszelt

Did You Know?

Bavarian pretzels are typically enjoyed at Oktoberfest celebrations, in addition to other traditional German foods.

Get the PICTURE?

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 CRS §38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 964-24
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On June 27, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
 Original Grantor(s)
 GEORGE R. HANNA AND JENNIFER LEE HANNA
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS
 NOMINEE FOR THE FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
 Date of Deed of Trust
 June 21, 2022
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 July 05, 2022
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 385618
 Original Principal Amount
 \$196,886.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$193,482.78
 Pursuant to CRS §38-101(4)(f), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust and other violations of the terms thereof
 THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 TRACT 4, LAUER DIVISION OF LAND, THE PLAT OF WHICH WAS RECORDED ON JANUARY 28, 1988 AT RECEPTION NO. 244305, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO. TOGETHER WITH A 1/2 INTEREST IN ANY AND ALL WATER AND WATER RIGHTS, DITCHES AND DITCH RIGHTS, WELLS AND WELL RIGHTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO UNDERGROUND WATER RIGHTS FOR PERMIT NO(S). 58018 IN WATER DIVISION NO. 3, STATE OF COLORADO.
 Purported common address: 13193 EAST US HIGHWAY 160, ALAMOSA, CO 81101.
 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
 NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 10/30/2024, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication 9/4/2024
 Last Publication 10/2/2024
 Name of Publication Valley Courier
 IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
 DATE: 06/27/2024
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 /s/
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Ryan Bourgeois, Esq. #51088
 Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1391 Speer Boulevard, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
 Attorney File # 00000010132116
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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District Court, Alamosa County, Colorado
 Civil Action No. 2024 CV 90028
 Amy Nicole Roberson and Justin Aaron Crumbaugh, Plaintiffs,
 vs.
 Thomas Michael Dougherty; and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action.
SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
 TO ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION:
 You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within thirty-five (35) days after service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons will be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the Court.
 If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty-five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint, without any further notice.
 This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiffs in and to the real property situated in Alamosa County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
 Lot 9, Block 7, Mount Blanca Valley Ranches subdivision Unit No. 8
 Parcel Number: 528119102004
 Dated: September 17, 2024.
 By: Benjamin Pacyga, #48355, Attorney for Plaintiffs
 No. 4150
 Published in the Valley Courier on September 25, October 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2024.

NOTICE OF ELECTION
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly to the electors of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District in Alamosa, Rio Grande and Saguache Counties, Colorado.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of December, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 6:00 o'clock p.m. At that time, one (1) Director for Division II will be elected to serve one (1) 3-year term and one (1) Director at Large will be elected to serve one (1) 3-year term.
 Nomination petitions are available from:
 Amy S. Dean, District Secretary
 296 Miles Street
 Center, Colorado 81125
 amy@slvid.org
 Nomination petitions must be filed no later than Friday, the 18th day of October, 2024, and no earlier than Friday, October 4th, 2024.
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absent voter's ballots may be filed with the Secretary of the District at the above address not earlier than forty-five days (Friday, the 18th day of October, 2024) before the election, not later than 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, the 29th of November, 2024).
 San Luis Valley Irrigation District
 By s/ Amy S. Dean
 No. 4158.
 Published in the Valley Courier on October 2, 2024.

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT 6J is now accepting applications for JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. All candidates must pass background checks. Letters of Application should be submitted to: Mr. Jared Morgan, Superintendent, Sanford School District 6J, 755 Second Street, SANFORD, CO, 81151. Application Deadline: Until position is filled. SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT 6J is an equal opportunity educational institution and will not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, handicap and marital status in its activities, programs or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504. For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact Mr. Jared Morgan, Superintendent; telephone number (719) 274-5167. (10/19/24)

SECONDARY PARAPROFESSIONAL NEEDED: SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking a dedicated Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year. If you're passionate about working with young learners, we'd love to hear from you! Salary starts at \$21,035.19 on the Paraprofessional's salary schedule. New employees to the district may be granted up to 8 years of experience at the discretion of the superintendent at the time of hiring. Benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, optional \$1,200 a year toward an HSA, and life insurance coverage. Free admission to all home athletic events, staff wellness room, discount rates to Monte Vista Athletic Club, Sand Dunes Swimming Pool, and Monte Vista Golf Course. Please complete the non-certified application and submit with resume. For more information and to apply, visit www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023. Application Deadline: 10/19/24 or until position is filled. EOE. (10/19/24)

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FOOD SERVICE COOK: SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking a dedicated food service cook for the 2024-2025 school year. If you're passionate about nutrition and would love to join a great team, we'd love to hear from you! We have a FULL TIME 8 HOUR position and a PART TIME 4 HOUR position available. Starting rate is \$14.61 on the cook salary schedule. New employees to the district may be granted up to 8 years of experience at the discretion of the superintendent at the time of hiring. Full time employee benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, optional \$1,200 a year toward an HSA, and life insurance coverage. Free admission to all home athletic events, staff wellness room, discount rates to Monte Vista Athletic Club, Sand Dunes Swimming Pool, and Monte Vista Golf Course. Please complete the non-certified application and submit with resume. For more information and to apply, visit www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023. Application Deadline: 10/19/24 or until position is filled. EOE. (10/19/24)

GRANT SPECIALIST. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY seeks a full-time GRANT SPECIALIST to facilitate, write, review, and prepare grant proposals. The applicant must have a bachelor's degree and proven experience in grant writing, budget preparation, and securing federal, state, and/or private grants. Position open until filled. More information at: www.adams.edu/hr/employment-opportunities webpage. <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/> or <https://adams.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/ASU>. (10/5/24)

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MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL is accepting applications for a HEAD WRESTLING COACH for HIGH SCHOOL and MIDDLE SCHOOL as well as ASSISTANT COACHES. Please contact Larry Hunt at Mountain Valley School 719-655-2578. (10/16/24)

NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that the following statement and demand under oath has been provided to the Secretary of the Romero Irrigation Company concerning certificate numbers 807, 902, and 903 representing 10, 2, and 2 shares issued to Tom J. and Barbara E. Bagwell and Doug T. and Lynda Bagwell, as Joint Tenants, Equity Owners. Doug Bagwell has filed with the secretary of the Romero Irrigation Company statement under oath that the certificates of stock, 807, 902, and 903 shares has been lost, mislaid, or destroyed and that the certificate is my own personal property and has not been transferred to hypothecated by him and asks that the Romero Board acting in behalf of the Irrigation Company to issue duplicate certificate in accordance with sections 7-42-114 to 7-42-117 and we have gone through the proper procedure which includes the publishing that a notice has been filed with the company that a demand has been filed to issue a duplicate certificate to the registered owner.
 The Romero Irrigation Company will issue, on or after Oct. 23, 2024 following the last publication of this Notice, a duplicate certificate to Doug T. and Lynda Bagwell, as Joint Tenants with the right of survivorship unless contrary claim is filed with the Romero Irrigation Company prior to that date.
 No. 4154.
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NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that the following statement and demand under oath has been provided to the Secretary of the Mogote-Northeastern Consolidated Ditch Company concerning certificate number 688, 736, and 737 representing 27, 10 and 10 shares of the capital stock of the Mogote-Northeastern Consolidated Ditch Company issued to Tom J and Barbara E. Bagwell and Doug T. and Lynda Bagwell. Doug Bagwell has filed with the secretary of the Mogote-Northeastern Consolidated Ditch Company statement under oath that the certificate of stock, representing 27, 10, and 10 shares has been lost, mislaid, or destroyed and that the certificate is his own personal property and has not been transferred or hypothecated by him. Doug Bagwell asks that the Mogote-Northeastern Board acting in behalf of the Ditch Company issue a duplicate certificate in accordance with sections 7-42-114 to 7-42-117.
 The Mogote-Northeastern Consolidated Ditch Company will issue, on or after Oct. 23, 2024 following the last publication of this Notice, a duplicate certificate to Doug T. and Lynda Bagwell unless contrary claim is filed with the Mogote-Northeastern Consolidated Ditch Company prior to that date and if all assessments are current.
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HARDWARE MANAGER - RANDALL LUMBER & HARDWARE, INC. Department: Hardware & Ranch Departments. Supervisor: Paula Ervin. General Job Description: MANAGE HARDWARE/RANCH DEPARTMENT OF RANDALL LUMBER & HARDWARE, INC. Job Description: The Hardware, Ranch & Feed manager will lead and manage employees including hiring, training and development; They will manage inventory and pricing, Managing P&L performance will also be a duty of the Hardware Manager; Vendor and customer relations, new business development, marketing, analysis, forecasting and budgeting are also areas of responsibilities for this position. Qualifications For The Job: Education: Bachelor's degree in business (preferred) Or equivalent experience (5 Years in management position with similar Responsibilities); Strong leadership skills and creative thinking would be great. Physical Requirements: Ability to lift 40 lbs. and the ability to physically move throughout the Hardware Store facility. This is a FULL-TIME position Supporting a Monday through Saturday store schedule, with a Salary commensurate to experience, + benefits. If interested, please submit a cover letter, resume & 3 References to pervin@randalltaos.com For more information or answers to questions, please contact Paula Ervin directly. 575-758-2271. (10/30/24)

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for a PAYROLL/HUMAN RESOURCES CLERK. Qualifications: High School Diploma, computer Literate, accuracy and typing skills, Understanding of payroll and Federal and State procedures. Two (2) years payroll experience, good communication skills. Application, Job Description and Salary Schedule available online at <http://www.alamosaschools.org>. For more information please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600 or tvigil@alamosaschools.org. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (10/4/24)

ALAMOSA COUNTY ASSESSOR is seeking a PERSONAL PROPERTY CLERK. This position maintains records for commercial businesses to determine the value of their personal property for taxation purposes. The successful candidate will track existing businesses and actively look for new businesses within the County, meet with owners, managers and/or tax agents and perform other duties as assigned. One-year experience in an office setting is desired. Must have strong computer and math skills, strong organizational skills and good penmanship. A valid Colorado driver's license is required. Applications may be picked up at the Assessor's Office, 8999 Independence Way, Suite 105. The starting pay rate is \$18/hour. A cover letter and resume must accompany the completed application. Deadline to apply is October 9th, 2024. (10/09/24)

ELEMENTARY PARAPROFES-SIONAL NEEDED: We are seeking a dedicated Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year. If you're passionate about working with young learners, we'd love to hear from you! Salary starts at \$21,035.19 on the Paraprofessionals salary schedule. New employees to the district may be granted up to 8 years of experience at the discretion of the superintendent at the time of hiring. Benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, optional \$1,200 a year toward an HSA, and life insurance coverage. Free admission to all home athletic events, staff wellness room, discount rates to Monte Vista Athletic Club, Sand Dunes Swimming Pool, and Monte Vista Golf Course. Please complete the non-certified application and submit with resume. For more information and to apply, visit www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023. Application Deadline: 10/8/24 or until position is filled. EOE. (10/15/24)

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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SAN LUIS VALLEY RESEARCH CENTER IN CENTER, CO, seeks FARM MANAGER, full-time salaried w/ benefits. Min. requirements include experience managing an entity involved in research, agricultural production or related commercial enterprise environment. Read full job description and apply online by 09/30/2024 for full consideration at: <https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/150505>. CSU is an EO/EA/AA employer and conducts background checks on all final candidates. (10/25/24)

SAN LUIS VALLEY HEALTH is looking for an EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MANAGER. This position is responsible for creating and overseeing emergency preparedness and response plans and involves assessing risks, coordinating training and drills, and ensuring compliance with relevant regulations to protect the organization's assets, personnel, and operations in the event of emergencies. To learn more about this opportunity check out our careers page at www.slvh.org or call 719-587-1200. (10/01/24)

SAN LUIS VALLEY HEALTH is seeking a DIRECTOR of HUMAN RESOURCES. Leading a team of six, this position is directly responsible for the management, administration, coordination, and evaluation of Human Resource services and functions for all departments and the 765 employees of San Luis Valley Health. To learn more about this incredible opportunity check out our careers page at www.slvh.org or call 719-587-1200. (10/9/24)

RIO GRANDE COUNTY is seeking a LAND USE CODE COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR w/without building inspector duties to join our team. The land use code compliance inspector performs duties related to the enforcement of the Rio Grande County land use development code and building codes. Performs inspections of vacation rental properties and maintains records relating to vacation rentals. Performs field verification of building setbacks. Maintains address and zoning permit database and assigns new addresses and issues agricultural building permits. Assists with building construction inspections as assigned. This is a full time, non-exempt position, that will receive county benefits of annual & sick leave, retirement and health insurance. Wage/salary range is \$20.19 - \$29.26 per hour doe. Check out the employment section on <https://riograndecounty.colorado.gov/>. Submit applications to humanresources@riograndecounty.org or drop it off at 925 6th Street, Rm 200, DEL NORTE, CO 81132. Job will remain open until filled. (10/9/24)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is seeking applications for the Full-Time position of CONTENT STRATEGIST. Salary Range is \$42,252-\$48,060, commensurate with education and experience. Benefits include Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Retirement, PTO, Paid Holidays. This position provides key decision support in developing and implementing a cohesive, integrated communication strategy across multiple platforms, including social media, web, print and digital, that tell Adams State's story in a compelling, visually engaging and consistent manner. Review of applications will remain open until position is filled. For more information and application please visit <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/>. (10/9/24)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking a MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Please submit a district application, resume, and cover at <https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply>. (10/4/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

RIO GRANDE COUNTY is seeking a GRANT SPECIALIST to join our team. The Grant Specialist will work with federal, state, and private grants to manage programs and secure funding. They often work with a variety of staff, including department heads, financial staff, and others. Grant specialists may also be responsible for special projects. The Grant Specialist will report to the Chief Financial Officer, is an Exempt Full-Time Position, will receive County benefits of Annual & Sick Leave, Retirement and Health Insurance. Wage/Salary Range is \$59,133.00 - \$65,248.00 per year DOE. Please submit your application to humanresources@riograndecounty.org or drop it off at 925 6th Street, Rm 200, DEL NORTE, CO 81132. Deadline to apply for the Grant Specialist position is 4PM on October 11, 2024. (10/9/24)

BUSY POTATO WAREHOUSE hiring full time PERMANENT BAGGERS/STACKERS. Apply at WORLEY & McCULLOUGH, 2471 East CR 7 North, MONTE VISTA, CO. 81144. (10/5/24)

IST SOUTHWEST BANK, a locally owned CDFI community bank, is seeking a COMPLIANCE DIRECTOR. FSWB offers competitive compensation, generous benefits, & career development. Join FSWB's award-winning team dedicated to supporting rural Colorado's agricultural, nonprofit, and small businesses. For details and to apply, visit fswb.bank/about/careers. EOE. (10/4/24)

SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT is looking for PART-TIME CUSTODIAN help. For more information please contact Gary Fritz at 719-378-2321 or email gfriz@sangreschools.org. Applications may be downloaded from sdc.schools.net under tab "about us". Position open until filled. (10/2/24)

CDL DRIVER: JT TIMBER FALLING is hiring a full-time LOG TRUCK DRIVER. CLASS A CDL. Based out of BLANCA, CO. Local destinations and home every night. A Comprehensive benefits package is available. \$23-\$30/hr. depending on experience. Call 719-379-4066 or visit jttimber.com for more information. (10/16/24)

DEL NORTE BANK is seeking to fill a full-time position for a TELLER in the CREEDE BRANCH. Duties will be to accept deposits, loan payments and process withdrawals while maintaining a balanced cash drawer. Must be personable and pleasant answering the phone and greeting customers. Many other duties will be assigned as needed. The position is permanent, full-time, M - F, 8am - 4:30pm, an hourly rate range of \$14.42 to \$17.00, with a robust benefits package. Application available at TrueLocalBank.com/careers or inquire at 117 N. Main St, Creede or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Dawn. EOE. (10/2/24)

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 81147. All jobs are winter seasonal (November - April) with skiing privileges. Starting wage of \$19/hour with merit increases based on performance and experience. (10/30/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (10/4/24)

304 - LAWN & GARDEN

TROY - BUILT CHIPPER SHREDDER CS4265, \$450. Max 719-379-3123. (10/19/24)

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330 - FREE

FREE: RUBBER TIRES from older vehicles. Call/text 719-942-3567. SALIDA. You pick-up. (10/5/24)

341 - GARAGE SALE

YARD SALE IN MONTE VISTA! 139 Washington St, Monte Vista, CO 81144. Saturday, October 5th. 8:00 a.m. sharp. Crafting galore, fabric, yarn, card making materials, stamps, embroidery, knitting, books, crafting books, clothes, furniture, linens, household items, and lots more! Head East on Highway 160, turn right on Washington St. #139. Rain or shine. (10/5/24)

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601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH duplex in BLANCA. Call 719-588-5900. (10/9/24)

Accepting applications for 1 bedroom apartments. Must be 62 or older or disabled
Cielo Vista Apartments
166 S. Willis Center, Colo
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2256 E. Drive Monte Vista, CO
852-4302
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611 - HOMES FOR RENT

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ACROSS

- 1 Bit of butter
- 4 Cashmere
- 8 "— in Show"
- 12 Earthbound bird
- 13 Mata —
- 14 Inter —
- 15 Millions of years
- 16 News bit
- 17 Connection
- 18 Skirt feature
- 20 Send a text
- 22 Sixth sense, for short
- 23 "Eureka!"
- 24 Kitten's cry
- 26 Fuss
- 27 Curve shape
- 30 Derisive
- 32 Seat for a congregant
- 33 Dye vessel
- 34 No longer fashionable

DOWN

- 35 High card
- 37 Minnesota city
- 39 To the — degree
- 40 Not strict
- 41 Blushing
- 42 Cash dispenser, for short
- 43 Big band leader —
- 45 Baseball player — Paige
- 49 Restaurant
- 51 Settled on a branch
- 52 Sled
- 54 New Deal org.
- 55 Dried out
- 56 Burden
- 57 Tangle part
- 58 Mind
- 59 Fuel reservoir
- 60 Lots of mos.

- 1 Look furtively
- 2 Soap plant

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 3 Songwriter
- 4 Iota
- 5 Cereal grain
- 6 Utah city
- 7 Fruity beverage
- 8 Light wood
- 9 Essays of —
- 10 Warble
- 11 Accept
- 19 Copied
- 21 Fall of rain
- 25 Opulence
- 26 Summit
- 27 It would seem
- 28 —
- Francisco
- 29 Depot (Abbr.)
- 30 Child
- 31 Acorn
- 36 King Arthur's realm
- 38 Sandwich shop
- 42 Played a part
- 44 Cut
- 45 Obi
- 46 Toward the sheltered side
- 47 Retread
- 48 — moth
- 49 School-room item
- 50 Tattered duds
- 53 Pistol

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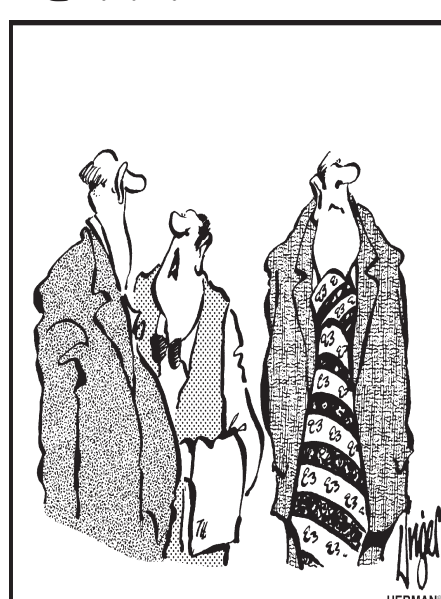
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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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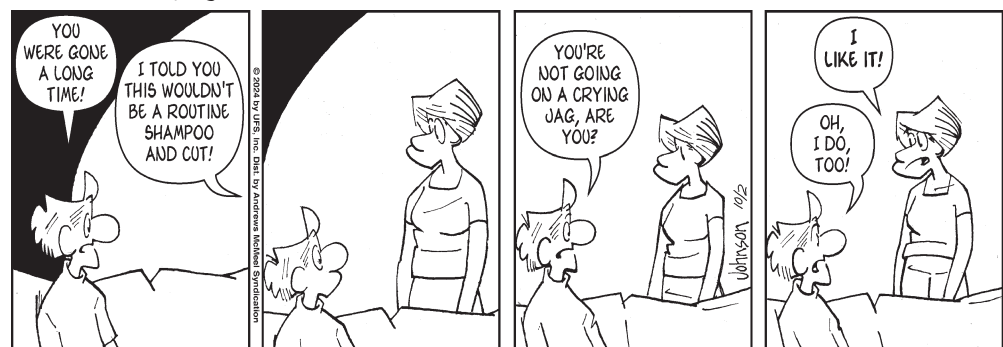
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"Isn't he the guy you wouldn't let in last week without a tie?"

ALLEY OOP



ARLO & JANIS



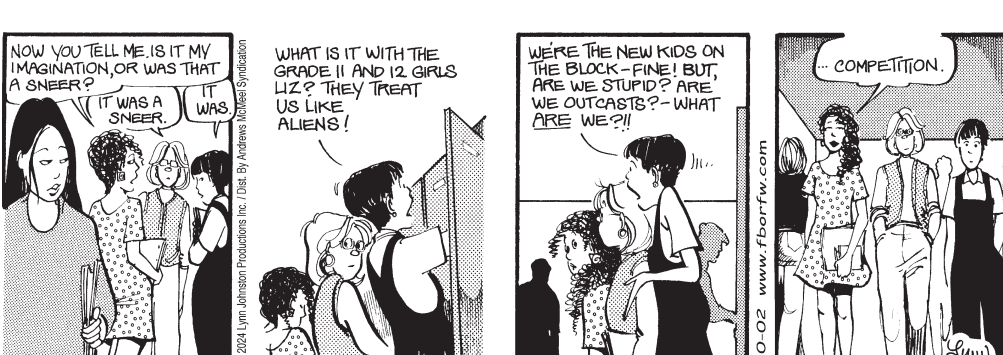
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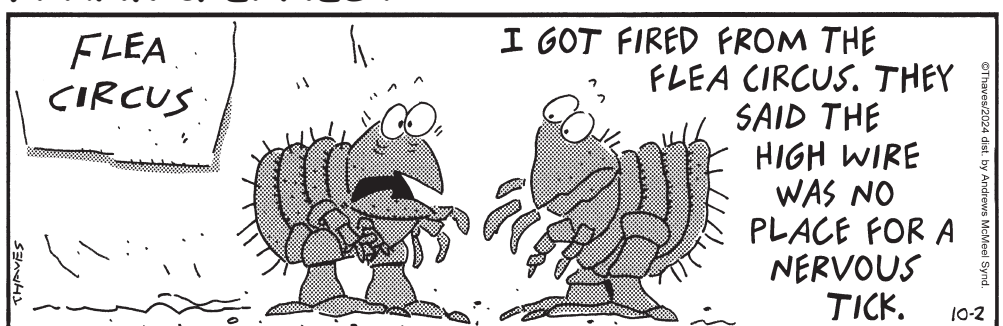
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



FRANK & ERNEST



GARFIELD



THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS



Boyfriend's ex-wife likes to stir the pot

DEAR ABBY: I am dating an older man with two ex-wives. I have met both of them. I don't mind them. The last ex-wife and I get along. She usually calls me because he won't answer his phone for her. The first ex-wife I don't like at all (I used to talk to her) because she's lied to me about him.

This woman has her kids call and tell him to call her (which he sneaks around to do), among other things. She talks smack about two of her kids with him (supposedly his), and she cheated on him numerous times. Anytime we see her, which is usually at one of the kids' houses, she or he runs to give the other a hug. I think this is very wrong and I've twice said something to him.

Am I wrong? Am I jealous? He says they don't want to be with each other, they're just friends, but I don't trust her. I feel like she's trying to start trouble. (Not to mention, one of the kids remarked, "If Mom wanted him back, she could get him.") I respect your opinion. Please help me. -- AMIRIGHTORWRONG?

DEAR RIGHT OR WRONG: Many divorced couples try to keep things amicable for the sake of their children. Your twice-married boyfriend may be one of them. If you trust what he says, his first ex-wife isn't likely to wreck

your relationship unless your insecurity allows it. If you cannot trust this man's word, you should no longer be together. What the kid said hasn't helped the situation. Please do not let it cause trouble in your relationship with their father.

DEAR ABBY: I filed for divorce nine months ago. The judge signed my papers six weeks ago. I was with my alcoholic ex for 17 years, married for 12. I knew my marriage was over a year ago, so I was preparing myself.

Four months ago, I met "Aaron," a man I have grown to really like. He feels the same, but my sisters feel I shouldn't be thinking about a relationship. My kids are grown and out of the house. They have met Aaron and say, "Whatever makes you happy," but I'm afraid if my sisters find out I'm seeing someone, they are going to be negative. I really want them to know how happy I am, but I'm not sure if I should say anything just yet. Please help. -- FREE, NOT FREE, IN IOWA

DEAR FREE, NOT FREE: You have only recently emerged from a long and difficult marriage, which has to have been stressful and depressing. Right now you are on an emotional high. Your sisters are giving you good



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

advice. Slow down! If what you and Aaron have together is as good as you think, keep seeing him and get to know each other better. Stop hiding him from your sisters and introduce him. But when you do, tell them you are not jumping from the frying pan into the fire and plan to spend time getting to know him before making any permanent decisions. You have earned that right.

TO THOSE WHO CELEBRATE ROSH HASHANA: At sundown tonight, the Jewish New Year begins. During this time of solemn introspection, I wish my Jewish readers "L'shana tova tikatevu" -- may you be inscribed in the Book of Life and have a good year.