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**ALAMOSA** — Please join the City of Alamosa for a ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Multi-Purpose Pavilion/Ice Rink, 2242 Old Sanford Rd, Alamosa, on Wednesday, January 31st at 1 p.m. Ice skating will open to the public immediately following the ceremony. Contact the Alamosa Family Recreation Center at (719) 589-2105.

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## City advances decriminalization ordinance

By RUTH HEIDE

Courier Editor

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa city council on Wednesday advanced an ordinance that among other changes will decriminalize most of the city code violations, at least on the first offense.

The council unanimously approved on first reading and scheduled for a public hearing on February 7 an ordinance amending the city's code regarding violations.

City Attorney Erich Schwiesow said, "What this does primarily is takes jail off of the table for most of these violations." When this ordinance amendment is approved, except for 16-17 violations, city code violations will not present the option of jail as a punishment on the first offense, he explained.

"Jail is off the table until you reach your fourth violation," Schwiesow said.

While jail would not be a sentencing option for first

offenses on most violations, it would go back "on the table" for the fourth violation in two years.

Schwiesow said while the city was going to amend its ordinance regarding municipal court and code violations, this was a good time to make other changes such as:

- Permitting the judge to require restitution, something the court has been doing, but this officially includes that option in the ordinance.
- Allowing the court to impose deferred sentence judgments, also something the court has been doing, but this includes it in the ordinance.

- Limiting jail to a maximum of 364 days, rather than a full year of 365 days, which avoids immigration complications.
- Changing the cruelty to animals penalty to reflect the new rule of jail as an option on the fourth offense (the ordinance currently requires jail on the second offense.)

Councilor Charles Griegosaid he believed jail should still be an option on the first offense of poisoning an animal. Schwiesow said that offense could be added to the 16 already tagged for potential jail on the first offense. (Those include such offenses as resisting a police officer, assault, reckless endangerment and reckless driving.)

- Removing jail as a penalty for not paying fines, something new legislation prohibits.
- Provides "off ramp" and "on ramp" provisions for the city prosecutor to ask the judge to add jail or remove jail as a sentencing option under special circumstances when it would not be (or would be) normally an option.

This gives discretion to the court and those who work in the municipal court system, Schwiesow explained, because there is no way to foresee every situation that might arise.

Schwiesow said the ordinance might change slightly before the final reading and approval next month. He is still pursuing internal review of this ordinance, he said, and is expecting some changes might be suggested from City Prosecutor Gene Farish. He said there might also be some comments from those outside the court, such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Colorado. There will also be an opportunity for comment during the public hearing for the ordinance on February 7.

One of the reasons for decriminalizing many of the city violations is financial, since the city would be required to offer defense counsel for all defendants for whom jail is a potential sentence. City Manager Heather Brooks said decriminalizing city offenses will affect the budget, but there will still be folks for whom the city will have to offer court-appointed counsel, for example those who accumulate four offenses within two years. She said there are a large percentage of offenders who have already reached that fourth offense in two years now.

Costs for court-appointed counsel last year totaled \$15,786, although the city had only budgeted \$10,000. That was about double the costs over the year before, which were nearly \$8,000, although the city had budgeted \$5,000. Costs in 2015 were \$5,203, just over the budgeted \$4,500.

Councilman David Broyles said although this might not be a perfect ordinance, it gives the city something to try out and observe over time to see how it works out.

Mayor Ty Coleman said this is moving in the right direction.

"I think we are all looking to do what's right, just and fair for our city," he said, "and I think we are headed in the right direction."

## Local artist exhibits in Paris, returns from residency

By JEFFERSON

GEIGER

Courier Staff Writer

**ALAMOSA** — Colorado, California, ceramics and painting combined to form a unique arts exhibition in Paris, France this past month. There, Alamosa-based artist Jasmine Little showed a multitude of works from an eight-week residency she spent in Versailles. Now back in the states, Little is glad for some respite.

"I'm just excited to be back in the Valley and working here at my studio," she said.

As the daughter of a Navy sailor Little, 33, grew up throughout the country but went to high school in the deserts of Joshua Tree, California. The proximity to large metropolitan areas like Los Angeles and Las Vegas exposed Little to a diverse culture and she became interested in painting while attending Joshua Tree's Copper Mountain College for her associate's degree.

"I think painting is very democratic and accessible because everyone does it when they're children," said Little. "Everybody draws. I like that it's not that difficult to acquire the materials to make a painting. It is kind of the most universal."

Little hasn't found inspiration in the classic painters. Instead, she has been inspired by fellow Joshua

Tree artist Noah Purifoy. The assemblage sculptor, who passed away in 2004, co-founded the Watts Towers Art Center and is known for his outdoor work.

"I like the people who sort of reject the establishment in the art world geographically," said Little. "It's a way of having a different sort of voice, too, and to be coming from a different sort of place. I'm interested in people not participating in the same way as everybody else."

Yet, ironically Little prefers tradition and constraint when it comes to painting. She dismisses computer-assisted and manipulated work and focuses on the brush and the canvas.

"It's like a stick with hair on it that you dip in some oils and make something out of it. It's very basic, but the square or a rectangle limits down a bunch of things, which makes it open up more space for creativity. I enjoy the confinement of the parameters."

After getting her Bachelor of Fine Arts at University of California, Los Angeles under the tutelage of Roger Herman, Little moved to the San Luis Valley to reconnect with her family that has lived in the area for three generations. Her great-grandfather was a migrant potato inspector that lived in Del Norte, her grandfather was a Presbyterian minister in Monte Vista and her



Photo by Rebecca Fanelle

Courtesy of Galerie Lefebvre & Fils and Jasmine Little

**Alamosa-based artist Jasmine Little sits with her paintings she created for her show "Fountain" at Galerie Lefebvre & Fils in Paris, France. The exhibition closes on Feb. 10.**

father eventually settled in the region.

Little waitressed to support herself and husband Matthew Harris through graduate school at Adams State University. There she was introduced to ceramics, becoming engrossed in

broadening her knowledge about clay, glazes and firing in kilns along expanding her technique.

She thinks of herself as a figure painter first, but having access to a different medium's toolset allows Little to get through creative blocks

via experimentation.

"I think of painting as a really long-term relationship," said Little. "You think you're going to paint forever and sometimes you're in low plateaus."

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## LRC attorney reaffirms local land rights



Courtesy photo

Culebra Peak

the land.

Not every one of the rights holders received letters, and Attorney Ronald Fano, representing ranch owner William Harrison, did not explain why. In his form letter, Harrison also offered to buy land rights for \$300 each.

More than 100 persons, many of whom have fought for more than 40 years to regain rights to lands

once granted by treaty to their forefathers, crowded a church hall at San Luis on Monday to hear more about the situation and have questions answered by Land Rights Council (LRC) Chair Shirley Romero-Otero and attorney Jerome DeHerrera, a member of the legal team.

All of the attorneys have worked pro bono, essentially for free, since the original

lawsuit was filed in 1981.

Part of a land grant dating to the 1800s, the ranch has been owned by New Bern, N.C. lumber baron Jack T. Taylor, Enron executive Lou Pai and a group of Texas investors who named it Cielo Vista. The latter group sold the ranch to Harrison for an estimated \$105 million.

**'A place to play'**

According to Romero-Otero, Harrison recently told a group of LRC representatives and attorneys that he bought the land because "I need a place to play."

She responded that children of rights holders need to be allowed to go onto the ranch, camp there and reconnect with the land.

Romero-Otero said Harrison appeared to be "young and naive," but that impression changed as time passed.

He inherited great wealth at age 17, but couldn't claim it until he was 30 — in 2017 — and, in response to questions about his knowledge of the ranch, said he had read a book about the ranch and litigation, a book characterized by LRC as being very "biased" against Romero-Otero and other plaintiffs in

the long-running suit.

Management plans are being worked out by the LRC regarding gathering wood and grazing. These will be presented to Harrison.

"We need the management plans to be environmentally friendly."

Romero-Otero said the management plans will be the bulk of LRC work for the next 24 months and "LRC can't do it alone — help, volunteer, do what you can."

Romero-Otero said the high courts have determined, "Our rights trump their rights."

"Our children need to know this."

At the beginning of the meeting, Pete Espinoza, one of the original plaintiffs, said most of the people involved are aging and the youth need to become involved.

**Attorney letters**

In a harshly worded letter dated Jan. 10, Boschee addressed a Jan. 3 letter of explanation written by Fano. "Unfortunately, your explanation does not satisfy my concerns about the communication and its impact on my clients."

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ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

**January 16**

\* Roberto Camacho-Rosales, 51, Glenwood, was summoned for driving without insurance at the intersection of CO Highway 17 and U.S. Highway 160.

\* Dante Madril, 19, Pueblo West, was cited for driving 10-19 mph over the speed limit at the 13000 block of County Road 100 South.

**January 15**

\* Allen Cong, 38, Pueblo, was cited for careless driving at the intersection of U.S. Highway 160 and County Road 106 South.

**January 14**

\* Casey Collom, 33, Bayfield, was cited for driving 5-9 mph over the speed limit at the intersection of U.S. Highway 160 and County Road 112 South.

\* Steven Gunther, 56, La Jara, was summoned for driving without insurance

at the 300 block of Broadway Avenue.

\* April Welch, 47, Monte Vista, was cited for driving 5-9 mph over the speed limit at mile marker 223 of U.S. Highway 160.

**January 13**

\* Willow Sisneros, 19, Mosca, was cited for driving 10-19 mph over the speed limit at the 2000 block of CO Highway 17.

**January 12**

\* Tarique Shabazz, 20, Center, was cited for driving 20-39 mph over the speed limit and careless driving at the intersection of U.S. Highway 160 and County Road 105.

**January 10**

\* Edward Bocntrager, 24 of Arpin, Wisconsin, was cited for driving 10-19 mph over the speed limit at the 8000 block of County Road Eight South.

BIRTH

Talia Gentry Walstrom

LARKSPUR — Talia Gentry Walstrom was welcomed into the world January 12, 2018 at 1:11 a.m. Parents are Morgan and Errin Walstrom of Larkspur. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth. Paternal grandparents are Mondello (Glenna Tracy) Walstrom and Marijo Hanson. Maternal grandparents are Craig and

# House votes to avert federal shutdown, Senate chances dim

By **ALAN FRAM and ANDREW TAYLOR**  
*Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—A divided House on Thursday passed an eleventh-hour plan to keep the government running. But the GOP-written measure faced gloomy prospects in the Senate, and it remained unclear whether lawmakers would be able to find a way to keep federal offices open past a Friday night deadline.

The House voted by a near party-line 230-197 vote to approve the legislation, which would keep agency doors open and hundreds of thousands of federal employees at work through Feb. 16. The measure is designed to give White House and congressional bargainers more time to work through disputes on immigration and the budget that they've tangled over for months.

House passage was assured after the House Freedom Caucus reached an accord with House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. The leader of the hard-right group, Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., said Ryan promised future votes on extra defense spending and on a conservative, restrictive immigration bill, though a source familiar with the discussion said Ryan didn't guarantee an immigration vote. That person was not authorized to speak publicly about the private negotiations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Just 11 Republicans, mostly conservatives and a pair of moderate Hispanic lawmakers, opposed the measure. Six Democrats, a mix of Hispanic and moderate legislators, backed the bill.

But most Senate Democrats and some Republicans were expected to vote no in that chamber, probably Friday. Democrats were hoping to spur slow-moving talks on protecting young immigrants who arrived in the U.S. illegally from deportation. A handful of Republicans, including Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., were pressing for swifter action on immigration and a long-sought Pentagon spending boost.

Senate rejection would leave the pathway ahead uncertain with only one guarantee: finger-pointing by both parties, which began as that chamber debated the measure.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., accused Democrats of a "fixation on illegal immigration," which he said "has them threatening to filibuster spending for the whole government."

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who's tried using opposition to the bill as leverage to prod immigration negotiations, called for a plan to finance government for just a few days, and said party leaders should try to quickly reach an agreement. He said that

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Today: Mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 53°, humidity of 21%. South wind 2 to 8 mph.

Tonight: Expect partly cloudy skies with an overnight low of 16°. South southeast wind 9 mph.

Tomorrow: Skies will be mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 50°, humidity of 29%. South wind 8 to 19 mph.

SAN LUIS VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Sunday

Chance Snow

Precip Chance: 30%

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Monday

Mostly Sunny

Precip Chance: 10%

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Tuesday

Partly Cloudy

Precip Chance: 5%

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Wednesday

Mostly Sunny

Precip Chance: 5%

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Thursday

Partly Cloudy

Precip Chance: 10%

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REGIONAL CITIES

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Antonito	54	22	s	47	14	mc	28	6	sn
Cañon City	68	38	s	63	29	pc	35	16	sn
Center	50	16	s	47	14	mc	33	6	mc
Creede	45	21	s	34	12	ss	25	7	sn
Del Norte	49	16	s	43	14	mc	29	7	sn
Fort Garland	51	24	s	46	16	pc	27	9	sn
Hooper	51	17	s	49	14	mc	32	4	sn
La Jara	55	17	s	49	14	mc	31	5	sn
La Veta	61	37	s	53	24	pc	29	15	sn
Moffat	49	21	s	47	16	mc	33	7	sn
Monte Vista	51	14	s	47	13	mc	30	3	sn
Mosca	49	26	s	47	21	mc	31	11	sn
Platoro	52	25	s	45	17	ss	31	7	ss
Pueblo	71	34	pc	66	26	pc	37	14	sn
Romeo	55	20	s	48	14	mc	28	6	sn
Saguache	49	20	s	45	16	mc	32	11	sn
Salida	57	31	s	51	26	mc	34	14	sn
San Luis	52	25	s	46	18	pc	27	10	sn
South Fork	48	19	s	38	15	ss	28	6	sn
Walsenburg	67	37	s	62	24	pc	36	15	sn

Weather (Wx): bz-blizzard, cl-cloudy, fg-fog, mc-mostly cloudy, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, rs-rain & snow, s-sunny, sh-showers, sn-snow, ss-snow showers, t-thunderstorms

They also noted that Trump rejected a proposed bipartisan deal among a handful of senators that would have resolved the conflict over how to protect hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation.

"You have the leverage. Get this done," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California said about Republicans.

Trump himself weighed in from Pennsylvania, where he flew to help a GOP candidate in a special congressional election.

"I really believe the Democrats want a shutdown to get off the subject of the tax cuts because they're doing so well," he said.

Shadowing everything is this November's elections. Trump's historically poor popularity and a string of Democratic special election victories have fueled that party's hopes of capturing control of the House and perhaps the Senate.

As he's done since taking office a year ago, Trump was dominating and confusing the jousting, at times to the detriment of his own party. He tweeted that the month-long funding measure should not contain money for a children's health insurance program — funds his administration has expressly supported — then the White House quickly said he indeed supports the legislation.

Congress must act by mid-

night Friday or the government will begin immediately locking its doors. Though the impact would initially be spotty — since most agencies would be closed until Monday — the story would be certain to dominate weekend news coverage, and each party would be gambling the public would blame the other.

In the event of a shutdown, food inspections and other vital services would continue, as would Social Security, other federal benefit programs and most military operations.

Hoping to garner more votes, Republicans added language providing six years of financing for the children's health program and delaying some taxes imposed by President Barack Obama's health care law. The health program insures nearly 9 million low-income children, and some states have nearly exhausted their funds.

But Pelosi compared the GOP bill to "having a bowl of doggy-doo and adding a cherry on top and calling it a chocolate sundae."

Democrats want a deal to protect around 700,000 immigrants from deportation who arrived in the U.S. as children and now are here illegally. Trump has ended an Obama-era program providing those protections and given Congress until March to restore them, and he and Republicans want any immigration deal to include money for the president's promised wall along the Mexican border and other security measures.

Republicans were demanding that a separate budget bill financing government for the rest of this year include big boosts for the military, and they accused Democrats of imperiling Pentagon funding. Democrats were insisting on equally large increases for domestic programs for opioid treatment and veterans — efforts that many in the GOP also back.

AP writers Jill Colvin, Marcy Gordon, Matthew Daly and Kevin Freking contributed to this report.

# Serial killing suspect tied to 9 attacks

By **TERRY TANG**  
*Associated Press*

**PHOENIX (AP)** — A serial killing suspect shot and killed nine people, including his own mother, and used a victim's gun in some of the slayings that unfolded in a three-week span late last year, authorities said Thursday.

Shell casings, DNA, stolen jewelry and a cellphone taken from a victim were among the pieces of evidence that investigators used to tie Cleophus Cooksey Jr., 35, to the killings, according to court documents.

"It should appall every one of us in the room that he managed to kill nine people period, let alone in such a short period of three weeks," said Sgt. Jonathan Howard, a Phoenix police spokesman.

The seven men and two women were shot between Nov. 27 and Dec. 17 in their homes, suburban apartment complexes, in a parked car or while outside, the documents state.

Cooksey, described by police as an aspiring musician, knew some of the victims but investigators were still trying to determine motives in a few of the attacks, according to police officials in Phoenix, Glendale and Avondale.

"We have witnesses that are identifying relationships between the suspect and his victims but we have yet to discover what kind of started this entire spree," Howard said.

A number of details were withheld by police who cited the ongoing investigation.

Authorities were not discounting the possibility that Cooksey could be linked to other crimes. Howard encouraged anyone who has information about his relationships or activities to call police.

The victims included Jesus Real, 25, the brother of Cooksey's ex-girlfriend. Real was asleep in his Avondale home on Dec. 11 when he was shot twice in the face. Avondale police say Real's sister and Cooksey had broken up

the night before.

Another victim, 43-year-old Maria Villanueva, was seen on surveillance video arriving at a Glendale apartment complex on Dec. 15 and then leaving with an unknown man in the driver's seat.

Her partially nude body was found the next morning in a Phoenix alley and her car was found abandoned at another complex in Glendale.

Investigators found a cellphone and a bloody men's shirt inside. DNA on the shirt matched Cooksey's, court documents said. The cellphone was also confirmed to be his.

Cooksey was arrested Dec. 17 for the shooting deaths of his mother and stepfather in their home and has been jailed since then on two counts of first-degree murder and one count of being a felon in possession of a weapon.

Gary Beren, an attorney who represents Cooksey, didn't immediately return a phone call and email seeking comment.

who might be trying to cash in a substantial number of quarters, and report the activity to the Monte Vista Police Department 852-6161 or Crime Stoppers at 852-5111.

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Artist

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"I was having a hard time getting directly back into painting because the human form is very clichéd in a way." Switching from two dimensions to three and painting based on still life ceramic models got her back in her flow. "It feels very different than if you're painting from a person." By the time she graduated with her master's degree in 2015 she had a commissioned piece in renovated Richardson Hall and made

another one for the university's east campus the following year through Colorado Creative Industries. But it was Little's connection to the Los Angeles arts scene instead of Colorado as to why Louis Lefebvre reached out to her. The ceramic antiquities dealer and gallery owner saw her contemporary styles when the two were in the city about 18 months ago and thought she'd be a good fit for his invite-only residency. Little was nervous but had ample time to prepare for her first solo international show. The Versailles mansion

where she lived, which used to be the music chamber of King Louis XVI's sister Elisabeth, and the rest of the extravagant palace grounds with manicured landscaping were a source of inspiration. Using the established ceramic facilities and her newly set up painting area, Little created three paintings and roughly 10 watercolors and 20 ceramics. Each piece is tied to the nearby historical garden fountains and a mythological theme of fertility. She even used the layout and architecture of the gallery in Paris to shape her work and matched her



Matching her stoneware with the cellar, Little used the layout and architecture of the gallery in Paris to shape her work. Soon other works by her will be shown alongside two other artists at Denver's Gildar Gallery starting on March 1.



Photos by Rebecca Fanuele  
Courtesy of Galerie Lefebvre & Fils and Jasmine Little

Each of Jasmine Little's pieces is tied to the nearby historical garden fountains and a mythological theme of fertility. Little created three paintings and roughly 10 watercolors and 20 ceramics during her two-month residency in Versailles.

stoneware with the gallery's cellar. "There's this really rich existing narrative to pull from to sort of say something more current," said Little. "I'm interested in women and their role in society and fountains and water represent life." However, she doesn't want gallery-goers to know what she thinks it means or have her word be the final interpretation. "I'm interested in the idea of people's reactions to my work and I wanted to have a lot of different reads and a layered experience,"

said Little. "You can relate to all of these different symbolic aspects of a painting and build your own narrative." What Little does want people to know is that Colorado Creative Industries assisted her again with a Career Advancement Award grant when she was overseas. The money helped her have financial stability since she took two months off from being a real estate appraiser. "I want people to know that there are artistic opportunities, even in really small rural areas, to get support."

Little's exhibition "Fountain" closes at Galerie Lefebvre & Fils on Feb. 10. Soon other works by her will be shown alongside two other artists at Denver's Gildar Gallery starting on March 1.

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Wayside Stage Stop historic

By RUTH HEIDE  
*Courier Editor*  
ALAMOSA—The Alamosa city council on Wednesday added the Wayside Stage Stop to the Alamosa Register of Historic Places.

City Planning Specialist Dan Vaughn told the council the former stage stop predated the city, so it definitely qualified for historic designation. The historic site, located on North River Road, initially served as the Barlow Sanderson stage shop and post office from 1874 to 1878 when the railroad was constructed. Named Wayside, this was the first known building in what was to become Alamosa. Don Thompson, member of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, was also present at the council's January 17 meeting. During the HPAC meeting in which

the committee recommended this request move forward, Thompson had stated this building "is by far the oldest remaining structure in Alamosa." The city owns the structure, and city staff and HPAC asked the council to designate the structure historic. Councilman Jan Vigil, who serves as the city's liaison to HPAC, thanked the committee and city staff who had worked on this application for designation. These types of designations will attract visitors to the area, he added. He said a lot of people plan their trips around historic sites such as these. Councilman Charles Griego agreed and said he believed there was another building in that area that might also be a candidate for historic designation. Councilor Kristina Daniel

asked if the designation would pave the way for grant requests to restore the building, which is currently in dilapidated shape. Vaughn said this designation would make the building eligible for grant requests to help restore the structure. Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman said he hoped the city could acquire funding to restore that area to make it a tourist attraction in the future. That would bring visitors to Alamosa, he said. He also thanked those who had worked to bring the application to the city council. This designation is the latest of numerous designations to the city's historic registry dating to the former college president's residence at 415 Second Street in 2005 to the Bains Building in 2017. Among the other approximately 20 sites designated historic in Alamosa are the



Courier photo by Ruth Heide

The Wayside Stage Stop is now on the Alamosa Register of Historic Places and will be eligible to apply for grant funding for restoration. The historic building is on North River Road.

Rialto, Rex Gym, courthouse, Masonic Hall, Richardson Hall and three churches, First Baptist at 408 State, St. Thomas Episcopal at 607 Fourth St., and Sacred Heart at 727 Fourth St.

Rights

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He charges that Fano "improperly allowed Harrison to sign what is plainly a legal communication" in violation of Rule 4.2 of the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct regarding communication about the subject of the ranch rights with persons known to be represented by an attorney. Marshall White, a Texas-based attorney, was listed as contact person for those submitting transfer documents. Fano suggested he was acting as a "landman," not an attorney. He has been instructed to take no more calls. A "non-lawyer administrative assistant" will take the calls. Fano claimed the offer was an attempt by Harrison to see if people with rights they weren't using might want to sell them. DeHerrera advised the rights holders to ignore the first letters and "If anyone gets some documents, you must not answer them... Nothing is effective until the letter is sent to class action counsel." "He has a right to make an offer, even if it's a ridiculous offer, but nothing is effective." The Boschee letter says the purpose of the Colorado rule is "to ensure that a party or an attorney does not overreach or exploit another party who is represented and who may not have a formal education or legal awareness to under-

stand the legal consequences at stake." The offer made by Harrison falsely states that there are no records to indicate whether rights-holders have made use of their rights and that the ranch owner has no way of knowing if a rights holder intends to use such rights. Boschee wrote that, "after three decades of litigation that is currently pending on appeal, just such a process exists." DeHerrera said each rights-holder would soon receive a form asking what rights they plan to exercise. They have the right to gather firewood for household use, the right to take timber for construction/maintenance of a house/farm buildings and the right to graze a reasonable number of livestock for domestic purposes and they will be asked to indicate their plans on the form. They aren't required to use their rights. A court-approved process exists protecting rights holders who choose not to exercise their rights without prejudice to exercising those rights at a later date. Boschee points out that Harrison's offer "also misleadingly suggests that its purpose is to preserve the resources of the ranch. There is no indication that such resources are in jeopardy or that any rights-holder's exercise of their rights would threaten the ranch's resources." The offer thus falsely implies that, if a rights-holder exercised the rights, they could imperil the property's resources to "the detriment

of others." If a property with an easement is sold, DeHerrera said the rights are gone forever and the new owner will have no easement. Romero-Otero said some 1,000 persons have keys and some have several parcels of land. An estimated 3,000 parcels have access rights and there's a key for every parcel. Attorneys for the rights holders have demanded that Harrison send a corrective letter "vetted and approved by us," explaining that he made the offer without approval of plaintiffs' counsel or the court; clarifying that rights holders should contact the plaintiffs' counsel to assist them if they have questions or are considering the offer; and advising rights-holders that Harrison and his company will not record or otherwise seek to enforce the transfer document or pay the \$300 consideration until the matter has been addressed by the court. He is also asked to provide the addresses of every person or property to whom a letter was sent and an accounting of all letters sent, replies received, money paid and releases signed. In an historic opinion, the Colorado Supreme Court in 2003 upheld the rights of plaintiff property owners—whose heirs and predecessors settled the land grant when it was still part of Mexico—in and around San Luis to exercise traditional use rights to graze livestock and collect wood and timber on the property. This decision

overturned previous court and court of appeal decisions that had denied the landowners these rights. District Judge Gaspar Pericone reopened the gates of a 77,000-acre ranch to descendants of the original San Luis Valley settlers, after decades of court battles. In a hearing lasting less than an hour, he told a packed Costilla County courtroom in no uncertain terms that the heirs to the Sangre de Cristo Mexican Land Grant had won the case. The Supreme Court agreed with the lower courts that, because the grant was settled after the Mexican-American War, the terms of the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo did not apply under Mexican law; however, the court recognized a document written by early grantor Carlos Beaubien, supported by an agreement signed by Gov. Gilpin and other evidence, guaranteed a prescriptive easement to the landowners. Noting that Beaubien wrote the document to honor his commitment to settlers he had persuaded to move hundreds of miles to make homes in a wilderness, the court declared: "It would be the height of arrogance and nothing but a legal fiction for us to claim that we can interpret this document without putting it in its historical context." Those court decisions are currently being appealed and DeHerrera said the legal team has what he considers a strong case. Boschee was working on appeals briefs even as the meeting was held in San Luis.

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Don't forget to breathe

The treadmills at my health club were all in use when I walked in today. I had to wait for half an hour before there was a free one. Funny, I never had to wait for one in September, October, November or December, but starting January 1, the gym was suddenly busier than Walmart on Black Friday.

There were guys I've never seen before in the weight room, doing sit-ups while holding hundred-pound plates to their chest. There were women in yoga pants on every elliptical machine. The spinning class was full, the Zumba room was packed and someone was even using the rowing machine. That was a first. All the lanes of the swimming pool were full, and it was hard to find an empty locker.

Most of the exercisers had that "I've made a New Year's Resolution and I mean it this time!" look on their faces. I've had that look before, so I understand it. But I know from experience that there won't be any trouble finding an empty treadmill a week from now. By mid-February, the staff will be twiddling their thumbs trying to find things to do to stay busy.

If you ask what happened to all that New Year's resolve, no one will say that the exercise was too hard or too boring. They will say that something came up at work, or one of the kids got sick, or they had to take the car to the shop. Pretty soon a week goes by, and then you have to shop after work for something special for Valentine's Day, and on it goes. There are a thousand different little things to do.

Life always gets in the way. But even with all the "real life" stuff happening, somehow there's always time to find a half-hour to watch "Jeopardy!" or "Wheel of Fortune." And besides, you're plenty active. It's not as if you're sitting around doing nothing! You're posting on Facebook and refreshing your Twitter feed all the time. You're ordering things on Amazon, you're fixing up the house. You're busy planning that family vacation. Then there are the grandkids, the pets, the birthdays, and you have to make something special for that one event, and there's the potluck dinner this Friday at the Nussbaums'.

There's not not enough time in the day to do all that and go to the gym, too.

How, then, do other people find the time to go? Are they childless? Friendless? Pet-less? Grandchildrenless? Don't they ever watch TV? Don't they ever waste time on the computer? Maybe they have servants that do all that stuff for them. Or maybe they simply feel the gym is worth it.

If it keeps them out of the hospital one day a year, what is that worth? If their extra leg muscles keep them from falling and breaking a hip, what is that worth? If exercise lowers your cholesterol or helps control your diabetes, what is that worth? If it keeps your heart healthy, isn't that better than having your chest cracked?

And exercise can be fun. Swimming, dancing, biking, hiking -- lots of people do those for fun. Compared to being sick, it's a pleasure. It's not a resolution, it's a new life.

Yes, I know we all have to die of something, and that all the exercise and healthy living in the world won't put off the inevitable. Even the most diligent of us can be taken down too soon. But given a choice, I'd rather the process be quicker rather than slower, and peaceful rather than traumatic.

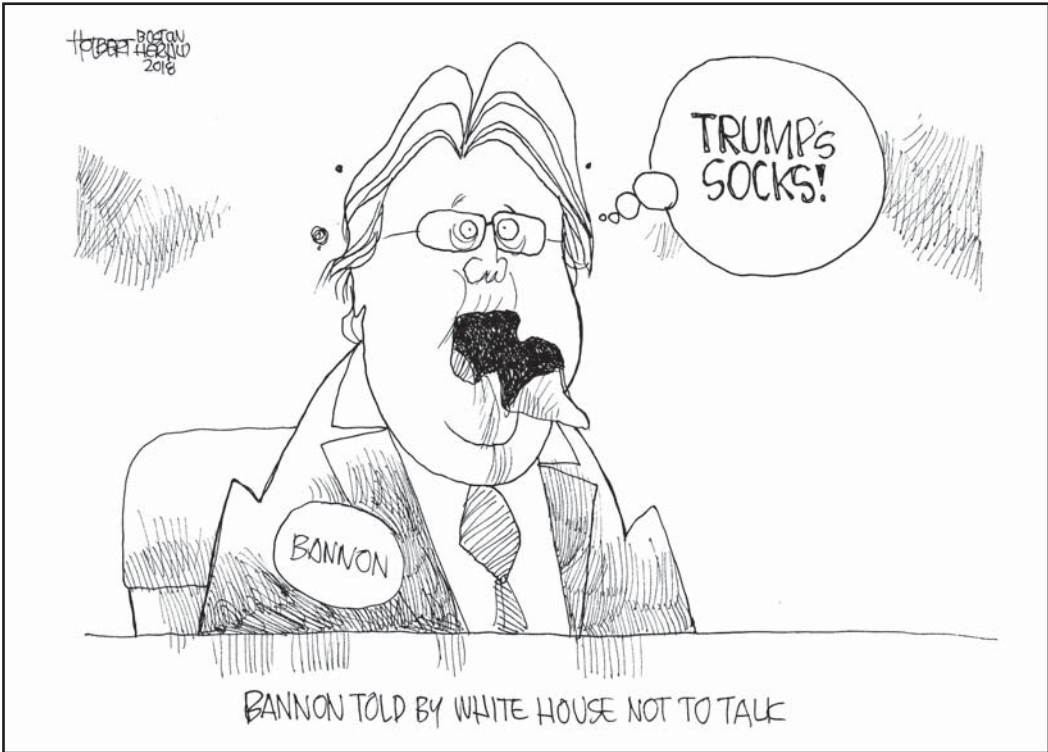
If you want to make a New Year's Resolution, here's a good one: I resolve to be around for next New Year's Eve!

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Hug a bowl of popcorn

National Popcorn Day is today (January 19), and the 32nd Annual National Hugging Day is Sunday, January 21.

I'm in.

On both counts.

Both are pretty great. Growing up, popcorn was always associated with Saturday night, that and Lawrence Welk. Cheese and popcorn were the staples of Saturday night at our house and still are when we get together. Now we may add a few more treats, but there's still usually popcorn and slices of cheese.

Popcorn had to be slathered in real butter, as well. Daddy is the popcorn-making expert, and he pops it the old fashioned way, then melts some butter and pours over it. Eat your heart out Orville Redenbacher! (OK, his popcorn's not bad either, so he can rest in peace.)

Americans consume 13 billion quarts of popcorn every year, or 42 quarts per person. (We try to do our part.) The number one use for microwaves is popping popcorn.

Air-popped popcorn is only 30 calories per cup without anything on it. But what's the point in that?

It was fun to see some of the innovative recipes the popcorn folks had come up with to celebrate National Popcorn Day — cheesy popcorn bread, cranberry almond popcorn

muffins (which we ran the recipes for in Thursday's paper) and some we didn't have room for like: mushroom crusted tilapia using popcorn (crushed in a blender with mushrooms and seasonings) as the crust; popcorn crusted macaroni and cheese (placed on top when baked); popcorn meatloaf (ground up with the beef or turkey); popcorn pepperoni pizza dippers (whisked in with cheese and pepperoni before baking); and of course lots of sweet treats, many of which are variations on the popcorn ball.

The last tidbit about popcorn: The world's largest popcorn ball, according to Guinness World Records 2015, was created in 2013 at the Indiana State Fair. With the help of Pop Weaver, Snax in Pax, and Indiana's Family of Farmers, the popcorn ball weighed in at 6,510-pounds, 8 feet in diameter.

Now that would last for a few Saturday nights!

And of course the national hugging day is a good day to give your squeeze a squeeze. The organizers of this annual day of hugging, the

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Hug Alliance (who would have thought there was such a thing?) are going to try to set some Guinness World Records that day:

- Most nationalities in one group hug
- First hugs from space (A NASA astronaut at the International Space Station will appear on the jumbo screen to give virtual hugs from space to honored attendees wearing kinetic sensor vests)
- Most 21-second hugs

I'll be available, just so you know, for a 21-second hug, although I won't make it to the Agape International Center in Culver City, California for the "most nationalities in one group hug" record breaker, the Hug Mob and the Celebrity Hugging Booth.

The National Hugging Day began with 7-year-old Shana Morrison and her father, Rick Morrison, co-authors of the children's book, The Hug Store, and co-founders of the Hug Alliance. They will be part of a Hug Mob on Sunday. The want to "transform the field of human connection within families and communities in the ultimate pursuit of world peace."

Bless their hearts!

Maybe we won't accomplish world peace, but a hug is a good place to start!

Paul Manafort has a point

It's not a popular thing to defend Paul Manafort, the international influence peddler who ran Donald Trump's presidential campaign for a short time in 2016. Just search for "Manafort" and, say, "sleazeball," and see what comes up. But even bad guys have a case sometimes. And Manafort has a case in his lawsuit against Trump-Russia special counsel Robert Mueller.

Mueller sent Manafort a strong message last July, when FBI agents working for Mueller, guns drawn, broke into Manafort's house in the pre-dawn hours while Manafort and his wife slept inside. Mueller sent another message last October, when he indicted Manafort on eight counts (out of a total of 12) that targeted allegedly criminal acts that ended in 2014 or 2015, before Manafort's participation in the Trump campaign. None of the counts concerned alleged collusion during the 2016 campaign between Trump or his associates and Russia.

Now, Manafort has pushed back with a lawsuit against Mueller. Manafort argues that the Justice Department gave Mueller overbroad powers, and that, as a result, the investigation of Manafort, and the resulting indictment, has ventured "beyond the scope of (Mueller's) authority" granted to him by deputy attorney general Rod Rosenstein.

Some legal analysts have characterized Manafort's lawsuit as frivolous. If Manafort were really serious, they say, he would have filed a motion with the court that will try the case against him. Or he would have made a different legal argument.

This is not to argue with that legal thinking. But everything in the Trump-Russia affair operates on two levels, the legal level and the political level. And on the political setting, Manafort has made a strong case that he is being treated unfairly.

Rosenstein authorized Mueller to investigate three things. First was "any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump."

Second was "any matters that arose or may



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arise directly from the investigation."

Third was crimes like perjury or obstruction of justice that occurred "in the course of, and with intent to interfere with, the Special Counsel's investigation."

Manafort's objection is to the second part of Mueller's charge, "any matters that arose or may arise directly from the investigation." Manafort's argument is that virtually invited Mueller to venture far afield from the Trump-Russia topic -- and violated those Justice Department regulations guiding special counsels.

The regulations specify that the special counsel "will be provided with a specific factual statement of the matter to be investigated." That's what Rosenstein did when assigning Mueller to probe alleged coordination between Trump and Russia. Manafort does not object. But the regulations go on to say that if the special counsel feels the need to go beyond his original charge, he "shall consult with the Attorney General," who will decide whether that request should be granted.

Manafort argues that some of the charges against him -- for example, that he failed to file reports on his interest in foreign bank accounts in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, as well as that he failed to register as a foreign agent between 2008 and 2014 -- not only have nothing to do with the Trump-Russia affair but allegedly began and ended before Manafort's association with the Trump campaign. They clearly do not fall under the first part of Mueller's charge.

If Mueller wanted to pursue those matters, Manafort argues, Justice Department regulations require that he "consult with the attorney general" (or in this case, the deputy attorney general), to get permission to broaden the scope of his investigation. But Mueller did not have to do that because Rosenstein had already given him an overly broad appointment by granting him the authority to pursue "any matters that arose or may arise directly from" that investigation.

"That exceeds the scope of Mr. Rosenstein's authority to appoint special counsel as well as specific restrictions on the scope of such ap-

pointments," Manafort's suit argues. "Indeed, the Appointment Order in effect purports to grant Mr. Mueller carte blanche to investigate and pursue criminal charges in connection with anything he stumbles across while investigating, no matter how remote from the specific matter identified as the subject of the Appointment Order."

There is plenty of legal arcana in the suit, and many legal objections to be made to it. And Mueller and Rosenstein could moot the whole thing by explicitly expanding Mueller's authority to include specific activities that have no connection to the Trump-Russia affair. But as a political case, Manafort makes a strong point: Mueller is prosecuting people (Manafort and associate Rick Gates) for alleged crimes that have nothing to do with Donald Trump, Russia and the 2016 election. That political argument may be heard more and more as the Mueller investigation goes on.

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# Priest tends to miners, sex workers deep in Peru’s Amazon

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BOCA COLORADO, Peru (AP)—Below an umbrella of trees deep in the Peruvian Amazon, drunken miners carry on their shoulders the casket of a man whose search for gold ended with a bullet in his stomach.

“In my heart there is no peace,” the Rev. Pablo Zabala sings as the coffin is lowered into the dirt in a cemetery where the graves of about 50 other illegal miners are marked with plain black crosses.

The 70-year-old Spanish priest tends to some of the rainforest’s most hapless souls. Men from poor villages who search mercury-laced rivers for a pebble of gold. Women who sell their bodies in the brothels near illegal mining camps. And people like Juan Peralta, who was shot dead in a dispute with an indigenous tribe and had no wife, children or relatives to mourn him.

It’s near this forlorn corner of the Amazon that Pope Francis will visit Friday amid what has been called a modern-day gold rush of illegal miners threatening the world’s largest rainforest. Mercury used by the miners to unearth small specks of gold has contaminated streams and rivers. New roads have been hacked into the rainforest and loggers have slashed away swaths of the delicate ecosystem.

Zabala, whose long white beard and bare feet are a regular sight in the bars frequented by miners and sex workers, says his flock is unlikely to welcome Francis’ message, which is expected to encourage Peruvians to

protect the Amazon. In a letter to bishops, Francis likened the rainforest to one of the “lungs of our planet” that must be preserved.

“It’s easy to talk from Lima or Rome,” said Zabala, a biology graduate who later turned to the church. “But what will these people eat if they’re kicked out?”

Most of the miners in Boca Colorado are young men with few prospects lured by the promise of earning hundreds of dollars for a single nugget of gold.

More than half of Peru lies within the Amazon biome, which spans nine countries and is home to one-tenth of the world’s species. In recent decades, the Amazon has undergone a dramatic transformation, with dams, expanded ranching and mining decimating nearly one-fifth of the total forest.

In the Madre de Dios region Francis will visit, 97,000 forest hectares have been decimated, the equivalent of nearly 136,000 soccer fields, according to the most recent satellite images from the Center for Amazonian Scientific Innovation. Small-scale miners like the ones Zabala comforts are a major driver of the colonization that fuels the forest degradation and pollutes the rivers.

“The black and white photos from the California Gold Rush look very similar to the mines of the Amazon,” said Luis Fernandez, a tropical ecologist.

Zabala first traveled to the Amazon in 1978 as a young biologist collecting butterflies and condors for his university’s museum in Spain. He returned to Peru years later to work in the Amazon,

this time as a priest. He was warned by fellow clergy that the region was “like Sodom and Gomorrah,” a biblical reference to two cities destroyed in a firestorm after offending God.

“God is in all parts,” he remembers telling his colleagues.

He has lived in the Amazon for 24 years now and spent the last 10 running a Catholic parish that works with about two dozen mining camps. The man known as Padre Pablo cuts an eccentric figure dressed in light pajamas that he says are ideal for the humid climate and hanging out in rough cantinas decorated with posters of women in tiny bikinis.

Zabala says he had long felt compelled to work not just with the righteous, but with the sinners, and, taking a cue from the pontiff, connect with “the life of the common people.”

He credits the women who work in the bars with helping build two churches and has encouraged them to pray to Mary Magdalene. Each year he takes a sculpture of the woman considered Jesus’ most important female disciple into a local bar as part of a religious procession.

“Whatever happens to me, I go and consult with the father,” said Lisethe Pilaes, 25, who says she used to work in the bars. “I am very devoted.”

Sometimes the miners call Zabala late into the night, haunted by images of friends buried alive under piles of collapsed sand or killed in river canoe accidents.

“He’s there for the difficult moments,” said Juana Roque, 34, who lives in a

mining camp with her husband and two children.

In spite of Zabala’s work, Pope Francis is not a popular figure among the miners who associate him with their enemies: ecologists. In a 2015 encyclical, Francis recognized the Amazon and other tropical forests as rich havens of biodiversity that can turn into arid wastelands and urged that a “delicate balance” be maintained.

Indigenous leaders who are traveling from throughout the Amazon to greet Francis on Friday are hoping he will push Peru’s government to grant them formal land rights and clean up the mercury-tainted rivers the miners have left in their wake.

Zabala said that for the 85,000 families who survive by mining gold in the Amazon another problem must be addressed first: poverty. Many of the men and women who dig for precious metals have few other means to earn a living and feel they have a more legitimate right to the Amazon’s riches than the multinational corporations also digging in.

“They feel the encyclical was not created for here, but for another world,” he says.

It was late on a recent night when Zabala received a call from a woman who told him that a gold miner named Juan Peralta had died. His story was like that of many of the men here: He was from

a small city on the outskirts of the Amazon and arrived alone, settling in a savage land where riches tend to come at a dangerously high price.

According to friends, Peralta was shot by an armed indigenous tribe upset that he was trying to mine in a territory they consider theirs.

Two weeks after his death, no relatives had arrived to mourn or claim his body. Instead it was Zabala who accompanied the remains to the rainforest cemetery, uttering a prayer it the body was lowered into the chocolate-colored earth.

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McDonald Wednesday 7 p.m. - Worship Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Evening Worship  Spanish Ministry- Iglesia Bautista Rehobot Pastor Sal Garcia, 589-3020  <b>Calvary Bible Chapel</b> 7160 Brush Lane, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Ministry of the Word  Small group studies meet during the week.  <b>Calvary Blanca</b> Pastor Matthew Leonard - 719-379-3317 Sunday, 9:30 am - Bible Study Sunday, 11:00 am - Service Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know You  <b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 2160 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista Sunday 9 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 5 p.m. - Youth Club Team KID Sunday 7 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Wednesday - 7 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer  <b>South Fork Baptist Church</b> 0130 Four Seasons Dr.(Old Chizum Bldg), South Fork (East side near laundromat & car wash) Sunday School 9:30am Sunday 10:30am - Worship For more information - Pastor Paul Moon - 719-496-7702  <b>Catholic</b> Sacred Heart Church 715 4th Street, Alamosa Saturday 5:15 p.m. - Mass Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass Sunday 8 a.m. - Mass Sunday 10:30 a.m. - Mass Sunday 5 p.m. - Mass  Catholic Mass Student Union Room 308 - ASC Campus, Alamosa Every Sunday, 8 p.m. - Mass Except during college breaks  <b>Hooper Church</b> 3rd and Adams, Hooper Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship  <b>Meditation, Kriya</b> Mountain Institute Alamosa - (575)758-5876  <b>United Church of La Jara</b> 522 Walnut, La Jara 719-274-3250 Terry Buckman, Pastor Cell Phone: 339-8444 Office Hours: Mon. 9:00 am - 12:00 Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am  <b>Christian Science Services</b> 400 Ross Avenue, Society Hall, Alamosa Services - Sundays at 10:00 p.m. The second Wednesday of each 4 p.m. Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.  <b>Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado</b> A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order Presbyterians 630 Spruce St. (1.5 blocks south of Hwy. 160) Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Sunday  <b>Church of the South Fork</b> 0116 Landen Dr., South Fork, Co, 81154 Sunday are at 9 am - Services School Room. Choir is held on Wednesday at 6pm during the summer months with a final practice at 8:15am on Sunday  <b>Christian</b> Bethel Christian Church Pastor Erik Lira Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m. Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Services Monday Free Music Classes Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  Word of Faith Christian Center 401 Santa Fe, Alamosa Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night  The Peak Community Church 510 San Juan, Alamosa Sundays, 9 p.m. - Fellowship Sundays, 7 p.m. - Worship & More  <b>Pentecostal</b> Alamosa Pentacostal Church 184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-589-0475 Pastor Carl Sutter Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45 Worship 2:00-3:00  <b>Christian Fellowship Church</b> The Door 1300 West 12th St., Alamosa Pastor Martin Montoya • 719-587-6197 Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival  <b>Christian Independent</b> Alamosa Christian Church 410 McQuerry, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Youth Group  <b>Christian Reformed</b> Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-589-3493 1861 Rd 10 S, Alamosa Pastor Philip VanderWindt Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship  <b>Churches of Christ</b> Alamosa Church of Christ 408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step group meets, every Friday at 7 p.m.  <b>South Fork Church of Christ</b> 205 Birch St. South Fork, 719-873-1259 Kevin Bradley Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.  <b>Central Church of Christ</b> 200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811 David L. Baker Preacher Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study  <b>San Luis Valley Church of Christ</b> 710 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-589-2114 Sunday Bible Study 9 am Sunday Worship 10 am Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm  Cornerstone Community Church Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical Clinic Pastor Mark 719-657-9107 Sunday 9:50 a.m. free breakfast Sunday 10:20 a.m. Contemporary Worship & Children Sunday School Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Dinner, music, fellowship, teachings  <b>Episcopal</b> Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 607 4th Street, Alamosa Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service  Saint Stephen the Martyr 729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista Sunday, 10 am Service  <b>First Christian Church</b> 518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa 589-8805 Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study  <b>Valley Fellowship</b> 240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3804 Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship, Prayer and Bible Study Bible Studies during the week, call for information.  <b>First United Methodist</b> First United Methodist Church 2005 Mullins Ave., Alamosa 719-589-2243 "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" Informal Communion Worship-Sundays, 8:00am Traditional Blended Worship-Sundays, 10:15am Coffee Fellowship Time-Sundays, 10:00am Adult Sunday School - Sundays, 9:15am  <b>Community Churches</b> United for Christ Community Church (SBC) "Community Centered Around Love" 7th & Broadway in Blanca 719-379-3317 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11am  <b>Presbyterian</b> Alamosa Presbyterian Church 330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship  <b>Hispanic Pentecostal</b> Iglesia Pentecostal Unida L.A. 907 Tenth St. Alamosa Guadalupe Salazar Pastor 719-587-3546 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship  <b>New Hope Church</b> "The Church on the Hill" 26258 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co, 81154 Interim Pastor Ed Fleming • 719-873-1202 www.newhopest.com Morning Worship -10:00 am Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45  <b>Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa</b> 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101 alamosafellowship@gmail.com Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church  <b>Independent, Fundamental Baptist</b> First Baptist Church of Costilla County 9717 County Rd H, Mesita 719-206-0011 Pastor Paul Jones Sunday, 9:45 am - Sunday School Sunday, 10:45 am -Morning Worship Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner Sunday, after dinner - Afternoon Worship Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesita, Bible Study and Prayer meeting Home Bible studies in Costilla County Meeting in different locations  <b>DEAF MINISTRY FOR ALL SERVICES</b> <b>Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints</b> Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Alamosa 15 S A Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa  Second Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Alamosa Third Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Alamosa Fourth Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language) 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.  <b>Lutheran</b> St. Peters Lutheran Church & School Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services School: K-8, Monday-Thursday  <b>Trinity Lutheran Church &amp; School</b> 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship "Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week" -Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 589-4611, School: 589-5271 Conejos Canyon Community Chapel 20062 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Fellowship Sunday, 8:30 am Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service  <b>Mountain Valley Church</b> 408 State St. 17, Alamosa Pastor: Richard Pinkerton 589-2899 or 588-7592 Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service  <b>Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista</b> 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2555 Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship  <b>Seventh-day Adventist</b> Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship  <b>United Methodist</b> Mosca United Methodist Church 5385 Barker Street, Mosca 719-849-3595 Reverend Las Huseby Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m.  <b>Unitarian Universalist</b> Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa "North Wind of Alamosa Presbyterian Church" 719-587-5529 Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am Sunday.  <b>United Presbyterian Church of Antonito</b> P.O. Box 665, Antonito Office Hrs. Tues, 9:00am-12:00 Sunday - 9:45am - Sunday School 10:45am - Service  <b>Valley Church of the Nazarene</b> 228 Madison, Monte Vista - 852-5858 Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9:00 a.m. Every other Wednesday, 6 p.m. (575)758-5876 for information for class schedule  <b>Church of Scientology</b> 511 Main Street, Suite #12, Alamosa 719-587-5554 Monday and Wednesday, 7-10 p.m. - Services  <b>Grace Assurance Ministry</b> Church without Religion 9851 CR 4 S, Alamosa, CO Sunday Mornings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 719-589-7004 Eric Wolf - 719-480-3977
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## Church Calendar

### Colossians series on Saturday

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Seventh-day Adventist Church, 315 Craft Drive, meets Saturday. January 20. Worship Service begins at 11a.m.

This week Pastor McAlpine presents the message: “Center of Gravity: Thinking Like Jesus” based on the Scripture as found in Colossians Chapter 2.

Various Sabbath Schools begin at 9:30. Potluck luncheon to follow services. Then stay for “Deep Church” our small group Bible Study program.

We are a House of Prayer, a People of Blessing and a Community of Disciples.

### St. Thomas sets annual meeting

ALAMOSA — The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 607 Fourth St., will be held following this Sunday’s 9 a.m. Morning Prayer service.

The congregation will consider the 2018 budget and elect the bishop’s committee.

### Hear MLK letter on Sunday

ALAMOSA — This week at Alamosa Presbyterian Church we remember the prophetic message Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke to America through excerpts from “Letter from a Birming-

ham Jail.” It is as needed today as it ever was. Join us at 330 San Juan for our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Our website is Alamosa Presbyterian.org.

### Music service at Unitarians

ALAMOSA — A mirage of voices: prose, poetry and acoustic guitar, will be heard at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Alamosa. Special guest, Michael Mandrell will perform music interspersed with shared spiritual writings from Trish Cunningham, Roy Kiefer, and Margaret Geist.

The UUs meet at 330 San Juan Avenue in Alamosa. Children’s programming is available. Call Jan Oen at 719-480-4771.

# Discover Your Self-worth

Every person on earth needs to know they matter—they need to know they’re valuable and they mean something to someone. The problem is when people don’t get a good start in life, they often waste their lives searching for self-worth in all the wrong places.

In the world today, people so often base their value and importance on what they do, how much education they have, who they know, what kind of clothes they wear, how they look, their job title, and the list goes on.

But when worldly standards determine your sense of self-worth, you’ll always be striving to please people...and it will derail you from your God-given destiny. The only way to find true security and have a healthy self-esteem is by knowing and experiencing the love of God.

The apostle Paul talks about this in Galatians 1:10. He says: “Am I now trying to win the favor and approval of men, or of God? Or am I seeking to please someone? If I were still trying to be popular with men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ” (AMP).

He’s basically saying, “If I were trying to be popular with people, I wouldn’t be serving God and know that He loves me.”

I can say with certainty that if I was trying to be popular with people, I wouldn’t be doing what I’m doing today. When God spoke to my heart about His call on my life to teach the Word, I didn’t receive much support from those around me.

As I began to step out and do what God placed in my heart, some of my friends and family told me I shouldn’t be doing it. I was even asked to leave the church I was attending at the time, and I ended up losing friendships that I thought were important to me.

It was a very difficult season, but I discovered that while it’s not always easy to do what God calls us to do, obedience to Him is always worth it in the end.

Doing things God’s way is the only thing that works in the long run. There are people in your life—I’m talking about people other than your spouse and children—who may come and go over time, but God will always be with you because He loves you and He promises to never leave you nor forsake you (see Hebrews 13:5).

The bottom line is you are valuable because God loves you and He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you. Your worth is not based on how you look, who you know, your title at work or any of the other superficial things the world considers impressive.

After Paul met Christ and became a born-again believer, he came to realize that everything else was meaningless compared to the priceless privilege of knowing God. I absolutely love what he says in Philipians 3:8:

“I count everything as loss compared to the priceless privilege and supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord [and of growing more deeply and thoroughly acquainted with Him—a joy unequalled]. For His sake I have lost everything, and I consider it all garbage, so that I may gain Christ.”

The truth that God loves you is what makes you valuable. He created you because He loves you and wants to have a personal relationship with you. He has wonderful plans and purposes for your life, and His love for you is unconditional—He loves you just as much on your worst day as He does on your best day!

No matter what your past is like, where you’re from, what you’ve done, or where you are today, God is there for you and He loves you! He loves us all the same, and He wants to meet us right where we are to heal our wounded souls and bring us out of the messes we’re in—whether it’s a mess we’ve created or the result of what other people have done to us.



After the years of being abused by my dad and abandoned by my mother (who knew what he was doing but didn’t have the courage to stand up to him), I was so messed up! I felt worthless, guilty, damaged, used, condemned and terribly insecure. I tried to find my worth and value in many things, especially in work. And living this way just made me more miserable, angry and messed up.

It was so wonderful to discover that God loves me and to find the healing and restoration I desperately needed through my relationship with Him. The truth is God is so much more important to us than any person in the world could ever be!

I want to encourage you to spend time seeking God in prayer, studying what the Bible says about who He is and how He loves you. Meditate on scriptures like Ephesians 1:4-5, Romans 8, Psalm 27:10 and Isaiah 38:17. Ask God to help you learn to receive His love and find your true worth in Him. He chose you on purpose... He wants you and He loves you...and there’s nothing more valuable than that.

For more on this topic, order Joyce’s four-CD series Moving Forward. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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# Sports

## T-Birds sink Vikings in Center

Jessica Slane gets triple-double, Thunderbirds stay perfect



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron  
Jessica Slane fights her way inside against Center's Malyka Medina during Thursday's win. Slane doubled up on points (20), assists (10) and rebounds (10) to notch her first triple-double of the season.

center's girls (0-8-0) have been trying to correct the skid as they continue to look for their first win. Sangre de Cristo's girls remain perfect with the win. Entering Thursday's bout the Thunderbirds feasted on the Aguilar Wildcats. The girls managed to create a 65-point spread after having triggered a running clock. Center's girls (0-8-0) have been trying to correct the skid as they continue to look for their first win. Sangre de Cristo junior Jessica Slane set the tone for the night right away getting a steal on the Vikings first possession taking it to the other end of the court for a jump shot to open with a lead. That was number one of Slane's six steals on the night. Slane would go on to wrangle 10 rebounds and 10 assists and tie for the team lead in scoring with 20 points. Kylee Christensen also tacked 20 points to the team total. The Thunderbirds would not look back and outpaced Center to the game's 62-19 conclusion. Malyka Medina was the leading scorer for Center with 5 points. Sangre de Cristo's boys (10-1-0) have also been running with the wind at their back hitting their stride to the tune of a 9-win streak the latest coming in the form of a 48-13 dismantling of Aguilar. Center (2-7-0) has struggled, as the wins have been hard to come by thus far in the season. Their last came against Ellicot at the beginning of the month. Sangre de Cristo opened the game in control with a 19-4 first quarter. Manuel Lopez proved to be a terror from 20 feet out hitting 5 three-pointers in the win. Lopez led the Thunderbirds with 17 points. Behind Lopez was Jared Sinclair who hit 3 tre's in his own right for second on the team in scoring with 15 points. The boys showed no more quarter than the girls followed suit with a 53-20 finish. Sangre de Cristo's girls remain perfect with the win. Entering Thursday's bout the Thunderbirds feasted on the Aguilar Wildcats. The girls managed to create a 65-point spread after having triggered a running clock. Center's girls (0-8-0) have been trying to correct the skid as they continue to look for their first win. Sangre de Cristo junior Jessica Slane set the tone for the night right away getting a steal on the Vikings first possession taking it to the other end of the court for a jump shot to open with a lead. That was number one of Slane's six steals on the night. Slane would go on to wrangle 10 rebounds and 10 assists and tie for the team lead in scoring with 20 points. Kylee Christensen also tacked 20 points to the team total. The Thunderbirds would not look back and outpaced Center to the game's 62-19 conclusion. Malyka Medina was the leading scorer for Center with 5 points. Sangre de Cristo's boys (10-1-0) have also been running with the wind at their back hitting their stride to the tune of a 9-win streak the latest coming in the form of a 48-13 dismantling of Aguilar. Center (2-7-0) has struggled, as the wins have been hard to come by thus far in the season. Their last came against Ellicot at the beginning of the month. Sangre de Cristo opened the game in control with a 19-4 first quarter. Manuel Lopez proved to be a terror from 20 feet out hitting 5 three-pointers in the win. Lopez led the Thunderbirds with 17 points. Behind Lopez was Jared Sinclair who hit 3 tre's in his own right for second on the team in scoring with 15 points. The boys showed no more quarter than the girls



Manuel Lopez squares up for a three-point attempt during Sangre de Cristo's win over Center Thursday night. Lopez hit five from the arc and totaled a team leading 17 points.

## ASU's first home duel results in 25-16 win over New Mexico

By CHRIS LITTLE  
ALAMOSA — The Adams State University wrestling team (1-7) put on quite a show tonight in front of a rowdy crowd in Plachy Hall against New Mexico Highlands. Just like last season, ASU would pick up their first team win of the season in their first home showing defeating the Cowboys 25-16. The night started out wonderfully at 125 pounds when Darek Huff dominated Dominic Rivera in a 14-3 major decision. Luis Gurule added to the excitement when he pinned Adrian George at the 5:18 mark at 133 pounds. Gurule is now 7-1 on the year with three pins.

The Grizzlies would go on to lose the next three as Marquel Parks was pinned by Logan Pine (5:45), Natreille Demison lost in the last few seconds to Reis Humphrey in a 6-5 decision, and Kellen Pelzel blanked Josh Salas via 10-0 major decision. The stretch gave the Cowboys a 13-10 advantage. Koery Windham would then tech fall Allen Michel 18-3 at 165 pounds in a violent affair that saw Windham slam Michel all over the place to give Adams back the lead for good. The 174 pound battle that ensued was arguably the highlight of the night. Isaac Lopez wrestled up a weight class against Kenneth Yara and things got heated real quickly. Lopez would lift his heavier opponent up high and slam him directly on his back on 3-4 occasions to the eruption of the crowd. He almost threw him into the crowd in the closing seconds, putting an exclamation point on his 15-7 major decision. Richard Bencomo increased the lead with a 6-4 decision over Jonathan Bechtloff. However, Christopher Collins would get the better of Joe Bencomo in a 3-2 decision at 197 pounds. The heavyweight showdown moved rather slowly with both Tuli Laulu and Gabriel Escobedo gaining one point each off escapes by the end of three. Tuli would end it in sudden victory to give Adams their first team win of the year. Next up is a trip to Chadron State on January 26th and Colorado Mines on January 27th.

## Sizzling Avs win 8th straight by holding off Sharks 5-3

By PAT GRAHAM  
DENVER— The Colorado Avalanche looked unstoppable early and shaky down the stretch in nearly blowing a big lead. Bottom line: The streak goes on. Nathan MacKinnon scored twice during a 58-second span in the first period, Matt Nieto added a late insurance goal and the Avalanche won their eighth straight by holding off the San Jose Sharks 5-3 on Thursday night. Carl Soderberg also scored, while Mikko Rantanen had a goal and two assists for the Avs, who've won eight in a row for the first time since the 2005-06 season. It's tied for the third-longest streak in franchise history. Even more, Colorado has never trailed during the stretch and has outscored teams by a 34-13 margin. "We are earning what we get right now," MacKinnon said. "We are playing some good hockey and we are a good team. "We know we aren't going to win every game — we could lose two or three in a row. But this is a good foundation for us to realize how we are going to win. We're not just lucky, winning eight straight. There is a reason why. So when some adversity comes in, we can look back on this." What looked like a cakewalk turned into anything but with Colorado nearly squandering a 4-0 advantage. The Sharks sliced the deficit to a goal when Joe Thornton scored early in the third period. Nieto sealed the win with a goal against his former team with 3:14 remaining. The Sharks pulled goaltender Martin Jones for around 3 minutes, but couldn't score. Timo Meier and Marc-Edouard Vlasic also had goals for San Jose. Jonathan Bernier stopped 45 shots to run his winning streak to a career-best seven games. He's filling in with starter Semyon Varlamov sidelined by a lower-body injury. Bernier made a big save on a power play in the third period, when he just stuck out his left pad to thwart Tomas Hertl, who had several opportunities to tie up the game. "I should score like five goals. The goalie owned me today," Hertl said. "It's a little bit on me, because the chances were there. I should put it in. They should be goals." Still, the Sharks showed some late spark, which pleased their coach. "You don't get points in the standings for that, but we've got a group that doesn't lay down in those situations," Sharks coach Peter DeBoer said. "We take a lot of pride in that." Colorado weathered seven penalties and was outshot by San Jose 48-22. "You can't play a perfect game, you have to learn from it," Bernier said. "We're happy to get this thing rolling." Speaking of rolling, the line of Rantanen, Gabriel Landeskog and MacKinnon combined for three goals and four assists. There's no place quite like Pepsi Center for MacKinnon, who leads the league in scoring at home with 44 points (17 goals, 27 assists) in 25 games. He put the Avalanche up early in the first period when he sent a wrist shot through the legs of Vlasic and through the pads of Jones. He added another on a slap shot that ticked off Jones' glove and went in. MacKinnon also was credited with an assist on a goal in the second period that hit Rantanen off

and bounced in. It gave Colorado a 4-0 lead. There was a scary moment in the second when Soderberg took a skate to the neck when he fell to the ice. He headed to the bench and into the dressing room to get about five stitches. He returned later in the second. "I'm OK," Soderberg said. NOTES: The Sharks are in a stretch during which they play 14 of 18 games on the road. ... This was the first of three meetings between San Jose and Colorado. ... Avalanche C Tyson Jost (lower body) was out of the lineup, while LW J.T. Compher (upper body) returned after missing six games. "They're kind of trading off injuries," coach Jared Bednar said. ... F Sven Andrighetto (lower body) was placed on injured reserve. ... Varlamov has resumed skating, Bednar said. ... Colorado has scored 92 goals on home ice, the most in the league. UP NEXT Sharks: Host Pittsburgh on Saturday. Avalanche: Wrap up a three-game homestand Saturday against the New York Rangers.

Scores	Sports Briefs	(Monte Vista at Florence)
<b>Prep Basketball</b> <b>Jan. 16</b> Pagosa Springs 47, Sanford 41 (B) Pagosa Springs 46, Sanford 26 (G) Buena Vista 67, Monte Vista 49 (G)  <b>Jan. 18</b> Sangre de Cristo 62, Center 19 (G) Sangre de Cristo 53, Center 20 (B) Ignacio 58, Sargent 39 (G)  <b>ASU Wrestling</b> <b>Jan. 17</b> CSU-P 22, ASU 21  <b>Jan. 18</b> ASU 25, NMHU 16  <b>Prep Wrestling</b> <b>Jan. 18</b> Buena Vista 58, Center 12 Salida 36, Center 22 Pagosa Springs 38, Centauri 34 Bayfield 36, Monte Vista 29  <b>Upcoming Events</b> <b>ASU Basketball</b> <b>Jan. 19</b> 5 p.m. Women at Chadron State College 7:30 p.m. Men at Chadron State College <b>Jan. 20</b> 5:30 p.m. Women at Regis University 7 p.m. Men at Regis University  <b>Prep Basketball</b> <b>Jan. 19</b> TBA/ 5 p.m. Moffat at Sangre de Cristo (B/G) 3 p.m. Antonito at Sierra Grande (G/B) 5 p.m. Cotopaxi at Creede (G/B)	<b>5/6:30</b> Center at Del Norte (G/B) <b>5:30/7 p.m.</b> Centauri at Alamosa (G/B) <b>6/7 p.m.</b> Montezuma-Cortez at Monte Vista (G/B) <b>Jan. 20</b> TBA Crested Butte at Center (G/B) 1 p.m. Manzanola at Creede (G/B) 2 p.m. Sierra Grande at Moffat (G/B) 3/ 4 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at Kim/Branson (G/B) 3:30 p.m. Sargent at Sanford (G/B) 5/ 6:30 p.m. Del Norte at Custer County (G/B) 5/ 7 p.m. La Veta at Antonito (G/B) 5:30/7 p.m. Monte Vista at Centauri (G/B) 5:30/ 7 p.m. Alamosa at Bayfield (G/B) <b>ASU Swimming</b> <b>Jan. 20-21</b> ASU at Colorado College  <b>Prep Swimming</b> <b>Jan. 25</b> 4:30 p.m. Sierra Grande at Fountain Fort Carson  <b>ASU Wrestling</b>  <b>Prep Wrestling</b> <b>Jan. 19</b> TBA Paonia Duals (Center at Paonia) TBA Top of the Rockies Tournament (Alamosa at Centaurus)  <b>Jan. 20</b> TBA Top of the Rockies Tournament (Alamosa at Centaurus) TBA Paonia Tournament (Center at Paonia) 8 a.m. Gene Gagliardi Invite (Centauri, Del Norte, Sanford, Sargent, Sierra Grande at Trinidad) 9 a.m. Platte Valley Triangular	<i>All dates and times subject to change</i> <b>Tri-Star Skills competition</b> <b>ALAMOSA</b> — On January 20 the Alamosa Optimist Club will host the 2018 Tri-Star Basketball Skills Competition at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center. The competition is free to all kids to participate. Winners will receive a T-shirt and an invite to participate in other events around the state, at their expense. The Alamosa High School after prom will provide a concession stand. For more information visit the Alamosa Optimist Club's Facebook page.  <b>Rio Frio Ice Festival</b> <b>ALAMOSA</b> — Alamosa will be hosting all sorts of frozen festivities that are sure to chill your extremities but warm your heart. On the weekend of January 26th there will be a lot of fun for the whole family. The Rio Frio 5k will take place on January 28th and will start with an 8 am breakfast at the Senior Center with the race starting at 10:30 a.m. on the Rio Grande near Cole Park. To learn more about the festival or to register for the 5k visit <a href="http://www.riofrioice.com">www.riofrioice.com</a> .  <b>ASU Volleyball tryouts</b> <b>ALAMOSA</b> — On February 10th from 10 – 11:30 a.m. the ASU Women's Volleyball Program welcomes athletes to their annual open tryout. High school seniors, 2019 prospects and current junior college players are all welcome to attend the tryout. Each athlete will need to bring a copy of a current sports physical and a completed registration form, which can be found at <a href="http://www.asugrizzlies.com">www.asugrizzlies.com</a> under the women's volleyball 'additional links'. A campus tour will be included after the tryout. Interested players can also contact the Head Coach, Lindy Mortensen: <a href="mailto:lindymortensen@adams.edu">lindymortensen@adams.edu</a> / 719.580.8050 or the Assistant Coach, Whitney Beiriger: <a href="mailto:whitneybeiriger@adams.edu">whitneybeiriger@adams.edu</a> / 719.992.1102 for more information. There is no cost to tryout!





# Red River Songwriters back at Society Hall

ALAMOSA — Some of the most talked about shows at Alamosa's Society Hall venue in the last couple of years have been an amazing gathering of several of the most popular and up-and-coming Texas songwriters working today, called the Traveling Red River Songwriters Festival. Society Hall is thrilled to welcome them back Wednesday, January 24th, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and are available at the Green Spot in Alamosa, or online at [www.societyhall.org](http://www.societyhall.org).

The Traveling Red River Songwriters (TRRS) are a collective of individual artists

and writers that team up annually for a tour to Red River, NM, for The Red River Songwriters' Festival, a festival founded by these writers in 2011. The members of the TRRS are Josh Grider, Susan Gibson, Walt Wilkins, Kelley Mickwee, Drew Kennedy, and Brandy Zdan. It's become a bit of a tradition for the festival artists to do a show at Society Hall in Alamosa, before the festival begins on January 25th in Red River, New Mexico.

Between the five writers you will hear folk, country, soul, roots, rock and roll, and a whole lot of harmony singing. A short list of these

artists' accolades include Nashville publishing deals, a multi-platinum country single, international touring, and more than 25 albums released between them. Each of these artists has experienced a lot of success performing on their own, and can easily hold a room of listeners for an entire show, but there is something magical that happens when the group comes together that seems to make the sum greater than its parts — and that's saying something!

For more information about the festival in Red River visit [www.redriver-songs.com](http://www.redriver-songs.com).



Traveling Red River Songwriters  
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## Catch the “Crane Craze”—It’s profitable for everyone

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce and Monte Vista Crane Festival Committee are encouraging businesses to do something special to ramp up excitement for bird-lovers visiting the Valley this March---and

bring in more profits. For example, restaurants can create special menu or drink items named after Sandhill Cranes, like the “crane’s nest” soup, “sunrise flyout” latte, or “dancing crane” pizza. Retail stores can sell crane-adorned T-shirts, cof-

fee mugs, mouse pads, caps and tote bags.

As an added incentive, the chamber and festival committee will include business names along with the business’s special crane plans on their websites and in festival press releases.

Businesses that have committed to doing something include Three Barrel Brewery in Del Norte and Mountain View Restaurant, Three Guys Farms Restaurant and Sunflour Cafe in Monte Vista (details to be revealed later). Monte Villa Inn Bar: Three Guys Farms has already been serving the “Cranehattan”---a tasty twist on a Manhattan cocktail made with a Colorado-crafted Black Walnut Bourbon Liqueur.

Master Print & Web Design in Del Norte is offering free art design for T-shirts and other promotional products; and the crane festival committee is providing free Sandhill Crane images for custom-order items. There’s also an array of promotional items with Sandhill Crane art and images available on websites such as Café Press, Zazzle and Birdorable. Keep in mind that custom-order products typically take three to four weeks lead time.



Courtesy photo

Master Print Web & Design in Del Norte is offering free art design for T-shirts and other promotional products for the upcoming Crane Festival.

## Winter tree watering during drought

STATEWIDE — Despite a relatively small amount of precipitation falling recently, the most recent U.S. Drought Monitor map indicates that nearly all of Colorado is currently experiencing some level of drought. Trees in urban and community settings throughout this region are dormant now, but still require occasional watering during dry winters to remain in top health.

Keith Wood, urban and community forestry manager for the Colorado State Forest Service, says planted trees in Colorado, especially at lower elevations, often require additional watering in the winter months during extended dry periods (e.g., more than two weeks without lasting snow cover).

“Adequately watering your trees is the best way to ensure optimum health and vigor that will carry through to the growing season,” said Wood. “Overly dry trees become susceptible to root and branch die-back, and subsequent insect and disease problems.”

The CSFS offers the follow-

ing winter watering tips:

- Water when it’s warm. The best time for winter watering is on days when snow has melted off and the temperature is above 40 degrees.
- Water a wide area. Tree root systems may spread much wider than the height of the tree, with most absorbing roots in the top foot of soil. Apply water to soak the entire area underneath the full span of a tree’s branches.
- Water slowly. To ensure deep penetration, use a drip or soaker hose on low setting, or soft spray wand, to apply water slowly to the full area

at the rate of 10 gallons per inch of tree diameter.

- Retain mulch. To retain soil moisture and save water, apply 4 inches of organic mulch onto bare soil within 2 to 3 feet from the base of the trunk, but not directly against the trunk.
- Repeat as necessary. Until abundant spring precipitation arrives, be sure to continue watering every few weeks in the absence of snow and colder temperatures.

For more information about urban tree care, visit the Colorado State Forest Service website at [www.csfs.colostate.edu](http://www.csfs.colostate.edu).



Courtesy photo

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## Scholarship offers \$11,000 to study abroad

VALLEY — ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE) offers the need based Walter Danielson Scholarship worth approximately \$11,000 each year to qualifying American high school students interested in broadening their horizons by studying abroad for one academic year.

This opportunity is for academically achieving, motivated students interested in experiencing a different culture and embracing diversity. This scholarship is offered by ASSE International in honor of Walter Danielson, one of the founders of the organization, who believed that folks can change the world through greater compassion and understanding and empowering youth. The Walter Danielson Scholarship is given annually to a student

who is committed to opening up his or her heart and mind to understanding other people and cultures.

Students must have at least a B+ average, and prove financial need to qualify for this scholarship opportunity awarded each year to a select student in North America.

As one of the oldest and largest international student exchange organizations, ASSE is able to offer the most comprehensive programs available, where students have the largest number of countries to choose from, such as France, Spain, Italy, China, Mexico, Canada, Denmark, Netherlands, Portugal, Brazil, Argentina, and many more, and are not required to know the language of the host country.

Carey from Alabama, the

Walter Danielson Scholarship winner in 2016-17 shared, “My exchange in China has been amazing. I have learned and experienced so many different things I can’t remember all of them. I have made some lifelong friends, tried new foods, and learned so much about Chinese culture. This experience has shown me how big the world truly is. How incredible exploring it and learning about it can be!”

North American High School Students interested in becoming a Walter Danielson Scholarship Student or an academic year, semester, or summer program participant, should call 1-800-733-2773. Or apply today at [www.asse.com/become\\_an\\_exchange\\_student](http://www.asse.com/become_an_exchange_student). Application deadline is March 1.

## Zacheis Planetarium shares January/February schedule

ALAMOSA — The Adams State University Zacheis Planetarium has released the free public showings schedule through February 17, 2018.

Thursdays, 7 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.:

January 18: Life: A Cosmic Story and Robot Explorers  
January 25: Solar Superstorms and Dream to Fly  
February 1: Supervolcanoes and Origins of Life  
February 8: The Dark Matter Mystery and Space School  
February 15: Chasing the Ghost Particle and Distant Worlds: Alien Life?

Saturdays, 3 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.:

January 20: Cleopatra’s Universe and Ice Worlds  
January 27: Dawn of the Space Age and Moons: Worlds of Mystery  
February 3: Fractal Explorations and Seven Wonders  
February 10: Undiscovered Worlds and Earthquake  
February 17: Stars of the Pharaohs and Extreme Planets

As always, admission is free for everyone, just check in at the front desk. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors open 15 minutes before the first show.

Visit: [blogs.adams.edu/zacheis](http://blogs.adams.edu/zacheis) for details and movie descriptions.

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# Winter Car Care

## AAA reminds drivers in winter to brace for ice

**STATEWIDE** – Drivers beware: The icy conditions that made you wonder if your car was attempting to make a last-minute bid for the USA Figure Skating team are set to worsen. Motorists should expect treacherous, ice-coated roads, and AAA Colorado anticipates a significant increase in emergency roadside service calls due to slide-offs and crashes.

Hazardous storms and inclement weather are a factor in half a million crashes and more than 2,000 road deaths every winter, according to research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. AAA urges drivers to slow down, be cautious, and prepare for worst-case conditions during their evening and morning commutes.

“It doesn’t matter what kind of car you drive. Ice poses significant risks to every single motorist,” said AAA Colorado spokesman Skyler McKinley as he was thinking about his close call this morning despite driving a very rugged Jeep Wrangler. “Budget extra time, take it slow, and keep a vigilant eye on traffic conditions in front of you. You’re not invincible, and watch out for the driver who thinks that he or she is.”

AAA is encouraging drivers to be prepared and offers the best tips.

**AAA Safe-Driving Tips for Slick or Icy Roadways**

- Slow down: Accelerate, turn, and brake gradually. Adjust your speed to the road conditions and leave yourself ample room to stop. Allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- Don’t tailgate: Normal following distances of three to four seconds on dry pavement should be extended to a minimum of eight to ten seconds when driving on slippery surfaces. The extra time will provide additional braking room should a sudden stop become necessary.
- Watch the traffic ahead: Slow down immediately at the sight of brake lights, fishtailing cars, sideways skids, or emergency flashers ahead.
- Avoid unnecessarily changing lanes: This increases the chance of hitting a patch of ice between lanes that could cause loss of vehicle control.
- Use extreme caution on bridges and overpasses: Black ice typically forms first in shaded areas of the roadway and on bridges and overpasses that freeze first and melt last. Although the road leading up to a bridge may be fine, the bridge itself could be a sheet of ice.
- Move over: Move over one lane for law enforcement and emergency roadside assistance personnel assisting motorists. It’s the law. If you can’t move over, slow down.
- Carry a winter weather kit in your car: Contents should include a fully charged cell phone (and a car charger), ice scraper, blanket, warm winter clothing, flashlight with extra batteries, jumper cables, a bag of kitty litter, reflective triangles/flares, shovel, and cloth/paper towels.

**AAA Tips for Braking on Ice:**

- Minimize the need to brake on ice: If you’re approaching a stop sign, traffic light or other area where ice often forms, brake early on clear pavement to reduce speed. Maintaining control of your vehicle is much more difficult when braking on ice-covered roadways.
- Control the skid: In the event of a skid, ease off the accelerator and steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go.
- If your car has an anti-lock braking system (ABS): Do not remove your foot from the brake during a skid. When you apply the brakes hard enough to make the wheels lock momentarily, you will typically feel the brake pedal vibrate and pulsate back against your foot. This is normal and the system is working as designed. Do not release pressure on the pedal or attempt to “pump” the brakes.
- If your car does not have

**Prepare vehicles for winter driving**

**VALLEY** — More than 70 percent of motorists admit they don’t prepare their vehicles for winter weather, according to the Car Care Council.

Here are some tips to be prepared for winter driving:

**5 Winter Road Warrior Tips Take Care of the Battery:**

Winter temps cause a car’s electrical system to work harder, particularly with the increased power demands of heating systems, defrosters and windshield wipers.

Plus, the cold temps reduce a vehicle’s battery power by up to 50 percent.

A car battery typically lasts 3-5 years, so keep track of the battery’s age.

Battery cables and clamps should also be checked regularly for fraying or corrosion. Battery acid corrosion appears as a white, powdery substance. Clean them with baking soda, water and a toothbrush.

**Monitor Your Fluids:**

Antifreeze – Drivers will

an anti-lock braking system: Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to modulate the pressure applied to the brake pedal so the brakes are at the “threshold” of lockup but still rotating.

**AAA Tips when Icing Conditions Affect Vehicles:**

- Ice coated windshield/windows: NEVER pour hot water on windshield or windows, this can cause the glass to break. Use vehicle defrosters to melt ice for easier removal. Don’t use windshield wipers to remove ice – this will damage the blades.
- Frozen windows: Do not continue to push the power window buttons if the window

is frozen, it can damage the mechanics inside the door and can also cause the window to break.

- Frozen locks: Never use water to thaw frozen locks, instead use commercial deicing products or heat the key and lock with a hair dryer. A lighter can also be used to heat the key.
- Frozen windshield wipers: If windshield wipers are frozen to the windshield, use the heater and defroster to melt the ice before turning the windshield wipers on. When you arrive at your destination remember to pull the windshield wipers away from the windshield to prevent refreezing.

About AAA Colorado More than 660,000 members strong, AAA Colorado is the state’s most prominent advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. As North America’s largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA provides more than 58 million members with travel, insurance, financial, and automotive-related services - as well as member-exclusive savings. For more information, visit Colorado.AAA.com.

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# Public Notices

School Surplus (GovDeals) To Be Auctioned. Centennial School District in San Luis, is participating in GovDeals, an internet auction service to sell its surplus property. GovDeals provides services to various government agencies that allow them to sell surplus via the internet. Bidding will open on January 15, 2018 and will continue until January 26, 2018. Pick-up of items will be on February 2, 2018 from 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. : Location: Centennial School District, 14644 Hwy. 159, San Luis, CO. Visit <http://www.centennialschool.net> and click on the GovDeals Link or go to [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com) to register online and see available surplus property. Registration is free. No. 9868  
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
The County of Costilla will receive Bids for the Sangre de Cristo Heritage Center Community Kitchen project until 11:00 AM on the 13th day of February at the Costilla County Economic Development Council Office, 401 S. Church Place, San Luis, CO 81152 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids are invited upon the work as follows: Selective building demolition  
1. Rough and finish carpentry  
2. EPDM roofing repairs  
3. Sile and rail wood doors  
4. Overhead coiling counter doors  
5. Door hardware  
6. Light gauge metal framing and gypsum board  
7. Lay-in acoustical ceiling systems  
8. Resinous kitchen flooring  
9. Ceramic Floor Tile  
10. Painting  
11. Residential casework and countertop  
12. Commercial kitchen equipment package  
13. Interior electrical improvements including new kitchen equipment connections, electric heat, light fixtures and wiring  
14. Interior plumbing work including new kitchen equipment connections  
15. New HVAC equipment including makeup air unit and exhaust fans  
Contract documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are available electronically from the office of Scheuber + Darden Architect LLC, P.O. Box 909, Parker, CO 80134 ([rscheuber@scheuberdarden.com](mailto:rscheuber@scheuberdarden.com)). An inspection trip / site visit for prospective Bidders will meet at the Costilla County Economic Development Council Office at 401 Church Place, San Luis, Colorado, 81152 on Thursday January 25, 2018 at 11:00 am. Prospective Bidders must notify Ben Doon, County Administrator at [ben.doon@costillacounty-co.gov](mailto:ben.doon@costillacounty-co.gov) or at (719) 480-1246 of their intent to attend by COB January 23, 2018. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of Costilla County negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin (Davis Bacon Wages). In the event that the bidder anticipates hiring employees to work on this job, the bidder should contact the local manpower office for qualified candidates. (Section 3)  
Prior to the awarding of the Contract, the County of Costilla may defer its decision for a period not to exceed (30) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract. Date:01/16/2018  
The County of Costilla  
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**District Court**  
Conejos County, Colorado  
Court Address: 6683 County Rd. 13  
PO BOX 128  
Conejos, Co 81129  
In the Matter of the Estate of ELOISE PETERSON  
Deceased  
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Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):  
Myron R. Peterson  
14429 County Rd W.  
La Jara, CO 81140  
Phone Number: 719-274-5480  
E-mail: N/A  
FAX Number: N/A  
Atty. Reg.#:  
Case Number: 2018PR1  
Division: 1 Court-room  
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NOTICE TO CREDIT  
Estate of ELOISE PETERSON, Deceased  
Case Number: 2018PR1  
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Myron R. Peterson  
14429 County Rd. W.  
La Jara, Co 81140  
No. 9884  
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**County Court**  
Conejos County, Colorado  
Court Address: 6683 County Rd. 13  
PO BOX 128  
Conejos, Co 81129  
DATE FILED: January 12, 2018.  
In the Matter of the Petition of Lienda Ruby Dominguez  
Adult  
COURT USE ONLY  
Case Number: N/A  
For a Change of Name to: Glenda Ruby Cervantez  
Division Courtroom  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
Public Notice is given on January 12, 2018 that a petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Conejos Court. The Petition requests that the name of Lienda Ruby Dominguez Be changed to Glenda Ruby Cervantez  
By Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk  
No. 9885  
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**RIO GRANDE DISTRICT COURT**  
Rio Grande County, Colorado  
Court Address: 6th and Cherry Street  
Del Norte, Colorado 81132  
Telephone: (719) 675-3394 Fax (719) 657-2636  
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Plaintiff: GINGER ERICKSON, v. Defendants: PAUL POLASEK, a/t/k/a PAUL EUGENE POLASEK, ANN POLASEK, a/t/k/a ANNA MAE POLASEK, PAUL EUGENE POLASEK, JR., a/k/a EUGENE POLASEK, and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action,  
Attorney for Plaintiff: William F. Dunn, Reg. 1036  
585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, Colorado 81132  
Phone Number: (719) 657-3323  
FAX Number: (719) 657-3324  
E-mail: [bill@dunn-law.com](mailto:bill@dunn-law.com)  
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This is an action in rem to quiet title to Lots 23 and 24, Block 35, Alpine Village Number 7, Rio Grande County, Colorado.  
Dated this 18th day of January, 2018.  
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**FROM THE ORLANDO Chacon Family-**With heartfelt appreciation and gratitude, we the family of Orlando Chacon express a sincere Thank You to: ALL friends, neighbors, community and extended family for the numerous donations of food, monetary gifts, visits, services, mass offerings, prayers, cards, phone calls; to those who traveled from afar and near to attend the rosaries, funeral mass, and burial; Also those who couldn't be here but also sent warm thoughts, well wishes and prayers. For services performed: Fr. Arturo Anonuevo, SOLT, Rogers funeral Home, Praying of the Rosaries, Singers, Eulogies, Tending of Refreshments afterwards; At mass-Musicians, Servers, Lectors; Neighbors in Christ for the dinner, St. Joseph's Parish secretaries and Custodians. A sincere Thank You also to the past and present staff of the Rio Grande Nursing Home in La Jara; And to anyone who quietly gave in any form, any manner. Your generosity will not be forgotten. Thank You!! God Bless!! Sincerely, The Family of Orlando Chacon.(1/19)

**163 LOST & FOUND**

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**221 HELP WANTED**

**THE CITY OF** Monte Vista is hiring a Full-Time Parks Specialist. This position performs and is responsible for a wide range of Parks maintenance duties in order to keep all equipment and facilities functional and pleasant for the public. Duties include landscaping, irrigation system, vehicle, equipment and facilities maintenance; preparing facilities for events. Salary: 12.92/hr- 14.83/hr DOE including full benefits. Please submit applications to Human Resources 95 W. 1st Ave, Monte Vista, CO 81144 or visit [www.cityofmotevista.com](http://www.cityofmotevista.com) to apply and view job description. Deadline: 02/05/2018 by 4:30P.M. EEOC/ADA(02/05)

**POLICE OFFICER -** The City of Monte Vista is seeking qualified applicants for position of Police Officer II. Applicants must be POST certified as a Colorado Police Officer. One year of pervious law enforcement experience preferred. Selected applicants must be able to pass a physical, physiological evaluation, pre-employment drug test and extensive background check. Must be able to work shifts. Starting salary \$31,566 DOE plus excellent benefits and retirement. Submit application to City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave. Monte Vista, CO 81144, or [cbaker@ci.monte-vista.co.us](mailto:cbaker@ci.monte-vista.co.us). To be considered, a complete application must be submitted. Open until 2/5 @4:30. EOE/ADA(02/05)

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**SAN LUIS VALLEY Health is seeking a fulltime HR Business Partner to join our Human Resources team. For position details and to apply, please visit <http://www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/careers/job-openings.> (02/14)**

**221 HELP WANTED**

**CDL TRASH TRUCK Driver & Labor: CDL Required, must pass a pre-employment drug test. Familiar with Conejos County area preferred. Duties include, Driving Trash Truck, getting in and out of trash truck, emptying trash bins into trash truck. Physical labor required, must be able to lift up to 100lbs. Must provide clear DMV Record, Starting hourly rate negotiable. 32 to 40 hours per week. Week-ends off. Please call 719-843-5354 or 719-580-1518 for an application. Home base in Manassa Co.(02/02#1)**

**LABOR: VALID DRIVER'S** license required. Duties include, getting in and out of trash truck, emptying trash bins into trash truck. Physical labor Required, must be able to lift up to 100 lbs, other duties as assigned. 32 to 40 hours a week, \$10.00 per hour. Home Base in Manassa, CO, please call 719-580-1518 or 719-843-5354. (02/02#2)

**221 HELP WANTED**

**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for the following positions at Ortega Middle School: Baseball Coach, Track Coach. Applications are available online at <http://alamosa.k12.co.us> under the Employment tab. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE (01/25)

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**221 HELP WANTED**

**RIO GRANDE HOSPITAL** has an opening for an Accountant/Bookkeeper, financial preparation, journal entries, cash reconciliation, accounts payable, spreadsheets. File application online at <http://rio-grande-hospital.org> under contact/employment. Closes 01/31/18. Additional questions: [gregporter@riograndehospital.net](mailto:gregporter@riograndehospital.net) RGH is an EOE(1/24)


**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL** District/Ombudsman School of Excellence is accepting applications for the following position: Math Tutor Minimum AA Degree or 2 years of Math Education Four (4) hours per week Applications are available online at <http://alamosa.k12.co.us>. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(1/24)

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221  
HELP WANTED

**MONTE VISTA COOP** has positions open in the feed warehouse. Duties include: feed and fencing sales, customer service and propane fills; must have computer skills. Please apply at Monte Vista Coop main store, 1901 E. Hwy. 160, Monte Vista.(2/1)

**ELEMENTARY TEACHER (POSSIBLY Kindergarten)** needed at the Del Norte Schools for the 2018/2019 school year. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Candidate must hold a current elementary education license. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at [aduda@del-norte.k12.co.us](mailto:aduda@del-norte.k12.co.us) or contact Amy at 719-657-4030. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [\(2/1\)](http://dncsd.org)

**WANTED: FULL TIME-HEAVY equipment operator with CDL background.** Pay is based on experience. Bring resume and current MVR to 14513 Estrella Rd, Alamosa. (01/20)

221  
HELP WANTED

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a Small Vehicle Route Driver. The Route will be driven Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No CDL required. Applications can be picked up at the central office or downloaded from our website at [www.sanfordschools.org](http://www.sanfordschools.org). Position open until filled. EOE.(2/1)

**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District** is accepting applications for the following position: Multi Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Coordinator (AES) Must be able to possess a State of Colorado Teaching License and necessary qualifications in Counseling or related field. Applications are available online at <http://alamosa.k12.co.us> under the Employment tab. For more information contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE (01/23)

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221  
HELP WANTED

**CITY OF ALAMOSA** is hiring a part-time seasonal Ice Rink Skating Instructor. Pay varies depending on qualifications. Varying hours including evenings and some weekend hours. Duties include: Instruction of ice skating, figure skating and power skating. Full job description, announcement, and application procedures are available at [cityofalamosa.org](http://cityofalamosa.org). The City of Alamosa is an Equal Opportunity Employer and will consider all applications without regard to race, marital status, religion, national origin, veteran status, disability or any other characteristic protected by law including LGBT. If you wish modification of the selection process in order to accommodate a disability, please make your request in writing and submit it with your required application materials. Deadline: 01/22/2018 at 10 a.m.(01/20 #2)

**PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME Legal Assistant.** Send resume to [gene@farishlaw.com](mailto:gene@farishlaw.com) Monday-Friday Position available by Jan 01, 2018. (01/27)

221  
HELP WANTED

**CITY OF ALAMOSA** is hiring a part-time seasonal Ice Rink Cashier/Customer Service Representative. (Beginning pay \$10.20-\$10.30/hourly DOQ) Varying hours including evenings and some weekend hours. Duties include: renting skates, collecting and processing payments, greeting visitors. Full job description, announcement, and application procedures are available at [cityofalamosa.org](http://cityofalamosa.org). The City of Alamosa is an Equal Opportunity Employer and will consider all applications without regard to race, marital status, religion, national origin, veteran status, disability or any other characteristic protected by law including LGBT. If you wish modification of the selection process in order to accommodate a disability, please make your request in writing and submit it with your required application materials. Deadline: 01/22/2018 at 10 a.m.(01/20 #1)

**LA LLAVE FAMILY Resource Center** is seeking three full-time employees to serve families in the San Luis Valley. Occasional travel may be required, training is provided. For more information and to apply visit [LaLlaveFRC.org](http://LaLlaveFRC.org) (01/26)

221  
HELP WANTED

**THE BACA GRANDE POA** is looking for a full-time **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS**. This position requires professional writing, editing and proofreading skills and must be able to articulate facts, details and instructions in simple to understand terms. Experience and skills utilizing web pages and social media and considerable knowledge or the ability to quickly comprehend the Baca POA, its purpose, Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and Covenants is required. Must be a self-starter and be able to work with minimal supervision. Must show enthusiasm, be highly organized, efficient and possess great work ethics. Please visit [www.bacapoa.org](http://www.bacapoa.org) for the full job description and application or call 719-256-4171 for more information (01/20)

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**DEL NORTE BANK** is seeking to fill a full-time position for Executive Assistant. Primary duties will be support executive staff with functions such as financial analysis, collateral evaluations, generating correspondence and reports, recording minutes, travel coordination, and other support functions as needed. This full-time position offers a competitive wage and a full benefit package. Successful candidate will have a bright personality, be a good problem solver and willing to learn. Inquire at 705 Grand, Del Norte, Co 81132 or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Mike or Traci. EOE. (01/06-TFN)

**FULL TIME RECREATION POSITION WITH THE CITY OF CREEDE** Creede is seeking Parks & Recreation Director. This position is FT with excellent benefits. Salary is DOQ. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled but are strongly preferred by January 19, 2018. More info at [www.creedetownhall.com](http://www.creedetownhall.com). Submit application and resume to: City Manager, P.O. Box 457, Creede, CO 81130. EOE/ADA (01/24)

**HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC II** Temporary Position, Alamosa, CO Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) The Equipment Mechanic II provides skilled professional mechanic services including inspection, diagnosis and repair of heavy equipment and vehicles. The duration of this position can last up to 9 months. Salary Range \$20.52-\$26.22 Hourly. Requirements: Two years of progressively responsible experience in inspecting, servicing, and maintaining automotive vehicles. Must possess a current, valid driver's Commercial Driver's License (CDL) A at time of application. View the complete announcement and apply at: <https://www.colorado.gov/dhr/jobs> EOE (01/24)

**THE RIO GRANDE Headwaters Land Trust is hiring an Associate Director to help advance our conservation efforts and ensure a strong viable organization. For a full job description please see our website [www.rio-grandelandtrust.org](http://www.rio-grandelandtrust.org) or e-mail [nancyb@riograndelandtrust.org](mailto:nancyb@riograndelandtrust.org). (01/20)**

**THE SLV BOCES** (San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Services) is seeking applications for a SWAP Specialist. SWAP (School to Work Alliance Program) is a collaborative initiative between SLV BOCES and DVR (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation). This position provides case management and direct services to youth aged 15-25 years identified with mild to moderate needs in employment and requires working with multiple agency partners, developing job placements and support to clients in on the job training, job readiness skills and employment related instruction. Minimum requirements include high school diploma and experience in working with young adults with disabilities. Job requires travel within the valley, ability to present to a variety of audiences and provide authentic feedback. To apply, pick up an application from the SLV BOCES or the SLV BOCES web site [www.slvboces.org](http://www.slvboces.org) [1]. Send application, letter of intent, resume and 3 letters of reference to LJ Garcia, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101. Applications accepted through Fri. Feb. 1st. (2/1)

## 221 HELP WANTED

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY.** Blue Peaks Developmental Services is now hiring support staff for programs providing services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in the San Luis Valley. Diploma/GED, good driving record, completion of a drug screening required. Benefits available. Work schedules from 2 1/2 to 4 days. Residential positions start at \$11.20 per hour. Paid training held monthly. Apply directly at Blue Peaks, 703 4th St., Alamosa. EOE (01/24)

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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- 1 Before long

5 Fleece

8 Mantra chants

11 Armless sofa

13 Suffix for forfeit

14 Travel word

15 Raise spirits

16 Most high-minded

18 Branch

20 Weight unit

21 Forest nymph

23 Resort

24 Sis' sib

25 Swing a sickle

27 "Back in the —"

31 Place

32 Green vegetable

33 For Pete's —!

34 Bombay nanny

36 Good dirt

38 Fleur-de- —

39 — and hearty
- 40 "Cool Hand —"

41 Zoo staffer

42 Moonbeam

44 Cultural mores

46 British noble

49 Supplicate

50 Stream forth

52 Percolate

56 Sound booster

57 Wrath

58 Pitfall, maybe

59 Witty remark

60 California's Big —

61 Popeye's greeting

### DOWN

- 1 Lime cooler

2 Less than one

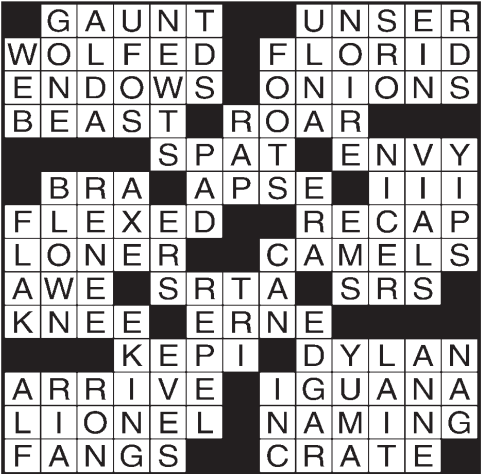
3 Caviar, actually

4 Dapper

5 Ladder part

6 Gold, in Peru

7 Jazz genre



- 8 Baker's need

9 Catchall grp.

10 Over-indulge

12 Garden State city

17 Hula-dance fetes

19 In theory

21 Stage production

22 Kingly

23 Orator

24 Ho-hum

26 Felipe or Matty

28 Cannon boom

29 Heavens

30 Breather
- 35 "Great blue" bird

37 Mercury and others

43 Diarist — Nin

45 Laughing carnivore

46 Give a big smile

47 BBs

48 Engrossed

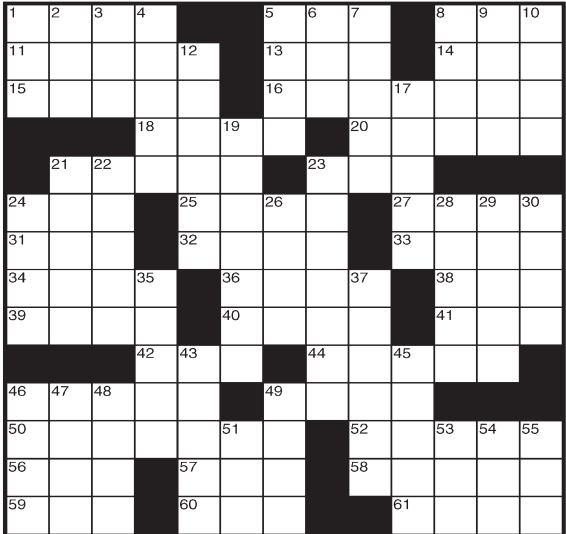
49 Squint at

51 Play about

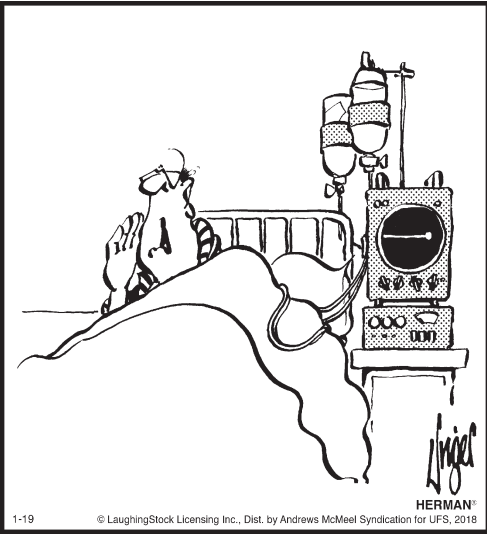
53 Contented murmur

54 — -Magnon

55 Psst!



## HERMAN



"Excuse me. The machine is making a funny noise and the little light is going in a straight line."

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"TSD YMV'E NR M PSX MV MVO VSE NR  
M GRXFV FKE ... FG TSD YMLR MNSDE  
ECR PSLJO TSD RUFKE FV MVO TSDL  
LFICEK." — KMJJT CMPHFVK

Previous Solution: "The female creative urge is intrinsically biologically linked to our ability to give birth to a child." — Zoe Kazan

## Man comes up short learning how to date in high school

DEAR ABBY: At what point does a man finally give up hope of finding a mate and accept that he may end up alone?

I'm 29. I never had a chance to date in high school. My family farms, and when I was 14, my grandfather could no longer help my dad. Dad couldn't take care of things alone, so I would go out and help him the minute I got home from school every day. Between the farm work and keeping up with my studies, I had to grow up fast. I graduated with a 3.5 grade point average, but because I had no time for dating, this part of my development has always been off.

I have been set up by family and friends, tried meeting people in groups and on online dating sites. So far, it has been to no avail. My last actual date was two years ago. Friends tell me I'm a good guy, so I can't figure out what has gone wrong.

I never regretted helping my dad when he needed me, but I wish it hadn't come at such a steep social price. Am I doomed to a lonely life because I "did the right thing" when I was in high school? -- MIDWEST FARMER

DEAR FARMER: A quick online search would show you there are women who would be very interested in meeting someone like you. Go back online and start researching dating sites for farmers and

ranchers. While I can't guarantee you'll meet your match, it would be a good place to start. I wish you the best and hope you will let me know I have guided you in the right direction.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my friends threw me a party for my 34th birthday. A number of them brought their children (ages 2 to 6 years) to the Saturday afternoon event.

When I began opening my gifts, several of the children started throwing tantrums because they were not being given gifts. I thought this might be a good learning opportunity to gently teach the children that it was not their birthday, but someone else's special day. However, some of the parents began insisting that I let the crying (and by this point, screaming) children open my gifts(!). Instead, I stopped opening gifts, put all the presents up on a shelf and began serving cake and ice cream and handing out balloons and other party favors.

This satisfied some of the children, but others were still screaming. One of the parents then began berating me, saying that I was "the biggest child" for not "sharing." Needless to say, the party ended early and with some hurt feelings. Was I wrong to not allow small children to tear open my fragile and expensive birthday gifts? --



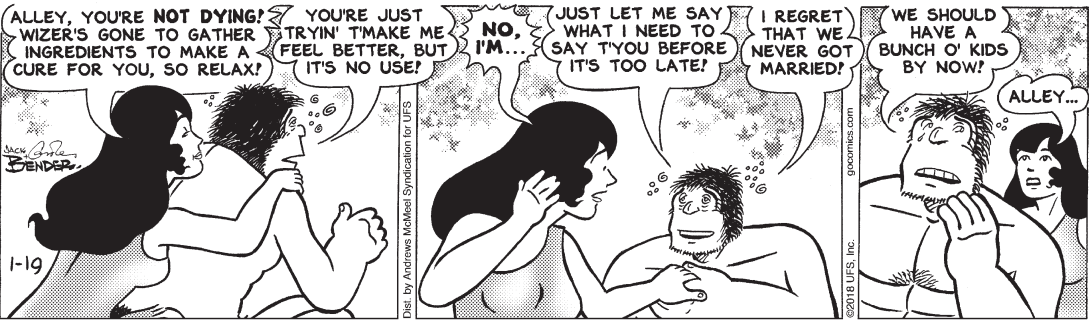
## ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

IT'S MY SPECIAL DAY

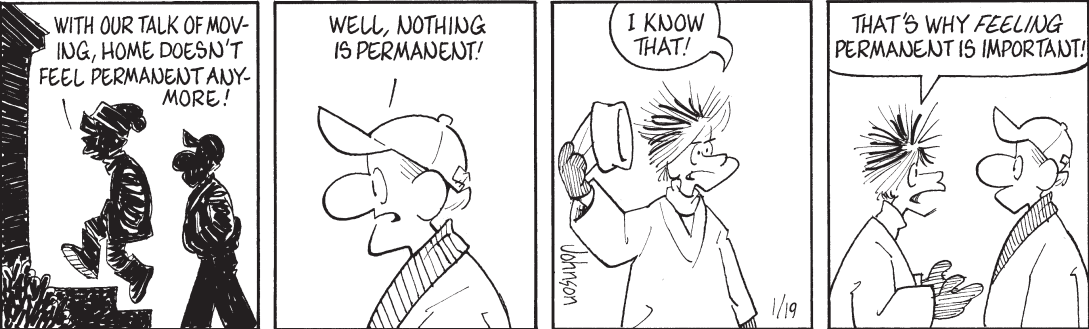
DEAR SPECIAL DAY: You did nothing wrong. The parents of the children who were throwing tantrums were wrong. They should have removed their offspring until they regained control of themselves rather than demand you allow their little angels to tear apart your packages. Your mistake was in not having an adults-only party, but after this experience, I'm sure it's one you won't be making again any time soon. Those parents owe you an apology.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## ALLEY OOP



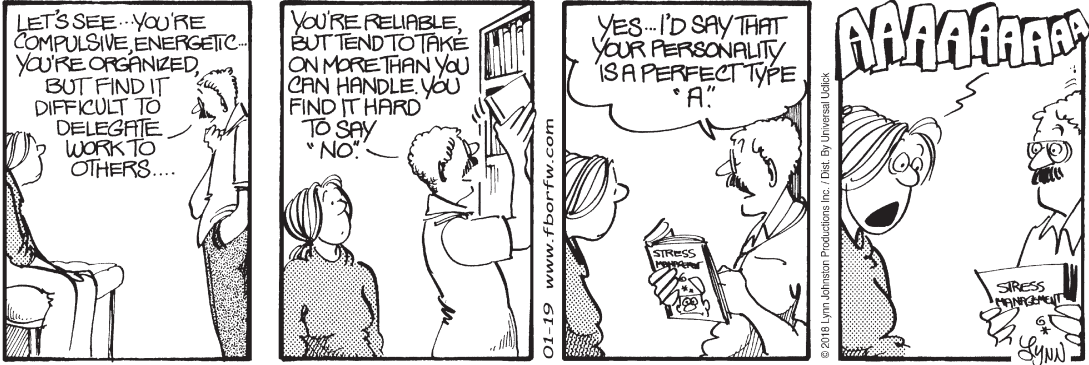
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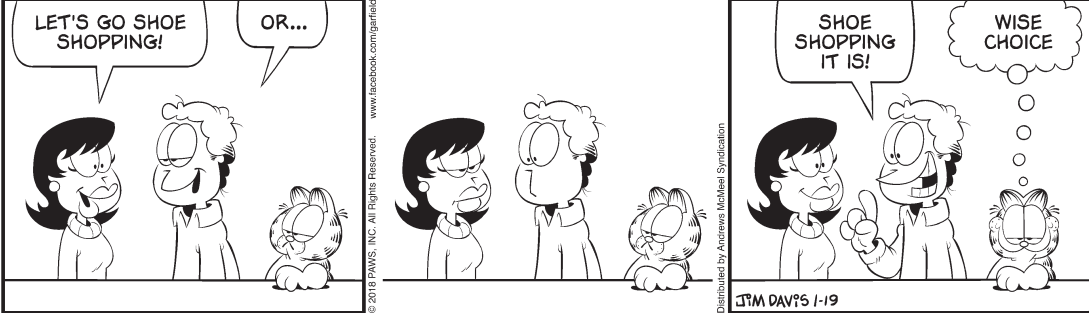
## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



## FRANK & ERNEST



## GARFIELD



## THE GRIZZWELLS



## PEANUTS



## SOUP TO NUTZ

