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Roundtable
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ALAMOSA — The Rio Grande Basin Roundtable meets from 2-5 p.m. today, Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the SLV Water Conservancy District, 623 Fourth Street, Alamosa.

Wildlife
friends meet
tomorrow

ALAMOSA — The Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Alamosa NWR refuge office in the former Lillpop ranch house at 8249 Emperius Road. Members and public are invited. Contact the refuge at 719-589-4021 or Tim Armstrong at 719-852-2452.



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Wed: Cloudy 51/21
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Water rules trial begins third week

By **RUTH HEIDE**
Courier Editor
ALAMOSA — Engineer Gregory Sullivan, expert witness for the objectors, was on the stand as the Rio Grande Basin well rules trial entered its third and possibly final week on Monday.

Sullivan remains on the stand this morning. Chief District/Water Judge Pattie Swift is presiding over the trial over groundwater rules promulgated by the

state engineer's office for the Rio Grande Basin (San Luis Valley.)
Much of Sullivan's testimony revolved around the Arroya Springs (also known as Diamond Springs) area in Conejos County, a point of contention for objectors who are concerned that the injuries they have sustained as surface water right owners as a result of well pumping are not addressed in the rules.

"They haven't even tried to

model it," Sullivan responded to Rio Grande Water Users Association Attorney Bill Paddock during cross examination on Monday afternoon. "If they would have at least tried, we would be a lot farther along."
Sullivan said the clients he worked for had shared their concerns to the division engineer a number of times, "and they were basically rebuffed."

Paddock had asked Sul-

livan if observation wells and additional data would be helpful in understanding more about the hydrology of this area. Sullivan said although more information is always helpful, "I think that data is plenty sufficient to do the kind of modeling I am referring to ... I don't think that's necessary to make a reasonable estimate of depletions by pumping on the springs."

He added, "I know the wa-

ter level is below the springs, because it's not flowing."
Historical documents had recorded water flowing at Arroya Springs and related waterways as far back as 1889. Sullivan testified about where the water came from for the springs and related ditches and how much, with as much as 58 cubic feet per second at one time at Diamond Springs.

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Adams State trustees place President McClure on leave

STAFF REPORT
ALAMOSA — In a statement posted by Adams State University on Monday, the ASU trustees announced that ASU President Beverlee McClure is on leave, pending "a mutually agreeable resolution." Following is the trustees' statement:
"The Adams State University Board of Trustees met in executive session on Monday, February 12, to discuss the leadership that the university needs

to meet the significant challenges it currently faces."
"The Board of Trustees and ASU President Beverlee McClure have agreed that the priorities of the current board are no longer congruent with the priorities of the president, and the parties are therefore working to accomplish a mutually agreeable resolution. Dr. McClure will be on leave while the parties work through the details of a transition.

"The board has asked Dr. Matt Nehring to temporarily assume the duties and responsibilities of president. The board has full confidence in Dr. Nehring and believes that he has the leadership to guide the campus for the immediate future."
ASU hired McClure as ASU's 10th president in April of 2015. The first female president, McClure followed Dr. David Svaldi upon his retirement on June 30 of that year.



Courtesy photo
Adams State University President Beverlee McClure

Free notification service available to victims

By **JEFFERSON GEIGER**
Courier Staff Writer
VALLEY — During a training session for new and seasoned victims advocates

from across the San Luis Valley, Sharon Villanueva from County Sheriffs of Colorado, right, trains a group of victim advocates on how to use VINE at the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 9. Standing for Victim Information and Notification Everyday, VINE is a free and automated service that notifies people when the custody status changes for offenders.

an offender's custody status. The service, called Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE), allows anyone to freely register to receive various

updates on specific inmates. If an offender is released, transferred, dead or escaped a person can be informed via phone, text, email, or teleprinter. VINE started in 1994 and is available in every state except for South Dakota and Maine.
In 2013 Colorado passed a bill so that the service would be state-funded. Almost all counties use VINE, however the Colorado Department of Corrections does not. Jefferson and Arapahoe counties will join the program later this year.
"If victims knew they could go on here, or call a number to get signed up, I guarantee you that a lot of them would probably do that," Villanueva said.
Text and email notifications are sent as quickly

as possibly, though there can be a 15-minute delay. If opting for a phone call, in addition to the one jail make to victims, then a PIN is required to verify that the message was delivered. The call goes out every half hour for 48 hours until the PIN is entered or the automated service leaves a voicemail.
Aside from a 15-minute delay when pulling live data from the jails, there is also an eight-hour delay with transfer notifications as the offender switches secure facilities.
The public can call 888-263-846 or go online to vine-link.com and colorado-vine.com to sign up anonymously for notifications. The sites are available in 90 languages and alerts are in English and Spanish.



Courier photo by Jefferson Geiger

Sharon Villanueva from County Sheriffs of Colorado, right, trains a group of victim advocates on how to use VINE at the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 9. Standing for Victim Information and Notification Everyday, VINE is a free and automated service that notifies people when the custody status changes for offenders.

Mondragon running for assessor

DEL NORTE — JJ Mondragon has announced her candidacy for the Rio Grande County assessor position that she has held now for four years. Mondragon began her work in the assessor's office in 1998 as a clerk.
She worked her way up through the ranks and in 2003 was appointed deputy assessor before being elected as the assessor in 2014. "Throughout my career in the [Rio Grande County] Assessor's Office I have taken numerous classes and many hours of continuing education, including administrative procedures, appraisal processes and supervision. I believe it is essential to maintain high levels of education standards

in assessment throughout the office to ensure the staff can all perform to the best of our abilities. I have a great staff that is very knowledgeable, friendly and reliable," said Mondragon.
"I am proud to be a Valley native and to have raised my family in this beautiful part of Colorado. I am mom to three wonderful kids, the youngest of which will graduate high school this May. I enjoy volunteering and helping with the Del Norte Chamber. I graduated from Center High School, before studying at the University of Southern Colorado and Pueblo Community College.
"I am very proud to serve the community of Rio Grande

County and have enjoyed the challenges in my first term as assessor. I am the best candidate for this job because I have a wealth of experience working in all aspects of the office.
I continue to perform many duties that I had as the deputy, including managing personal property, state assessed property, possessory interest, mineral interests, abstract of values, certifications and overseeing the transfers, along with all the new supervisory and administrative duties that come with being the assessor. I have a lot of plans for improvements in the office that will improve efficiencies and provide a better service to our citizens.
"Since I took office I have improved the mapping accuracy, starting with the Town of Del Norte. I plan to migrate to a more efficient software system next year



Courtesy photo
JJ Mondragon

Treasurer Payne seeks re-election

CREEDE — Patti Payne, has announced her candidacy for re-election to the office of Mineral County treasurer/public trustee.
Payne has called Creede home for 48 years. In November of 1998, she was elected to the position of Mineral County treasurer/public trustee and has proudly served the county in this position for 20 years. During her tenure, she has maintained an unprecedented 99.7 percent collection rate on property taxes.
As Mineral County treasurer, Payne is responsible for the collection, custody and distribution of county funds. Statutory obligations also include the investment of county funds. The treasurer's office is responsible for maintaining the records and reconciliation of all county financial payments issued and received. In addition to treasurer duties, Payne serves as the Mineral County public trustee. In that capacity she is responsible for all foreclosures filed in Mineral County, as well as for processing all releases of deeds of trust.



Courtesy photo
Patti Payne

Payne earned her Colorado County Treasurer Certification through Mesa State College in Grand Junction and maintains her certification through ongoing seminars and conferences. As treasurer/public trustee she strives to keep up-to-date on new technologies and is proficient at filing foreclosures and E-recording releases of deeds of trust electronically. In a major step forward, the treasurer's office began accepting online payments in 2017.
Payne has been honored to serve the people of Mineral County for the past 20 years and would be proud to continue her service.



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OBITUARIES

Galen Dodd Ginther (The Bear)

Galen Dodd Ginther (The Bear), passed away comfortably at his home on Jan. 29 2018. He is survived by two sons, Jason and Jesse.

Galen had a difficult start in life, but he made the best of it.

He was a hard working man despite his many injuries at a young age.

Heenjoyed the outdoors, mountains, and his wolves.

He loved giving everyone a hard time, but was just a big teddy bear at heart.

He will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of life will be held at the cross building of Living Water Bible Fellowship on February 24 at 2:00 PM. The address is 2910 Clark St, Alamosa, CO 81101

Note that no alcohol will be permitted at the event. If you have any questions please contact 719-480-4388 for any additional information.



Marie Pacileo, 89

Marie Pellegrino Pacileo, 89, of North Haven, formerly of East Haven for many years, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at her home with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Vincent A. Pacileo, Jr. Marie was born in New Haven on April 27, 1928 and was the daughter of the late Louis and Marie Ferrucci Pellegrino. She was a Cub Scout Den Leader in her younger days, member of the Annex Y.M.A. Ladies Auxiliary, volunteered at the Hospital of Saint Raphael, enjoyed going to the Clelian Adult Day Center and was an avid reader. Mother of Donna Voytek (Philip), Vincent A. Pacileo III (Laura) and Paul Pacileo (Anne). Grandmother of Adrienne & Stephanie Voytek, Vincent A. Pacileo IV, Christopher Pacileo, Erin Fredette (Colin), Catherine and Natalie Pacileo. Great-Grandmother of Zachary Fredette. Sister of Louise Stephens, Anthony Pellegrino (Gloria) and the late Josephine Tiroletto, Helen Brown, Elizabeth Ernandez and Louis Pellegrino.

Her funeral procession will leave the North Haven Funeral Home, 36 Washington Avenue Wednesday morning at 9:30. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in St. Frances Cabrini Church at 10:00. Entombment will follow in the All Saints Mausoleum. The visiting hours will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 pm. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Clelian Adult Day Center, 261 Benham Street, Hamden, Connecticut 06514. www.northhavenfuneral.com



Eugene Earl Yohn, 69

Lifetime Alamosa resident Eugene Earl Yohn, 69, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on February 11, 2018 at the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center in Alamosa.

Eugene was born in Alamosa on April 27, 1948 the loving son to Junior E. Yohn and Marjorie G. Nelson Yohn.

He proudly and honorably served in the United States Army during Vietnam as an Infantry Soldier and re-entered later serving another term as an Aircraft Mechanic. Following his time in the military he returned to Alamosa.

Eugene loved spending time with his grandchildren and was very proud of every one of them.

He is survived by his children Richard Yohn, April Goode and Clifford Yohn; his four grandchildren; four brothers and two sisters and a host of extended family and friends.

Eugene is preceded in death by his father.

Family and friends are welcome at a visitation Friday morning, February 16, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa. A Private Graveside Service with military honors will be held at a later date in the Alamosa Cemetery.

Rogers Family Mortuary of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, tributes or remarks for Eugene, family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com



Marilyn A. Beiriger, 64

Marilyn A. Beiriger, 64, of Durango, CO passed away on February 2, 2018. She was born in Walden, CO on July 13, 1953, to Curt Jones and Opal Merle Babcock.

Marilyn is survived by her brother Bill (Shelia) Jones of Kremmling, CO. Her children Edward (Vicky) Beiriger of Billing MT; Brandi (Paul) Vladyka of Del Norte, CO; Crystal Beiriger of Bayfield, CO; Jennifer (Travis) Kemery of Center, CO; and 8 grandchildren.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her husband Gary Beiriger; her parents Elmer Curtis Jones and Opal Babcock; and her sister.

Marilyn loved bowling but most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Strohmayer Chapel 205 South Broadway in Monte Vista, CO 81144.

Arrangements are in care of Strohmayer Funeral Home.



SAN LUIS VALLEY FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 50°, humidity of 32%. South southwest wind 6 to 13 mph.

Tonight: Expect partly cloudy skies with an overnight low of 18°. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tomorrow: Skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 51°, humidity of 29%. South southwest wind 9 to 19 mph.

SAN LUIS VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly Cloudy Precip Chance: 20% 44 / 10	Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 10% 39 / 6	Mostly Sunny Precip Chance: 5% 47 / 12	Sunny Precip Chance: 5% 50 / 14	Cloudy Precip Chance: 20% 46 / 11

REGIONAL FORECAST MAP

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Temperature

Yesterday's High 43
Yesterday's Low 10
Avg. High / Low 41 / 7
Record High 59 in 1990
Record Low -33 in 1948

Precipitation

Yesterday's 0.00"
Month to Date 0.21"
Avg. Month to Date 0.10"
Year to Date 0.29"
Avg. Year to Date 0.36"

Sun and Moon

Today 6:54 a.m. 5:40 p.m.
Wednesday 6:53 a.m. 5:41 p.m.
Thursday 6:52 a.m. 5:43 p.m.

Snowpack Information

River Basin	Arkansas	Colorado	Gunnison	North Platte	Yampa	Animas, Dolores, San Juan, San Miguel
	61% of Normal	82% of Normal	51% of Normal	87% of Normal	74% of Normal	36% of Normal

Upper Rio Grande River Basin

Cumbres Pass	38% of Normal
Medano Pass	19% of Normal
Rio Grande Res.	18% of Normal
Stunner Pass	n/a
Trinchera	48% of Normal
Weminuche Pass	n/a
Wolf Creek Pass	40% of Normal

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Arthur T. Valdez, 83

Born December 24, 1934, Del Norte, Colorado to Jose Isaac and Aurelia Maria DuPont Valdez. Married to Angelina Archuleta Valdez for 49 1/2 years. One son, Alan Arthur and wife Denay Valdez. Two grandsons, Arthur John and Austin Alan of Parker, Colorado. Siblings: Jake (Bernie) Valdez of Lakewood, CO. Delma Abeyta of Del Norte, CO. Gilbert (Joanne) Valdez of Cheyenne, WY. Ernestine Garcia of Espanola, New Mexico. Ernest (Mary Alice) Valdez of Thornton, CO. Special Aunt Rosie Lucero of Pueblo, CO, special uncle Jose Martinez of Del Norte, CO. Arthur is preceded by his parents and Brother, Tim Valdez.

After graduating from Adams State, he enlisted into The US Army where he served for 2 years in Korea. Arthur was a member of The Knights of Columbus since a young man. He received his 4th Degree while living in St. Augustine FL and currently is a member of Rio



Grande Assembly #2092 and Council #2688 in Del Norte, CO. Arthur was a youth counselor for Colorado State School for Boys and YMCA. Arthur was the Executive Director of Northern Colorado consortium dealing with the neighborhood youth core, which included working with the youth on employment and training through Cities and Schools. He was an active member with many churches in Denver, Florida and Del Norte. After retiring he dedicated his life to being a wonderful son, husband, father, brother, uncle, friend and being Papa Turtle. Arthur was a great Papa to his two boys. He would take them to school and loved to watch them play basketball. Arthur and AJ were the dynamic duo "Batman and Robin" for the past 15 years.



Rodney Leonard Jiron, 58

Rodney Jiron 58 years old passed away on January 12, 2018 in Denver Colorado under hospice care. He was born December 20, 1959 to Armando and Estephanita Jiron. Rodney grew up in Monte Vista, attended Monte Vista schools, graduated from Monte Vista High School in 1978. Rodney enjoyed playing basketball and baseball in school and out of school, playing with the town teams. He also enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting and great BBQ'S with all his family, and of course we can't forget the love he had for those Broncos.

Rodney is survived by his children, Jeremy Jiron, Uriah Jiron, Danielle (Santana) Jiron, Matthew (Jennai) Jiron, Roxlynn Aragon, Ruby Malouff, Kristijan Malouff, Nicole Malouff and Felisha Maes. He is also survived by 8 grandsons and 9 granddaughters, 3 brothers, Leroy (Joan) Jiron, Henry (Bernice) Jiron and Kenny Jiron, also 5 sisters, Jennie (Ernest) Samora, Tina (Art) Medina, Darlene Padilla, Jeannie (Eugene) Atencio and Karen Jiron.

Rodney is preceded in death by his father, Armando Jiron, mother, Estephanita Jiron, 2 brothers, Frank Jiron, Filimon Jiron and several other family members.

A Rosary will be held on February 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at ST. Joseph Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be held February 17, 2018 at ST. Joseph Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m., burial to follow.



Rockard E. Finley Jr., 88

Rockard E. Finley Jr., 88, of Monte Vista, CO passed away on February 4, 2018. He was born on January 4, 1930 in De Monies, New Mexico to Rockard E. Finley and Thelma Louise Sutley.

He is survived by his loving wife Lavada Finley of Monte Vista, CO; his son Reno (Marylou) Finley of Colorado Springs, CO; Daughter Roxi Finley (Gary), "Skip," Dearing of Monte Vista, CO; 2 grandchildren Tia & Christopher; 2 great-grandchildren; 4 step-children; 5 step-grandchildren; 3 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Rockard Sr. and Thelma (Sutley) Finley and his sister.

Rockard enjoyed outdoor activities; fishing and hunting. He served in the U.S Army, was a member of Masonic Lodge, Elks, American legion and was a workaholic.

Memorial Service will be held February 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Strohmayer Chapel in Monte Vista, Co 81144.



School Menu

Tuesday
Feb. 13, 2018

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Stella Aragon, 94

La Jara resident Stella Aragon, 94, passed away February 9, 2018. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Antonito.

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WATER

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He made a site visit to the area in October of 2016 to see the Arroya/Diamond Springs area and the parcels irrigated by 2 J Ranches, his clients in this case and one of the remaining objectors to the rules at the beginning of the trial. Sullivan otherwise relied on data derived from reports, studies and data from the Colorado Division

of Water Resources, primarily from Districts 21 and 22 in the Rio Grande Basin in the vicinity of the Arroya Springs area, which is in a topographic low for the whole region, he explained. Sullivan referred to the increase in large capacity irrigation wells, with 700-750 confined aquifer wells installed between 1940 and 1969 and 2,100 unconfined aquifer wells installed during that same time period. He said although farmers used wells for irrigation

out of necessity, they also used them for convenience — “water is there at a flip of the switch.” He testified to reduced flows from springs such as Arroya as a result of increased pumping and said resursecting flows at the spring could occur through additional recharge or reduced pumping. Testimony is still anticipated from farmers in the Arroya Springs area as well as rebuttal testimony from the state’s witnesses.



Courier photo by Ruth Heide
Expert witness Gregory Sullivan, right, confers with 2 J Group’s attorney Kendall Burge-meister during the groundwater rules trial on Monday. Sullivan remains on the stand this morning.

Dr. Hart joins community band

ALAMOSA — Dr. Kerry Hart has assumed the conducting responsibilities for the San Luis Valley Community Band. “There are some very outstanding musicians in the SLV Community Band,” Hart said. “It is an honor for me to be asked to serve as the conductor of this group.” Hart replaces Mark Garberich, who is the current director of bands at Alamosa middle and high school. “Students in the Alamosa School District are fortunate to have Dr. Garberich as their instructor,” Hart said. He added, that “Garberich is a phenomenal musician and an excellent conductor. I enjoyed playing under his leadership as a community band member and he has left some very big shoes to fill as conductor of this group.”

Conducting and the San Luis Valley are not new to Hart, who spent 26 years teaching music — including 10 years at Adams State University in the 1990s. He received his bachelor’s degree in music education from Metropolitan State College in Denver, and then both his master’s and doctoral degrees in music from the University of Northern Colorado. Hart also did additional graduate work in music at Indiana University, the Eastman School of Music, the University of North Texas, and the University of Colorado. He also studied conducting with the world-renowned conductor, Antonia Brico. After leaving Adams State University in 2000, Hart spent 17 years in college administration. “As a fac-



Courtesy photo
Dr. Kerry Hart

ulty member, I dabbled in administration and when I went into administration, I dabbled in music,” Hart said. Hart served as President of Morgan Community College in Fort Morgan, Colo. from 2008—2017. His last music “dabbling” was a research project about the famous WWII Band Leader, Glenn Miller, who went to high school in Fort Morgan. The research became the basis for a documentary, “Glenn Miller, the Birthplace of His Music,” broadcast on PBS in December 2016. Hart served as both executive director and music supervisor for the documentary. Additionally, Hart will be teaching music on an adjunct basis at the Trinidad State Junior College Valley Campus. The SLV Community Band is open to and welcomes all who have experience playing in band. Contact Dr. Hart at 719-587-3342 or by email at 1kerryhart19@gmail.com. Another contact is Terrie Webb at 303-246-2004 or by email at terrie13@gmail.

Commissioners approve pot moratorium

STAFF REPORT
SAGUACHE — After months of discussion, Saguache County Commissioners approved a 120-day moratorium on the approval of new marijuana applications until the current regulations governing how the applications are processed can be reviewed. Prior to approving the moratorium, commissioners also approved a measure that allows an additional 11 grow operations to continue their application process, which eventually will bring the total number of grows in the county to 40. Citizen comment was not allowed at the meeting. The grow application for Mammoth Farms came before the board prior to the moratorium discussion but was postponed, until the owner “gets his paperwork right.” The application will be reviewed at the Feb. 20 meeting. Commissioner Jason Anderson said he heard two themes at the public meeting — things were moving too fast with land use so pausing would be a good thing and no one wants to punish the people who are doing it right. “How do we find the balance in between?” he asked. Commissioner Ken Anderson said something definitely needs to be done with law enforcement and the illegal grows. J. Anderson said those growing legally are suffering from guilt by association

because of the illegal grows. K. Anderson suggested that a bond needs to be issued for cultivation clean-up by growers to cover costs in the event the grow goes out of business. J. Anderson asked that the start date for the moratorium be extended from the meeting date to Feb. 15. “We need to give folks who’ve invested a little more room,” he suggested. “We have tied our process to the state and [if we] abandon the state process now, that’s not equitable.” “We have good regulations; we just need to tighten them up,” Land Use Administrator/County Co-Administrator Wendi Maez replied. “We’re not stopping them from applying.” County Attorney Ben Gibbons corrected Maez, noting that a moratorium means the county “is not accepting [marijuana-related] applications during that time, period.” Commissioner Tim Lovato recommended the moratorium be in place 120 days, allowing those who have already applied to continue the process. Attorney Ben Gibbons reminded commissioners the moratorium could always be extended. While no discussion took place on February 6 regarding what body would decide how the regulations will be adapted to current circumstances, commissioners had indicated earlier that the possibility of a task force was not off the table.

Wind means Colorado's Mikaela Shiffrin starts with slalom Thursday

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Sports Writer
PYEONG CHANG, South Korea (AP) — Mikaela Shiffrin's pursuit of gold at the Pyeongchang Olympics will start on a different day than everyone expected — and in a different event, the slalom, which is her forte.

Of course, that's assuming they ever get around to doing any racing at all in Alpine skiing. Each of the first two contests were postponed because of dangerous winds that exceeded 25 mph (40 kph) and the forecast predicts more of the same on Tuesday and Wednesday. “I am pretty sure,” men's race director Markus Waldner said with a wry smile Monday, “that soon, we will have a race.” The latest schedule change came Monday, when the temperature was 5 degrees (minus-15 Celsius) and the women's giant slalom was shelved less than three hours before it was supposed to start. That followed Sunday's postponement of the men's downhill. Now both of those races will be held Thursday, but on different hills, and Waldner said the weather should cooperate by then. The women will compete at the Yongpyong Alpine Center used for technical races, and the men will be about 30 miles (50 kilometers) away at the Jeongseon Alpine Center used for speed races. The men's super-G, originally set for Thursday, has been switched to Friday. Waldner pointed out that he needs to figure out a way to get three men's races — the combined, downhill and super-G — completed by Friday, because there is only one hotel right by the course, and male skiers need to move out to make way for their female counterparts, whose speed events are supposed to begin Saturday. “Now,” Waldner said, “it's getting tight.” The giant slalom would have been Shiffrin's much-anticipated debut at these Winter Games. Instead, she will begin on Wednesday — weather permitting, of course — in the slalom, a race she has dominated for five years, and then ski again the next day. That is something to which she is accustomed: World Cup races frequently are

held on consecutive days, and twice this season she went three days in a row. Shiffrin is the defending champion in the slalom and will be trying to become the first man or woman to win that Olympic gold twice in a row; she also has claimed three consecutive world titles. The 22-year-old American is expected to be one of the superstars of the next two weeks, considered a medal favorite in slalom and giant slalom, a strong contender in the combined and a possible entrant in the other two women's individual races, the downhill and super-G. For now, though, she must wait to get in a starting gate, along with all the other Alpine skiers. “It's a bummer that we're not able to race today,” Shiffrin said. “But with the training block I've had, I'm prepared and feeling good. I'll use this time to continue to train and refocus on Wednesday's slalom race. We have a great gym and space to eat and take plenty of naps, so I'll use this time to recharge.” It is unusual, but hardly unprecedented, for men and women to have races pushed onto the same day at a major competition because of bad weather. Men and women shared race days at the 2006 Turin Olympics and 1998 Nagano Olympics, for example. At last year's world championships in St. Moritz, Switzerland, the two downhills were back-to-back on the same hill. All of the shifting means that they will try to open the 11-race Alpine program Tues-

day at the Jeongseon hill with the men's combined, which adds times from one downhill run in the morning and one slalom run in the afternoon. Because wind could again present problems, Waldner said, three of the downhill's four jumps were adjusted so skiers wouldn't fly as high in the air. Plus, all sorts of contingency plans have been considered. They could reduce the length of the downhill by about 20 seconds and shorten the slalom by 10 gates. Another possibility would be to delay the start of the downhill in hopes of calmer conditions and push the slalom back three hours so it would be run under the lights at 6 p.m. local time (4 a.m. ET).

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Opinion

Pike’s suffering men

Considering the ordeals that Lieutenant Zebulon Pike’s Southwest Expedition endured, it seems important to say more about the personnel who suffered terribly during the events. Besides the leader, the party (if you can call it a “party”), there was the civilian surgeon Robinson, whom I said a little about last week; a civilian interpreter named Baroney; a sergeant Ballenger; and 12 privates, if I have my count correct. Names such as Miller, Brown, Sparks, Dunbar, Freeman, and Mountjoy get mentioned here and there in the account.

Rabbitbrush Rambler



Virginia Simmons

When they started, in addition to Pike’s own larger mounted contingent, there also was another group under Governor/General James Wilkinson’s son, making a total of 23 when they started in July 1806. At first, activities consisted of returning Indian captives to their tribes in the Missouri area, meeting in counsels, often hunting buffalo and once chasing wild horses for fun, and coping with too much rain. Moving west up the Arkansas River, they split in late October, with the Wilkerson group returning to St. Louis and Pike’s group heading farther westward, where they often were following Spanish traces. As November wore on – much too late to be heading toward mountains under any circumstances, footgear already was needing repair.

Duties were mainly hunting and camp routines and a few encounters with Indians, friendly and unfriendly. At one point when horses strayed, three or four men had to try to recapture them and slept without shelter, food, or companions overnight.

By November 23, they had reached the site of Pueblo, CO, where temperature was bitterly cold for ill-clothed humans. Even Pike was just wearing cotton overalls. But they stopped, while Pike, Robinson, and two privates (Miller and Brown) made their famous four-day, unsuccessful junket to climb Pike’s Peak, while the others built a log structure, five feet high, and hunted.

Then it began to snow. The river had ice in it as they continued on west, and two men were frozen in the fording before they had reached Cañon City’s site. Still not considering going back down the Arkansas, Pike instead commiserated in his journal about the “poor fellows,” the “almost naked” men, the “suffering from cold” and pushed on.

After attempting to enter the icy Rocky Royal Gorge a little distance, they gave up and headed northward into South Park and then down Trout Creek to the Arkansas, which Pike mistakenly thought was the Red River in a fantastic miscalculation. Weather was stormy, Pike said, but the sun was shining when, on a side trip northward, he said he could see 35 miles upriver.

Hunting involved many, often unsuccessfully, but Sparks killed four buffalo, so they took Christmas Day off, north of today’s Salida, and attempted to dry some meat, and used some of the raw meat to fashion a kind of footwear. By then, blankets had been cut up to make something to wear on some of their feet, so men were sleeping on snow and wet ground.

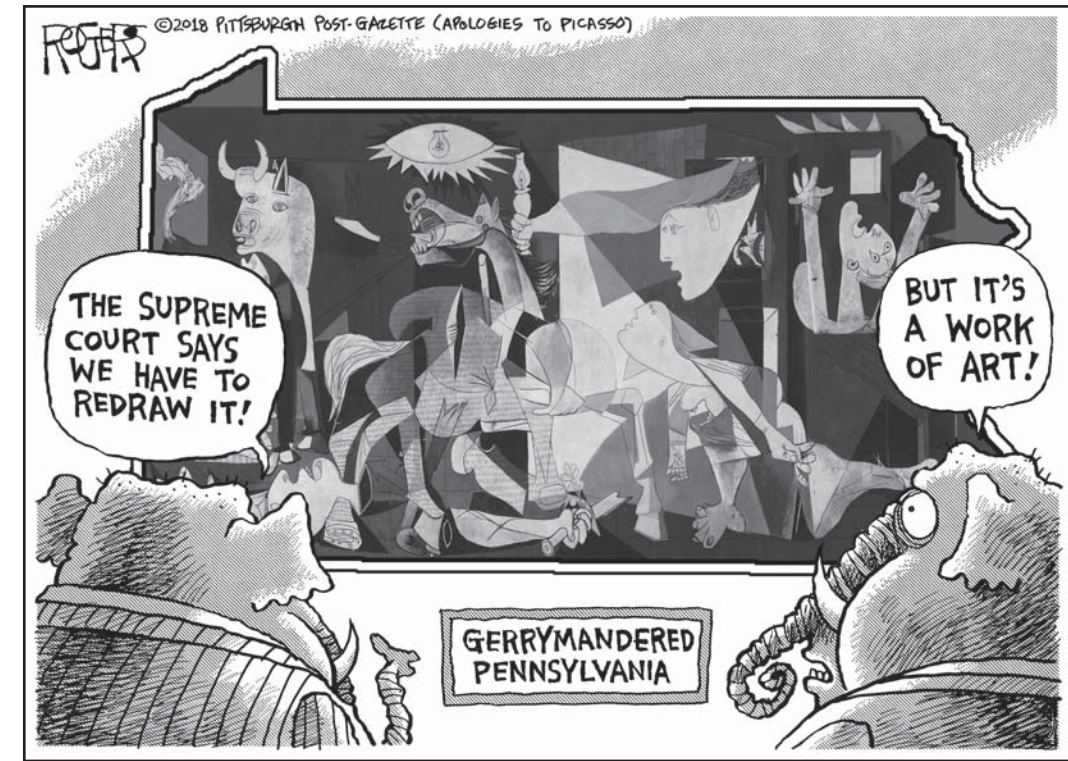
Next came the Royal Gorge, still being thought to be the Red River. They made some eight sleds to carry baggage, but in the rocks and ice, some horses and gear were damaged and destroyed before they climbed up to the higher ground on the north side. By then, some were reduced to eating boiled deer skin.

And then they descended to find them back at their former Cañon City site on the Arkansas, to Pike’s mortification. But did Pike just surrender then and head east down the Arkansas? No.
(To be continued.)

ANDREWS MCMEEL ALMANAC
Today is the 44th day of 2018 and the 55th day of winter.

TODAY’S HISTORY: In 1542, Catherine Howard, fifth wife of King Henry VIII, was executed on grounds of treason for committing adultery.
In 1945, Allied aircraft began bombing the German city of Dresden.
In 1960, France successfully detonated its first atomic bomb.
In 2000, the last of Charles Schulz’s original “Peanuts” comic strips ran in Sunday papers, one day after the cartoonist’s death.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS: Grant Wood (1891-1942), artist; Tennessee Ernie Ford (1919-1991), singer/actor; Chuck Yeager (1923-), aviator; Kim Novak (1933-), actress; Stockard Channing (1944-), actress; Jerry Springer (1944-), TV personality; Mike Krzyzewski (1947-), basketball coach; Peter Gabriel (1950-), singer-songwriter; Henry Rollins (1961-), singer-songwriter; Neal McDonough (1966-), actor; Randy Moss (1977-), football player; Mena Suvari (1979-), actress.



Common core standards

Remember “Common Core”? That term first appeared in 2010. It referred, at that time, to the controversial Math and English Language Arts Standards that Colorado, along with 41 other states, adopted for the K-12 grades. Is common core working in Colorado and are we ready to accept new nationally created science standards to align with them? Just how common are Colorado K-12 students?

Colorado state law requires a review and revision of the Colorado Academic Standards every six years with the first review to be completed by July 2018. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE), along with input from a committee of teachers, subject experts, and interested citizens, is reviewing and making recommendations. The State Board of Education (SBE) will vote on the revisions.

At the January SBE board meeting we heard from committee representatives who

reported on the work progress in areas of music, science, social studies, reading, writing and communication. Recommendations included minor changes to the existing

Colorado Standards. However, in the field of science, committee members suggested that we revise the current Colorado standards in favor of the new “Next Generation Science Standards” (NGSS). These nationally created standards are a sequel to the Common Core Standards in Math, and English Language Arts, and are being considered as replacements for Colorado’s current science standards. The creators of NGSS assert that there is a need for a new “conceptual framework” which will align with Common Core Math and English Language Arts.

Currently, there are no assessments to test against these new standards so teachers and states will have to adopt new curriculum materials and tests to incorporate the new NGSS standards. There will, of course, be

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Across the Street



By Joyce Rankin

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Join us for in-depth Winter Olympic coverage live from... uh, Oregon

Every two years I try to convince my publisher to send me to the Olympics. The closest I’ve come was during the winter Olympics in Utah, when I was offered gas money, thermal underwear and a set of binoculars for watching the events “from a great spot on the third floor of a car garage not far from the Olympic Pavilion — or thereabouts.” This year is no different. Especially when you consider the games are taking place in South Korea, which means there’s no way I’m going to see anything from any car garage in Utah.

However, it doesn’t mean we won’t be offering you the same in-depth coverage as the larger media outlets. It’s just that ours won’t include any photographs, scores, statistics, biographies or interviews with Olympians, unless you count Buddy, our vending machine repair guy, who won the Brickerville High School “Donkey Basketball Olympics” in 1987.

(To be honest, that interview is still sketchy. The last time I asked Buddy about “riding a donkey for the gold” he threw a Diet Sprite at me.)

While it’s true we won’t have anyone at the actual Olympic Games again this year, it doesn’t mean we weren’t able to come up with something just as exciting and informative,

especially when you compare it to, say...

Staring at a grapefruit.

Keeping that in mind, I’m proud to announce an in-depth look at all 15 Winter Olympic events in a special three-part series we’re calling:

Fifteen Reasons to be a Summer Olympian
We will begin with The Slalom: First introduced by Germany in 1936, this event combines the speed and skill of downhill skiing with the bravery one attains from consuming large quantities of German beer. Athletes launch themselves down slopes and attain speeds of up to 120 km per hour (approximately the speed of sound) while navigating around flags, moguls, photographers, journalists, border patrols, assorted swimmers and cabana boys before crossing the finish line somewhere in Peru. Events also include the “Super-G,” which combines the thrill of slalom with the danger of being rap artist on skis.

Next, an event dating back to 1932 when a Swedish marksman was driven into a snow bank by a hot-dogging American skier, The Biathlon combines cross-country skiing and long-range target shooting. Endurance is the key factor as competitors race around long loops of varying lengths, stopping only occasionally to shoot at targets

until, eventually, firing five shots from a seated position inside of a portable commode.

Since 1924 The Bobsleigh has been thrilling Olympic spectators with its combination of speed, technique and general lack of a steering mechanism. In both the two-man and four-man events, each athlete has a specific purpose. This begins by getting the sleigh off to as fast a start as possible before piling inside the chassis, where athletes contribute individually by grabbing their ankles and saying the Rosary. Once they cross the finish line, the brakeman goes to work by pulling on a handle that, for all intents and purposes, does absolutely nothing.

There you have it, our first installment of pre-Winter Olympic coverage. Join us next week for a look at Curling, Figure Skating, and several other exciting events, none of which can be seen from Oregon.

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LETTERS

Rink is dream come true

Dear Alamosa city and county officials,
The new Multi-Purpose Pavilion/Ice Rink is a dream come true! The facility is perfect, the staff are congenial and competent, the vista to the east of the Sangre de Cristos is beautiful, and the ice is as luscious as a chocolate truffle.

As I was donning my skates the other day at the rink, a little boy came skittering by on the ice near the spectators’ benches. I asked him how the ice was. He retorted with, “Slippery! When you fall, you have to be careful of that bone, right there. That can hurt.” (pointing to his hip). The profound wisdom of a child...

So, with that prudent warning, I am enjoying every chance I get to be out there on the ice. On Saturday afternoon, I bet there were 100 of us learning how to skate or to improve our skills--working on “crossovers”, pushing off with one foot and skating on the other, doing figure 8s, and circling around to go backwards among other things. But best of all, everyone was having a great time getting some exercise and spending time with family and friends.

Thanks a million for your work on making this facility a reality for our community. It is a kick.

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SdCNHA awards scholarships to local students

VALLEY — The SdCNHA is proud to provide an annual scholarship to students who participated in the District History Fair, part of the National History Day Competition. Eligible student projects must be based on a theme involving local history, culture, or traditions within the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area. The SdCNHA is proud to award \$4,000 in scholarships this year to 10 local middle and high school students. The event was hosted by the Adams State University Department of History, Anthropology, Philosophy, Political Science, and Spanish (HAPPSS). This year's theme was "Conflict and Compromise in History."

"This year's round of annual district History Day submissions demonstrated the broad array of historical topics that arise from the study of the San Luis Valley's rich heritage. Participants rose to the occasion with a presentation of several well-researched and thoughtful projects. The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area Board of Directors was proud to support this event as an investment in developing the next generation of our region's heritage stewards," said Nick Saenz, board president.

William Lipke from St. Peter's Lutheran School, received \$1,000 for his outstanding presentation of Chief Ouray: A Life of Conflict and Compromise. "I chose Chief Ouray to be my topic because he intrigued me. Instead of fighting, Ouray worked for peace even though he was a war chief and fierce fighter in his tribe. He only wanted to help his people save their land." William wrote a script that showed the conflict and compromise Ouray experienced and presented his play in full costume. His play gave life and history of the Ute tribes, peace treaties, manifest destiny, gold in the San Juans, and the Meeker

Massacre. He conducted his research by going to the Alamosa Public Library, reading books, looking at reliable websites and even spoke with a relative of Chief Ouray, Dr. Tiller. "My project relates to the theme because Ouray had many conflicts within his tribe and with the U.S. Government. However, he fought to find the best compromise to every situation. He is an example for all of us and for our country today." Lipke will go on to present at the state competition in Denver.

Eric Lorenz, from Del Norte High School, wrote a paper on The Conflict and the Compromises of the Rio Grande River Compact and was awarded \$600. "The Rio Grande River Compact was established in 1938 to make sure that Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas were sharing the Rio Grande's water fairly. For many years there had been much conflict about who should use the water and also how it should be used. It was made to make sure that one state was not taking more water than it was supposed to." Water from the Rio Grande is important to sustaining all of these areas because of the arid climates. His paper highlights the continuing dispute between these states over water from 1966-1968 and the current case of "The State of Texas v. the State of New Mexico and the State of Colorado" that has yet to be ruled on by the Supreme Court. (It should be noted that Colorado is not being sued in this case but their name appears in the title because Colorado is upstream from New Mexico.)

Jazmine Palacios, Luz Garcia, Andrea Rodriguez and Jaqueline Palacios from Alamosa high school each received \$400 for their captivating presentation on Chicano Rights: Conflict and Compromise in the San Luis Valley. They covered information on Latino heritage, Span-

ish settlements in the SLV, discrimination of speaking Spanish, SPMDTU, activism protests, how discrimination in schools is decreasing for the next generations. This project will also go on to present at the state competition in Denver. The students addressed past oppressions to Hispanics and connected them to current issues. They also touched on the various ways in which the Hispanic community has addressed these issues over the years. The girls spoke about the Chicano movement, the SPMDTU, ASU's C.A.S.A., and ASU's CAMP program.

Anthony Garcia, Angel Rubio-Mix and Cloe White from Sangre de Cristo school district, each received \$250 for their wonderful visual exhibit of Billy Adams and the Compromise that Saved ASU. The conflict in this project is the Ku Klux Klan wanted to stop the bill that William Herbert Adams was trying to pass to get funds to build Adams State College. Billy Adams was able to get them to agree to back off and pass this bill and ASC was built in 1921.

Monte Huffaker from Centauri Middle School was also awarded \$150 for his exhibit on Cattle in Colorado. Monte's exhibit illustrated how cattle came to Colorado and the struggle to raise cattle. Monte touches on diseases ranchers had to contend with, as well as the sheep and cattle wars.

Tori Martinez, executive director of the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, stated, "We are so proud of all the students who chose to focus their projects on local history. Their work encourages others to do the same for next year's history fair. They did a great job of educating locals on the importance of learning about their own culture, and the history of where they live."

For more information about Scholarships and Grants visit the website at www.sdcnha.org



Courtesy photos
Tori Martinez, executive director of the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, far right, presents \$400 scholarships to Alamosa High School students for their presentation on "Chicano Rights: Conflict and Compromise in the San Luis Valley."

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Tori Martinez, executive director of the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, center, and Dr. Nick Saenz, Adams State University, right, congratulate William Lipke from St. Peter's Lutheran School for earning \$1,000 for his presentation of "Chief Ouray: A Life of Conflict and Compromise."

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With Regional Tournaments over, the sights rest on state

Nine San Luis Valley teams will be represented at the Pepsi Center

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Courier Sports Editor

SAN LUIS VALLEY—Over the weekend, state placements for teams from all over the valley wrapped up with the regional wrestling tournaments. Alamosa will enter state with a splash as regional champions.

With a score of 251 Alamosa beat out rival Pagosa Springs by 33 points to take first place at their host tournament and become Regional Champions. Davion Chavez, Elijah DeLaCerde and Joe Chavez topped podiums for the Moose. Reis Martinez, Zendon Bernal and Preston Duran added team points each making it to championship matches to take home silver. While Tyler Kenison, Kolton Hillis, Ben Vance, and Logan Thompson all added third place finishes for the Moose.

Colton Liddell finalized the state placements with a fourth place finish. Kenison, Martinez and Duran will be sharing brackets with undefeated wrestlers this weekend. Alamosa will be sending eleven wrestlers to state.

Centauri and Monte Vista made trips Pueblo for their regional tournament where the Falcons took third and Monte Vista placed



Photo courtesy of Aaron Parrill

Alamosa's Wrestling team poses with their Regional Championship Plaque after winning their home tournament. The Mean Moose will send 11 wrestlers to Denver for the Colorado State Wrestling Championship Tournament.

Five wrestlers at the state championship tournament will represent Centauri. Shawcroft will be in the same weight class as undefeated wrestler Jaziah Whaley at the Pepsi Center.

For Monte Vista it was Jacob Chavez, Chavez placed second at the 160 pound weight class. Tyler Vigil and Cedric Perea each added third place finishes for the Pirates while Zach Hindes rounded out the bunch with a fourth place finish. Monte Vista will send all four wrestlers to state.

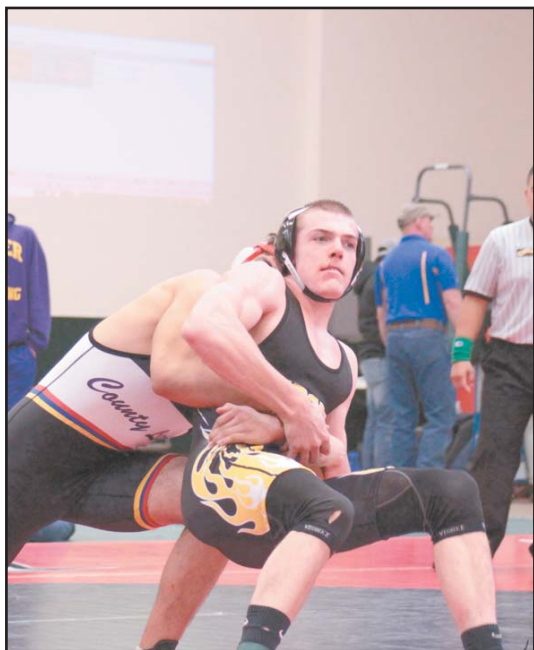
Down in Sanford the Indians played host to the final tournament that housed valley based teams. Del Norte placed fifth at Sanford with 98.5 points. Of the 2A teams, they will send the most wrestlers with four. The Tigers got a podium topping performance from Cobie Black who finished first at 120 pounds. Behind Black were Brett Benevides and Dilan Salter who each took third; and Preston Terrell who took fourth. Salter will have an opportunity possibly to avenge his regional loss to undefeated Dahlton McGhee at state.

Sierra Grande/Centennial placed seventh at regionals with a score of 72.5. Their top placer was Richard Atencio who took second place. Accompanying Atencio to state will be team mates Alejandro Velasquez and Isais Minchaca who each took fourth place at regionals.

Center will also be sending three wrestlers to state and earned a 52 point team score to take 10th at the regional tournament. For Center Mario Chavez got a third place finish and will be joined at state by Juanito Garcia and Cosme Cordova who each earned their placement with fourth place finishes on the podium.

Sanford will be represented in the Pepsi Center by Max Salazar and Gavyn Smith. Salazar took over the 106-pound weight class in his home tournament and earned first place, Smith took fourth.

Sargent and Mountain Valley each will send one wrestler to the 2A State Champi-



Courier photo by Stephen Jiron

Ethan Maxwell of Sargent works the problem while wrestling in the first place match in Sanford. Maxwell took second and will be the lone Farmer at the state tournament.

onship Tournament. The Farmers will send Ethan Maxwell who placed second in Sanford and the Indians will have Isiah Wellman donning the Mountain Valley red and black.

This weekend the action kicks off in Denver at the Pepsi Center with preliminaries on Thursday Feb. 15th. Semifinals take place on Thursday follow along at Trackwrestling.com.



Photo courtesy of Aaron Parrill

Alamosa's Joe Chavez contorts his opponent on Saturday afternoon. Chavez took first place at the regional tournament and will enter the state tournament ranked number one at 126 pounds.

10th. Centauri would get a strong showing from their top ranked wrestlers, Brandon Buhr took first place while Brian Shawcroft and Bennie Chacon added second places to the Centauri team total. The Falcons would receive another boost from the likes of Zach Martin and Weston Huffaker who each added third place finishes to the final team score.

No. 17 Stanford women beat Colorado

STANFORD, Calif. — Brittany McPhee had 25 points, on 9-of-14 shooting, and 12 rebounds to help No. 17 Stanford beat Colorado 62-53 on Sunday.

Stanford (18-8, 12-2 Pac-12) has won six in a row and nine of its last 10.

Kennedy Leonard and Annika Jank made back-to-back jumpers to give Colorado (12-13, 3-11) a two-point lead midway through the second quarter, but Stanford used an 18-2 run — scoring the final 12 points as the Buffaloes went scoreless for almost four minutes — to close the first half with a 35-21 lead. The

Cardinal scored 10 of the first 14 third-quarter points, including five by McPhee, to push the margin to 20.

Quinessa Caylao-Do had 16 points and Leonard scored 12 for Colorado.

The Buffs used a 10-2 spurt to trim their deficit to 56-44 late in the fourth quarter and Payton Carter's layup with eight seconds to play pulled them within single digits for the first time in the second half.

The Cardinal made 19 of their season-high 35 foul shots, while Colorado hit just 7-of-12 free throws.

Antonito wins clash of 1A titans



Photo courtesy of Vibrant Valley Photography

Antonito's Joslyn Garcia floats a lay-up inside the paint. With the win Antonito moves into second place in the 1A Southern Peaks league behind Sierra Grande.

Antonito 60, Sangre de Cristo 56

S. Cristo 18 12 12 14 -56
Antonito 17 11 19 13 -60

S. Cristo—Slane 8 5-6 23, Christensen 6 1-3 16, Rogers 3 1-2 7, Metz 2 3-4 8, Palmgren 0 2-2 2, Sinclair 0 0-2 0. 3-point goals: Slane 2, Christensen 2, Metz. Fouls: 17.

Antonito—Garcia 8 3-6 20, E.Tallman 8 3-7 19, Martinez 3 5-7 12, Diego 2 0-1 4, Romero 1 1-2 4. 3-Point Goals: Garcia 2, Romero, Martinez. Fouls: 18.

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ASU Basketball	
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Feb. 10	WSCU 60, ASU 81 (W) WSCU 87, ASU 98 (M)
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Feb. 6	Alamosa 75, Monte Vista 25 (G) Alamosa 55, Monte Vista 28 (B)
Feb. 8	Sanford 63, Center 22 (B) Sanford 64, Center 14 (G) Antonito 60, Aguilar 14 (G) Centauri 68, Monte Vista 31 (G) Monte Vista 60, Centauri 58 (B)
Feb. 9	Antonito 54, Moffat/Mountain Valley 44 (B) La Veta 42, Center 27 (G) DeBeque 57, Creede 43 (G) DeBeque 92, Creede 78 (B) Del Norte 68, Sargent 40 (G) Del Norte 49, Sargent 30 (B)
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Place Team Score	
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10. Center- 52	
11. Sanford- 37	
12. Sargent- 27	
13. Mountain Valley- 21	
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Place Team Score	
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Prep Basketball	
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Feb. 15	
5:30/7 p.m. Bayfield at Alamosa (G/B)	

Feb. 16
1 p.m. Moffat/Mountain Valley at Aguilar (G/B)
2/5 p.m. Custer County at Center (G/B)
3 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at Sierra Grande (G/B)
3 p.m. Creede at Centennial (G/B)
3 p.m. Antonito at Manzanola (G/B)
4 p.m. Sargent at Crested Butte (G/B)
5:30/7 p.m. Del Norte at Sanford (G/B)
Feb. 17
1 p.m. Sargent at Center (G/B)
1 p.m. Centennial at Moffat/Mountain Valley
2 p.m. Sanford at South Park (G/B)
3 p.m. La Veta at Sangre de Cristo (G/B)
3 p.m. Cheraw at Sierra Grande (G/B)
3:30/5 p.m. Del Norte at Crested Butte (G/B)
ASU Wrestling
Feb. 23-24
NCAA Regional Tourny
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Feb. 15-17
State Tournament (Alamosa, Centauri, Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Mountain Valley, Sanford, Sargent Sierra Grande/Centennial at Pepsi Center)

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Harlem Wizards

MONTE VISTA— The Harlem Wizards are coming to Monte Vista High School, Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. The evening promises to be a fun filled event that is great for kids and adults. Tickets for the event can be purchased before the event at the following locations: The Monte Vista High School, Monte Vista Middle School, Bill Metz Elementary, Marsh School and Absolute Shine Auto Body & Paint or online at www.harlemwizards.com from now until the day of the game at \$10 for adults \$ 8 for children. Tickets will also be available at the door day of. Cost will be \$12 for adults and \$10 children and will begin selling at the door at 6 p.m.



How fiber-rich foods protect against breast cancer

By Dr. JOEL FUHRMAN
VALLEY — Breast cancer - two words that strike fear in every woman. The good news is women can help lessen their risk. One important defense is to consume a high fiber diet. A 2011 meta-analysis of 10 scientific studies found that higher fiber intake is associated with lower risk of breast cancer. In 2012, another meta-analysis of 16 studies came to the same conclusion. In the Nurses' Health Study, higher fiber intake during childhood and adolescence was linked to a decrease in the risk of breast cancer in adulthood.

Given that animal products, refined grains, sugars and oils contain little or no fiber, fiber intake is a marker for greater intake of natural plant foods, many of which are known to have a variety of anti-cancer phytochemicals. Some breast cancer protective substances that have already been discovered include isothiocyanates from cruciferous vegetables, organosulfur compounds from onions and garlic, aromatase inhibitors from mushrooms, flavonoids from berries, lignans from flax, chia and sesame seeds, and inositol pentakisphosphate (an angiogenesis inhibitor) from beans. High-fiber foods help to slow emptying of the stomach and absorption of sugars, which decreases the after-meal elevation in glucose. This is meaningful because elevated glucose levels lead to elevated insulin levels, which can send pro-cancer growth signals throughout the body, for example via insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1). As such, high dietary glycemic index and glycemic load (characteristic of refined grains and processed foods) are associated with an increase in breast cancer risk. Accordingly, a study on Korean women found that higher white rice intake was associated with higher breast cancer risk. Increased exposure to estrogen is known to increase breast cancer risk. A woman may be exposed to estrogen via her ovaries' own production, estrogen production by excess fat tissue, or environmental sources such as endocrine-disrupting chemicals (like BPA, a chemical added to many consumer products). Fiber can

reduce circulating estrogen levels, thereby reducing breast cancer risk, because it helps to remove excess estrogen from the body via the digestive tract. Fiber binds up estrogen in the digestive tract, accelerates its removal, and prevents it from being reabsorbed into the body. In addition, soluble fiber (as shown in studies using prunes and flaxseed) seems to alter estrogen metabolism so that a less dangerous form of estrogen is produced, whereas insoluble fiber (wheat bran) did not have the same effect. For this reason, beans, oats, chia seeds and flaxseeds may provide some extra protection due to their high soluble fiber content.

Although most people probably just associate whole grains with fiber, beans contain more fiber than whole grains, and vegetables and fruits (and some seeds) contain comparable amounts — here are a few examples:

- 1 cup cooked quinoa — 5 grams fiber
- 1 cup cooked brown rice — 4 grams fiber
- 1 cup cooked kidney beans — 11 grams fiber
- 1 cup cooked broccoli — 6 grams fiber
- 1 cup blueberries — 4 grams fiber
- 1 tablespoon chia seeds — 6 grams fiber

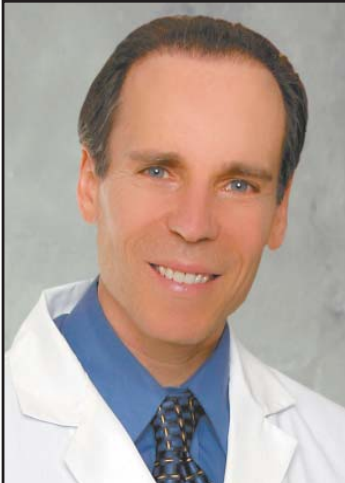
Fiber, by definition, is resistant to digestion in the human small intestine. This means that during the digestive process, fiber arrives at the large intestine still intact. Fiber takes up space in the stomach but does not provide absorbable calories, and it also slows the emptying of the stomach. These properties of fiber make meals more satiating, slow the rise in blood glucose after eating and promote weight loss. In the colon, fiber adds bulk and accelerates movement, factors that are beneficial for colon health. Soluble fiber (primarily from legumes and oats) is effective at removing cholesterol via the digestive tract, resulting in lower blood cholesterol levels. Some types of fiber are fermented by intestinal bacteria. The fermentation products, short-chain fatty acids (SCFA) such as butyrate and propionate, have anti-cancer effects in the colon and also serve as energy sources for

colonic cells. These SCFA are also thought to contribute to promoting insulin sensitivity and a healthy weight. Fermentable fiber also acts as a prebiotic in the colon, promoting the growth of beneficial bacteria. Fiber intake is associated with a multitude of health benefits, including healthy blood pressure levels and reduced risk of diabetes, heart disease and some cancers. Yes, fiber itself has some breast cancer-protective properties, like limiting glycemic effects of foods and assisting in estrogen removal, but we get optimal protection when we focus on foods that are both rich in fiber and rich in micronutrients and phytochemicals. G-BOMBS contain fiber

along with numerous anti-cancer phytochemicals, however, green (cruciferous) vegetables, mushrooms, flax and chia seeds in particular contain anti-estrogenic substances in addition to fiber, making them more effective breast cancer fighters than whole grains. Remember, beans are higher in fiber (and resistant starch) and lower in glycemic load than whole grains, making beans a better carbohydrate choice. A Nutritarian diet is designed to include a full portfolio of the most protective foods to prevent cancer and slow the aging process. Advances in nutritional science make winning the war against cancer a reality in our lifetime.

Learn how nutritional excellence can normalize unfavorable hormone levels and harness the body's ability to fight cancer, especially of the breast and prostate. Watch my video-on-demand lecture, How to Prevent Breast Cancer at DrFuhrman.com. Dr. Fuhrman is a #1 New York Times best-selling author and a board certified family physician specializing in lifestyle and nutritional medicine. The Eat To Live Cookbook offers over 200 unique disease-fighting delicious recipes and his newest book is Fast Food Genocide (a must-read for all Americans). Visit his informative website at DrFuhrman.com. Submit

your questions and comments about this column directly to newsquestions@drfuhrman.com.



Dr. Joel Fuhrman

Creede hosts annual Cabin Fever Daze, Boomtown

CREEDE—Have you ever wanted to see two performances of Creede Rep's Boomtown Improv Comedy in one weekend? Then this is your lucky weekend! On February 17th at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., as part of Creede's Cabin Fever Daze (see below), there will be Boomtown performances. Boomtown is one hour long, has one 5-minute intermission, and serves beer, wine, popcorn and other snacks. Tickets are only \$10 each, so come up to Creede and enjoy Boomtown!

Cabin Fever Daze is here and it's just as kooky, lively, and all-out fun as ever. Come enjoy a merriment-filled mountain weekend.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16th

- Community Center 5-6 p.m. "Be the Art" Preview
- Community Center 7-10 p.m. HBMG Foundation presents "Be the Art" Exhibition of Paintings and Big River Music presents Live Music from Chairman Pow & The Groomers

- \$10 cover plus cash bar

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17th

- Elks Lodge 8am Kundalini Yoga with Jo Johnson - \$10
- Ponds 9 a.m. Curling (weather permitting)
- Quiller Gallery 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Painting Exhibition
- Kips NOON Live Music
- Creede High School 1-3 p.m. Presentation - "Life, the Universe, and Everything"
- Main Street 2-4 p.m. Main Street Shopping Specials
- C. Waters Gallery 2-4 p.m. Cabin Painting
- VCMUF (Old Gym) 4-6:30 p.m. Kids Activities
- Ruth Theatre 5 p.m. Boomtown - early show - \$10
- Ruth Theatre 7 p.m. Boomtown - late show - \$10
- Tommyknockers 8 p.m. Live Music - The Funk Band

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18th

- Quiller Gallery 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Painting Exhibition
- Ruth Theatre NOON-5p.m. Lecture and Film Series - Free Lunch provided by Arp's (10 Steve Quiller, Bev Chapman, Riley Goss, John DiAntonio and Allie Quiller)

Lipke to perform in recital

SEWARD, Neb. — Concordia University, Nebraska will host a themed recital at 3 p.m. on Sunday Feb. 18 in the Recital Hall of the Music Center on campus. Nineteen students, including Miriam Lipke, a sophomore from Alamosa, will perform in the recital. The program comprises a variety of music written for vocals, piano, organ and brass.

recital is "Variations" and it's a neat opportunity for students to perform different works that all share a similar characteristic," said Dr. Elizabeth Grimpo, associate professor of music at Concordia. Lipke will be performing on the piano "When I Fall in Love" by Victor Young. Concordia University, Nebraska, is a fully accredited, coeducational university located in Seward, Nebraska.

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Valley News

Creede hosts annual ‘Creede Talks’

CREEDE — On the Sunday afternoon (February 18) of Creede’s “Cabin Fever Daze” the Creede Community Foundation will host a series of demonstrations, film and lectures from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre, with an optional \$10 lunch catered by Arp’s Restaurant of Creede.

Presentations will begin with a talk on plein air painting with Stephen Quiller. He will demonstrate how he packs and sets up when going into the high country, along with a short splashy “study” of a painting. A 30-minute film will be screened of Quiller painting one of the mines in the high country, one chapter of his newly published eight chapter DVD series on outdoor painting.

Next, Beverly Chapman, an Emmy award winning Kansas City TV news reporter now making film documentaries including “Big Burn,” chronicling the West Fork Complex Fire. She will show her new 14-minute film Soaring back: Message to the Future, about nesting bald eagles and about the delicate volunteers who act as midwives to the big birds.

Next, Creede’s own Riley Goss, film student at the Chicago Art Institute, has created and produced a six-minute film that will be presented at the event, the short story of a young man whose outlook on life is restored after he discovers a strange shop.

Allison Quiller, filmmaker and lover of Creede history, will separate fact from legend in her talk on Boomtown Creede. This program uses photographs and early newspaper clippings to show history from the earliest settlers in the area through the big boom of 1892, and discusses some of the most prominent figures who were key to the early history of Creede.

John DiAntonio takes his improv comedy skills and puts them in front of the camera. We’ll watch some of his infamous Cabin Fever Daze promotional clips from over the years, featuring some of Creede’s favorites: Caitlin Wise, Logan Ernsthall, and Graham Ward.

Creede Repertory Theatre’s Education Department collaborated with Allison Quiller and David Cohen to create a documentary of the production Albert Porter: Boy

Explorer for our Young Audience Outreach Tour program. Last year’s tour touched over 24,000 children in more than 60 communities in the rural Southwest. We will be showing the documentary followed by a talk-back with Education Director Johamy Morales and Film Director Allison Quiller.

Jessica Jackson and John DiAntonio will offer a sneak peek into Creede Repertory Theatre’s 53rd Season, featuring The Wizard of Oz, 9 to 5, Barefoot in the Park, Miss Holmes, Guadeloupe in the Guest Room, and much more. Each show features a strong female protagonist, a solid ensemble, and a mountain of heart in this family-friendly, larger than life season. Some of your favorite actors will be returning, and fresh new faces will join the ranks.

There will be an optional \$10 lunch at 12 p.m. The program is free of charge and everyone is invited. For lodging information and a complete list of events for Cabin Fever Daze Weekend go to: www.creedecommunityfoundation.org or call the Creede and Mineral County Chamber of Commerce 719-658-2374.



Courtesy photo

Creede will host demonstrations and lectures during “Creede Talks” on Sunday, Feb. 18.

Colorado Christian University brings jazz and symphonic bands to Alamosa

ALAMOSA—Music lovers have an opportunity to enjoy an evening of fine symphonic and jazz music on Wednesday, February 21st at 7 p.m. Living Water Bible Fellowship is sponsoring a free concert at Ortega Middle School, featuring the CCU Symphonic Band and “Mainstream” (big band jazz). Contact 719-589-6351 for more information.

The February 21st concert will feature a wide variety of music from classical to light popular to sophisticated jazz, with symphonic band standards performed by the Symphonic Band and toe-tappin’ jazz favorites by Mainstream. This event is a part of a six-day tour that takes these ensembles throughout Colorado.

According to Professor Mark Dorn, director of the

bands, this tour showcases the entire instrumental music department as well as some of CCU’s finest jazz students. “This concert represents the culmination of nearly two semesters of rehearsing, performing, and touring for our band and jazz students. Our ensembles are at their best, and we try to provide a widely varied, highly enjoyable performance for our audiences. There should be something for everyone. This is also a great opportunity for parents and prospective students to get better acquainted with CCU and our music program.”

Colorado Christian University (CCU) is an inter-denominational, evangelical Christian liberal arts university, fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Serving ap-

proximately 5,000 students, CCU offers undergraduate, adult, weekend, re-certification and graduate programs. As the only university in the Rocky Mountain region enjoying full membership in the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities, CCU offers students a quality education that is distinctively Christ-centered and biblically-based.

With a heritage beginning in 1914, the university now offers more than 30 programs of study through its six schools – Business and Leadership, Education, Music, Theology, Humanities and Sciences and Adult and Graduate Studies. Over 3,000 students attend classes annually at CCU locations throughout Colorado, including Lakewood, Grand Junction, Fort Collins and Colorado Springs.



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Colorado Christian University will present a free concert at Ortega Middle School on Wednesday, February 21.

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Public Notices

County Court
Conejos County, Colorado
Court Address
6683 County Rd. 13
PO BOX 128
Conejos, CO 81129
DATE FILED, January 18, 2018.
In the Matter of the Petition of:
Larry Leonard Lopez
Adult
COURT USE ONLY
Case Number:
2018C3
For a Change of Name to: L e o n a r d L. Lopez
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 Larry Leonard Lopez Be changed to Leonard L. Lopez By Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk No. 9934
Published in the Valley Courier on February 10, 13, and 14, 2018.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Alamosa City Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in Council Chambers at City Hall, 300 Hunt Ave. on Wednesday February 28, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter upon the request of San Luis Valley Assn. Management Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit to allow 24 hour walk in crisis services.
The applicants seek compliance with the City of Alamosa Unified Development Code, Section 21-2-302; General Standards for Conditional Use Permit. The property affected is Lot 34, Alamosa Industrial Park Subdivision, City of Alamosa, Alamosa County also known as 2255 Lava Lane.
The Alamosa City Council will meet on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, to ratify the decision of the City Planning Commission on this request.
Further notice is hereby given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearings and be heard.
Daniel Vaughn
Planning Specialist
No. 9936
Published in the Valley Courier on February 13, 2018.

District Court, Alamosa County, Colorado
Court Address: 702 4th Street, Alamosa, CO 81101
In the Matter of the Petition of:
Parent/Petitioner: Robert James Muth
for Minor Child: Carlos R.H. Cordova-Lara
For a Change of Name to: Charlie Aiden Muth
COURT USE ONLY
Case Number: 2017CV19
Division Courtroom
NOTICE TO NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT BY PUBLICATION
Notice to: Destiny M. Lara, non-custodial parent.
Notice is given that a hearing is scheduled as follows:
Date: April 5, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Alamosa County Courthouse
702 4th Street, Alamosa, CO 81101
for the purpose of requesting a change of name for,
Carlos
R. H. Cordova-Lara
First Name Middle Name Last Name
At this hearing the Court may enter an order changing the mane of the minor child.
To support or voice objection to the proposed name change, you must appear at the hearing.
Date: January 29, 2018
Robert J. Muth
Petitioner
Robert J. Muth
Type or Print Name
7031 Harmony Road, Alamosa, CO 81101
Address
No. 9937
Published in the Valley Courier on February 13, 14, and 15, 2018.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS
The East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District is taking sealed bid for a one-year contract on an 80-acre parcel of farm ground located at 2251 South Road 8, Alamosa, CO 81101, along with 2 shares of Common Wealth Water. Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. March 7, 2018. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 1092, Alamosa, CO 81101 or delivered to 10 Costilla Blvd., Alamosa, CO 81101. The bids will be opened at the Boards regular meeting on March 08, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
No. 9938
Published in the Valley Courier on February 13, and 2018.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS
The East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District is accepting bids for the installation of a fence with 2 gates at its property between Conejos Avenue and Costilla Blvd. The Board is requesting bids for the following fencing materials: split railing fencing, chain link fencing and composite fencing. For further information contact the District Office at 10 Costilla Blvd., or at (719) 589-2649. Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 1092 Alamosa, CO 81101 or delivered to 10 Costilla Blvd. Bids will be opened at the regular Board Meeting on March 8, 2018. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
No. 9939
Published in the Valley Courier on February 13, 20, and 28, 2018.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Alamosa Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday March 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM, in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for an Amendment to Zoning submitted by Samuel Aragon.
The applicant is seeking approval to change the zoning of the property from Commercial (C) to Residential Medium (RM).
The legal description is: Lots 7-13, Block 7, McKinney Addition, according to the replat of McKinney Subdivision recorded April 28, 1994, under Reception No. 168146 and any amendments thereto, Alamosa County, Colorado.
Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours.
Rachel Baird
Land Use Administrator
Alamosa County
No. 9942
Published in the valley Courier on February 13, 2018.

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
(NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF)
32-1-804.1; 32-1-804.3, 1-1-104(34), 32-1-905(2), C.R.S.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
and, particularly, to the electors of the Blanco/a Ft. Garland Metropolitan District of Costilla County(ies), Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 8th day of May, 2018, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 2 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms and 1 director will be elected to serve 2-year terms. Eligible electors of the Blanco/a Ft. Garland Metropolitan District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):
Thomas Maestas
(Designated Election Official)
Blanca/ Ft. Garland Metropolitan District (DEO Address)
1 mi. West of Ft. Garland Hwy 160 (DEO Address)
(7 1 9) 3 7 9 - 3 4 5 0 (DEO Telephone)
The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2018. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Friday, March 2, 2018 (not less than 67 days before the election). Earlier submittal is encouraged as the deadline will not permit curing an insufficient form. Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday March 5, 2018 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for a mail-in ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Wednesday March 14, 2018.
Blanca/ Ft. Garland Metropolitan District Designated Election Official Signature
No. 9940
Published in the Valley Courier on February 13, 2018.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to ARTICLE EIGHT of the Alamosa County Land Use Development Code; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that a Public Hearing before the Alamosa County Planning Commission is scheduled March 14, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO. 8101, for the purpose of considering text amendments to the Land Use and Development Code for Alamosa County.
The full details of this application are available for public inspection in the County Land Use office during regular office hours.
Any interested person(s) may appear and be heard at the public hearing.
Rachel Baird
Land Use Administrator
No. 9941
Publish in the Valley Courier on February 13, 2018.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Alamosa Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM, in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Special Use Permit submitted by Michael Rivera.
The applicant is proposing to install commercial greenhouses at 11350 Lane 12 N, Hooper, CO for the purpose of growing industrial hemp. This property is zoned: Rural (RU). The legal description of the property is:
Parcel A:
A tract of land located in the NW1/4 Section 1, Township 40 North, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., in Alamosa County, Colorado, said tract being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at the Southwest corner of the tract of land herein described, which corner is identical with the Southwest corner of that certain tract of land described under Reception Number 319971 of the records in the office of the Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder; thence North 89°27'10" East, 1032.91 feet along the South line of said tract (Rec. NO. 319971) to the Northeast corner of the tract herein described; thence South 00°01'24" West, 1624.21 feet, to the Southeast corner of the tract herein described, said corner is on the South line of said NW1/4 Section 1; thence North 01°19'28" East, 1617.20 feet, along the West line of said NW1/4 Section 1, to the Northwest corner of the tract herein described, which corner is identical with the Southwest corner of that certain tract of land described under Reception Number 319971 of the records in the office of the Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder; thence North 89°27'10" East, 1032.91 feet along the South line of said tract (Rec. NO. 319971) to the Northeast corner of the tract herein described; thence South 00°01'24" West, 1624.21 feet, to the Southeast corner of the tract herein described, said corner is on the North line of said Northwest 7 of said Section 1 from whence the North Quarter corner of said section 1 bears North 89°13'012" East, 632.70 feet; thence South 00°39'01" West, 2607.71 feet, to the Southeast corner of the tract herein described, said point being on the South line of said Northwest 7 of said Section 1; thence South 89°50'29" West, 890.48 feet, along the South line of said Northwest 7 of said Section 1, to the Southwest corner of the tract herein described; thence North 01°19'24" East, 1624.21 feet to a point on the South line of that certain tract of land described in Reception No. 319971 in the records of the Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder's office; thence North 89°13'02" East, 314.46 feet, along the North line of said Northwest 7 of said Section 1 to the Point of Beginning.
Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours.
Rachel Baird
Land Use Administrator
Alamosa County
No. 9942
Published in the Valley Courier on February 13, 2018.

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS
NEED YOUR HELP.
I am looking for family members "GRAND-CHILDREN" of the late Francisco Maestas. He lived in Alamosa County, around "1912". If you or someone you know has information about Francisco or his Grandchildren, please call Eddie 719-580-4689. (2/22)

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THE ALAMOSA FIRE Dept. is asking anyone who has old pictures related to the department, please contact Zach @ 580-0398 and Would like permission to scan the pictures. (TFN)

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163 LOST & FOUND

REWARD LOST TUESDAY 2/6, Around 8th and State Ave. Little creamy/White Floppy Ears, Eskimo, Female 13 lbs, her name is Cookie. Please call Bernie 303-217-1184 or 719-937-8188 REWARD..... (2/17)

FOUND ON COUNTY Road 5 West near Del Norte: a very old, grey, male, small dog. Please call VHL at 589-3385. We will waive the fee to get your dog out of the shelter. He is extremely scared. (2/13)

REWARD OFFERED!! Lost Small Size Gold Band Ring with Diamonds in the center and, an engraved Cross on either side of the diamonds. This ring has a great deal of SENTIMENTAL VALUE. Please call if found. 719-588-7754. (2/17)

LOST A DOG or cat? Found a dog or cat? Please call 719-587-WOOF (9663) or email: woof@slvaws.org. If we don't answer, please leave a message. (TFN)

173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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186 - SNOW REMOVAL

SNOW REMOVAL – Center CO. SLV Behavioral Health Group is seeking bids for a dependable snow removal vendor for our satellite office located in Center, CO. Bids should include equipment used and hourly cost for service. Bidders must carry own worker's comp insurance and provide proof of insurance. Venders should keep in mind that snow removal must be kept up during business hours. Please submit all bids to Manuel Martinez at 8745 County Rd 9 S., Alamosa, CO 81101. (01/12-TFN)

221 HELP WANTED

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221 HELP WANTED

DO YOU WANT to help write another chapter in someone's life? Everyone has a story that is forever unfolding and PeopleCare Health Services is seeking to immediately hire the right individuals to be Personal Caregivers in the San Luis Valley including, Crestone, Moffat, Center and Romeo. While experience is a plus, it is not necessary. If you want to give dignity to someone and help write the next chapter in their story, we will train you. Applicants must have reliable transportation, a valid driver's license and a pass a required background check. To apply call Devina at 719-320-9925 or email DevinaB@PeopleCareHS.com (02/24)

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) assistant CHS Baseball coach and (1) assistant CHS Track coach. Applications can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. or may be picked up at the administration office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140. Submit applications to Mr. Curt Wilson, superintendent. Application deadline is until filled. EOE(2/16)

BLUE PEAKS DEVELOPMENTAL Services is seeking a full time Staff Development Coordinator. The person in this position works under the supervision of the Director of Human Resources, and participates in agency hiring, training and retention activities and the utilization of agency technology systems to maintain personnel data information and benefit management. This individual trains agency employees in First Aid/ CPR and Behavioral Intervention techniques. This individual also participates in agency marketing and media activities. Any person interested in consideration for this position or any position that may open as a result of filling this position should submit a letter of interest along with any documentation supporting your qualifications for this position to Heather Parga, HR Director by 5:30PM on Sunday February 18, 2018. (2/17)

221 HELP WANTED

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a **junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach. Applications can be picked up at the central office or downloaded from our website at** www.sanfordschools.org **Position open until filled. EOE (2/22)**

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221 HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA HEAD START is seeking a Fiscal Officer. The Fiscal Officer is responsible for the fiscal management and fiscal reporting to the Office of Head Start and the Grantee Board. Must be proficient in QuickBooks and Microsoft office applications. Qualifications are: a Certified Public Accountant, or has, at a minimum, a baccalaureate degree in accounting, business, fiscal management, or a related field. Applications and job description can be picked-up at the Monte Vista Head Start, 2863 Sherman Ave, Monte Vista or call 719-852-3215 for more information. Position open until filled. An employment application must be completed. (2/16)

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221
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ALAMOSA CONVENTION AND VISITORS Bureau is seeking a full-time position for Colorado Welcome Center Manager/Marketing Specialist. Primary duties include managing volunteers for the CWC and assisting with marketing efforts for Alamosa CVB. Bachelor's degree in marketing, hospitality or business administration preferred. Alamosa CVB is a destination marketing organization that influences travelers to the San Luis Valley. Work within a small but dynamic team. Salary \$34,000-\$38,000 DOQ. Email resumes and letter of interest by February 15 to director@alamosa.org. For full job description visit www.alamosa.org/about-the-cvb-a-industry-partners. (02/17)

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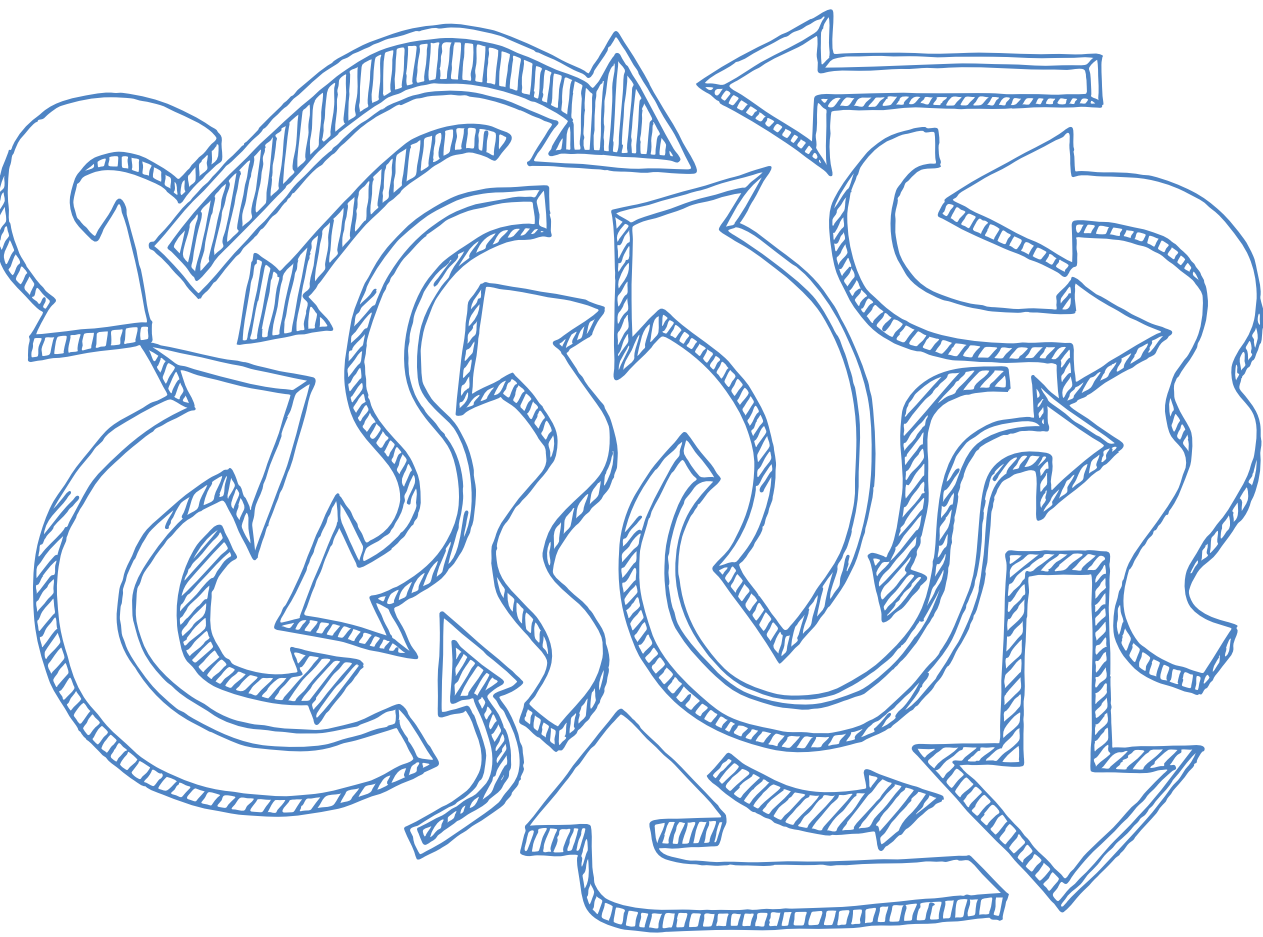
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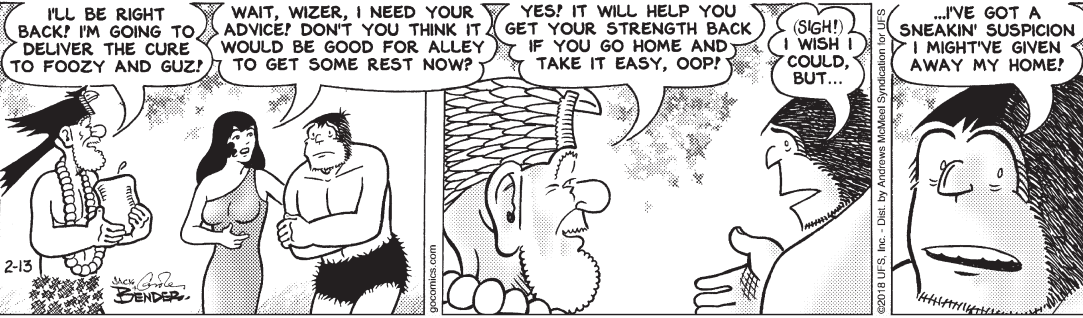
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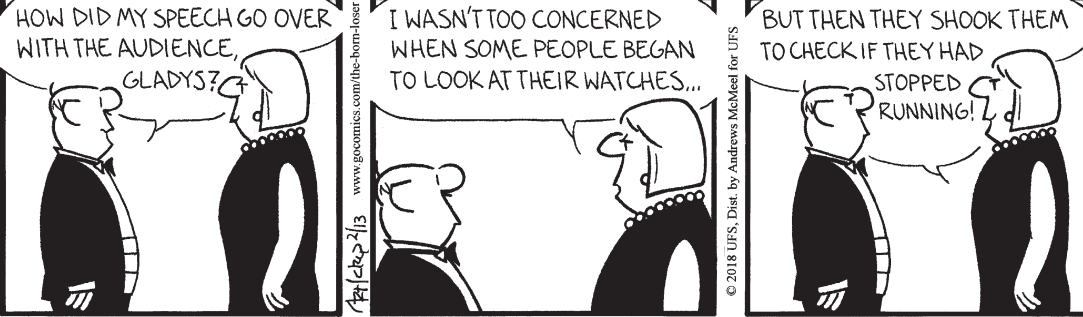
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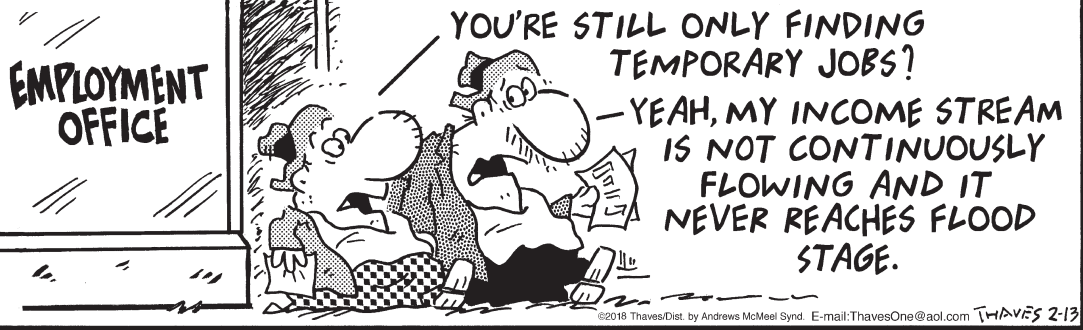
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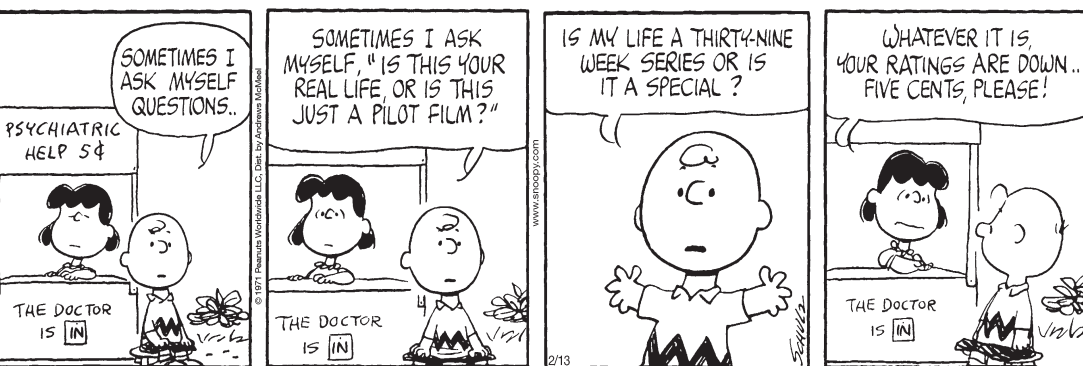
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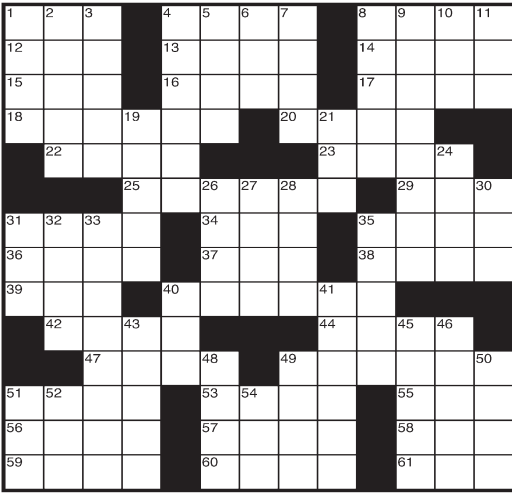
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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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HERMAN



Wife loses lust for husband, but wants to save marriage

DEAR ABBY: I’m not attracted to my husband. I love him and don’t want to live without him, but I do not want to be physically intimate with him. I know it is unfair to him, and I have tried everything from antidepressants to meditation to diet, but nothing works.

I used to have a high libido, but I haven’t wanted to have sex with him in years. We do it maybe two or three times a month because I force myself to, but it is unpleasant for me. He doesn’t want to guilt me into sex and hates that I force myself, but he has a very high libido.

We are in our mid-20s and I know this is killing him -- and us. I am attracted to some (but very few) others -- just not to him. I have always been more emotionally attracted to women than men, but I don’t think that is it. I need help before our marriage starts to crumble. -- AVOIDING IT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR AVOIDING IT: I can’t wave a magic wand and make you more physically attracted to your husband. I can suggest that the most sensitive sexual organ in a woman’s body resides between her ears.

However, I am not qualified to diagnose whether your problem may be of a physical nature. That’s why I’m advising you to ask your doctor to perform a thorough

physical examination. If he or she finds nothing amiss, ask the doctor -- or your health insurance company -- to refer you to a licensed mental health professional who can help you figure out what’s going on.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I moved to a new town last year and are working on settling in and making friends. Our way has been to accept every invitation offered in hopes of building relationships in this small community.

We recently had dinner at the home of a neighbor couple who were very welcoming, but we quickly realized the four of us have absolutely nothing in common. Making conversation through the meal and coffee taxed all of our small-talk skills, and there were many painful silences. Any foray into current events, family life -- even gardening -- revealed stark differences that brought conversation to a screeching halt. We made an excuse to go home early and sent a thank-you note the next day.

Usually, I think a dinner invitation requires a reciprocal invitation in the future. In this case, I’m wondering if it would be better to just let it go. Would it be rude to not reciprocate, or must I suck it up? If we must have them over, how do I ensure the second dinner goes bet-



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ter than the first? We hope to live here for a long time. -- DIFFERENT IN THE WEST

DEAR DIFFERENT: Do the right thing and invite the couple for dinner. It does not have to be in your home -- a nice restaurant would do. If the evening was as uncomfortable as you have described, they may not accept your invitation. But if they do, a way to make conversation flow more easily might be to include another couple.

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