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SOUTH FORK — Come meet the candidates for the Town of South Fork mayor and board of trustees on Wednesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. at the South Fork Community Building. Audience members will have the opportunity to submit written questions to the candidates. Call the South Fork Town Hall at 719-873-0152.

**County meets
today**

ALAMOSA — Alamosa County commissioners meet Wednesday, March 7, at 8:30 a.m. in the Alamosa County Service Center, 8900 Independence Way, with agenda items including the fire operating plan and a work session on the Rio Grande Farm Park.



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SLV WEATHER



Today will be mostly
sunny
52/15
Thurs: Sunny 56/20
Fri: Partly Cloudy 55/23

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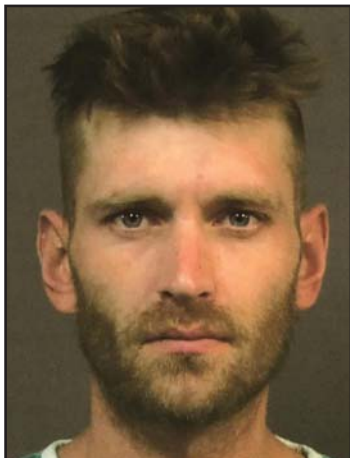


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Pauley caught

By SYLVIA LOBATO

CONEJOS COUNTY — One down and one to go. Fugitive Kyle Pauley was arrested early Tuesday, March 6, following a tip from a community member who saw a suspicious person walking through Sanford at approximately 7:38 a.m. The individual fit Pauley's description, so a Colorado State Patrol officer responded and identified the person as Pauley, who ran and attempted to conceal himself in an irrigation ditch as the trooper gave chase. La Jara Police Chief Jerry Lujan and additional CSP troopers responded and Pauley was taken into custody at approximately 8:07 a.m. without force and with no injury. Lawrence Gonzales, who escaped with Pauley, continues to remain at large. If Gonzales is seen do not approach and call 911 immediately. If the community has any tips, leads, or questions please contact conejossheriff@co.conejos.co.us



Kyle Pauley



Lawrence Gonzales

Tipton announces art competition

WASHINGTON D.C. — Congressman Scott Tipton (CO-03) announced that his office is now accepting submissions for the 2018 Third District Congressional Art Competition. Students in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to participate. Students who are mailing their artwork to the Grand Junction office must do so no later than April 20, 2018. Students who are dropping off their artwork to an office other than the Grand Junction office must do so no later than April 16, 2018. "I am excited that my office will be participating in the

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Courier photo by Jefferson Geiger

John Kretsinger speaks on behalf of gubernatorial candidate Cary Kennedy at the Alamosa County Democratic Caucus at the Alamosa Recreation Center on Tuesday. After a preference poll, precincts picked 26 delegates for Kennedy, 10 for Michael Johnston and four for Jared Polis to head to the county assembly on March 31 before the primary on June 26.

Community comes to caucus



Courier photo by Dawn Krebs

Left, Alamosa County GOP Chair Sandra Wagner addresses the audience before the candidates spoke at the Alamosa County Republican Caucus on Tuesday night at Alamosa High School. Republican candidates were able to meet voters and give presentations on their positions. There was no straw poll and delegates from the caucus will vote on the slate of county candidates at the county assembly on March 12.

Former city worker pleads guilty, \$69,000 in restitution ordered

By KEITH R. CERNY
Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA — A former City of Alamosa finance director pled guilty Tuesday to felony unauthorized use of a transaction device and an added count of misdemeanor theft and was tentatively ordered to

pay over \$69,000 in restitution to the city.

District Judge Michael Gonzales set sentencing for Amanda McDonald, 41, for May 10 at 3:30 p.m. on a three-year deferred judgement.

District Attorney Crista Newmyer-Olson said an

agreement on restitution couldn't be finalized because McDonald's attorney wasn't present Tuesday.

In an earlier appearance, McDonald's attorney Deputy State Public Defender James Valenti told the judge that the

plea agreement was awaiting a restitution amount and the attorneys were negotiating that number.

It was noted that the restitution in this case is rather significant, and rather than turn this into a multiple day civil case over restitution, the at-

torneys were diligently working to arrive at a number they could agree to. Rather than have a prolonged hearing over the restitution, they were trying to arrive at a stipulated restitution, Assistant District Attorney Ashley McCuaig said at a January hearing.

He added he has had meetings with the victim in this case as well.

At the January appearance, the judge said there's obviously a benefit to work out the restitution figure, so he would grant another extension but would expect there would be a disposition by Tuesday's date.

McDonald worked for the city finance department from 2007 until 2016 and served as finance director for the majority of that time.

She was accused of misappropriating \$65,000 in public funds and providing health insurance through the city to an unauthorized family member, which resulted in the city being charged approximately \$400,000 in unauthorized premiums and insurance benefits being paid out.

She was initially charged with felony theft, felony embezzlement of public property, felony unauthorized use of a transaction device and misdemeanor first-degree official misconduct.

Three of those charges were dropped and the count of Class 1 misdemeanor theft was added.

McDonald remains free on bond.

Just what the arborist ordered



Courier photo by Jefferson Geiger

Smoke plumes in the air during a prescribed burn near the Alamosa Refuge east of the San Luis Valley Regional Airport on Tuesday.



OBITUARIES

Shirley Ann Washington, 82

Shirley Ann Washington, 82, passed away on the morning of March 3, 2018 after a 8 year battle with Alzheimer's.

Shirley was born May 4, 1935 in Fairplay, CO to Casper and Mary Whaley. She grew up in Cannon City. She met James Washington in her teen years and later got married, they moved to Ft. Garland where they raised their son, Scott. They enjoyed living in the mountains, going up to Lake Como on Mt. Blanca often and Shirley ran their restaurant and bar, The Mt. Blanca Inn for 20+ years. In 1998 she decided to enjoy her retirement in warmer weather and moved to AZ. She returned to Colorado when she was admitted into the Alzheimer's facility.



Shirley was a people person, loved taking to everyone, could always tell you a good joke, nothing made her smile more than pranking others, if you beat her at a game of gin rummy you would consider yourself very lucky, she was the biggest Broncos fan, her heart was happy when her grandkids were with her, Lake Como was her happy place and she always believed ending her day with a scotch and water on the rocks.

She leaves behind her ex-husband James Washington, son Scott Washington and wife Kandi, their kids Tyler and Ali, Grand-daughter Taija Oakes and great grand daughter Emerie Sierra, Sister Linda Siedel, Sister-in-law Joyce Flemming.

She is preceded in death by her parents, 8 siblings and other cherished family members.

There will be no services held. A gathering of friends and family will spread her ashes at Lake Como on Mt. Blanca this summer per her request.

In lieu of flowers contributions to the Alzheimer's Association would be greatly appreciated.

Joe C. Trujillo, 91



On March 4th at approximately 13:50 hours military time, a loving humble heart stopped beating. Joe C. Trujillo left behind a legacy that with love, prayer and family the hardest obstacles can be overcome. Joe was welcomed into the world on April 1, 1926, the beloved son of Jose Alcario Trujillo and Maria Inez Duran Trujillo. He was united in marriage to the love of his life Julia Martinez Trujillo on April 20, 1949 at the Sacred Heart

Catholic Church. Joe was an exceptional, devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend who enjoyed watching westerns, and WWE, doing yard work, traveling, going gambling and spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends. He was a life member of the V.F.W. Dickey Springer Post #113 and the American Legion Post #899. Joe not only fought til the end for his country and was willing to give his life for our freedom. Joe did the same for his family. Joe as Julia still says was a great provider, always making sure his family and community had what they needed. Always putting everyone else's needs before his own was his most admired trait. He always thought beyond himself. For a man who was a decorated World War II veteran, Joe never lost faith and promised that if he made it back from Germany he would live a life of faith. Joe kept his promise and raised a family with his wife of 68 years Julia. Andy, Joleen, James, and Tamara are all part of that legacy. Although Joe leaves them behind, it is with the same love and faith that will give strength to all by living the way Joe lived. Joe, will be greatly missed, but has left a footprint on how to live a life of honor, love and respect. Rest in peace my dear husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend. Joe will even be missed by his dog Buddy and all the birds he fed daily. Squirrels, birds and his dog Buddy will wait for someone like Joe to love them as he did.

Survivors include his loving wife Julia Trujillo of Alamosa, CO; daughters Joleen Trujillo (Isaac Chavez) of Alamosa, CO; Tamara (Lawrence) Pacheco of Ft. Garland, CO; sons Andy Trujillo, James Trujillo both of Alamosa, CO; grandchildren Amber and Scott Sweaney, Jason Trujillo (Melissa Eschman), Nickie Trunnell (Tony Lujan), Jamie Trujillo, Kim Pacheco (Chris Silva), Ashley Pacheco (Ray Garcia), Elizabeth Pacheco (Adam Navarette), great-grandchildren Abby and Carson Sweaney, Taylor Strange, Austin Trujillo, Derrion Trujillo, Rayanna Trujillo, Ramon and Ahlea Garcia, Kaleesi and Dre Lujan. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Family would like to give a special thanks to Christal with Visiting Angels of Alamosa for the care she provided Joe.

Joe is preceded in death by his mother Maria Inez Duran, father Jose Alcario Trujillo and nine siblings as well as his grandson Little Andy.

A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 7:30 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow at the Alamosa Cemetery with full military honors. Viewing and visitation will be held on Wednesday from 1-5 PM at the Romero Funeral Chapel in Alamosa. The care of arrangements have been placed in care of Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.



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The Courier charges \$25 for each obituary per day. Pending arrangements or death notices are free. This charge affects funeral homes, family or other representatives that place obituaries. All paid obituaries are published on www.alamosanews.com, for no additional fee.

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SAN LUIS VALLEY FORECAST

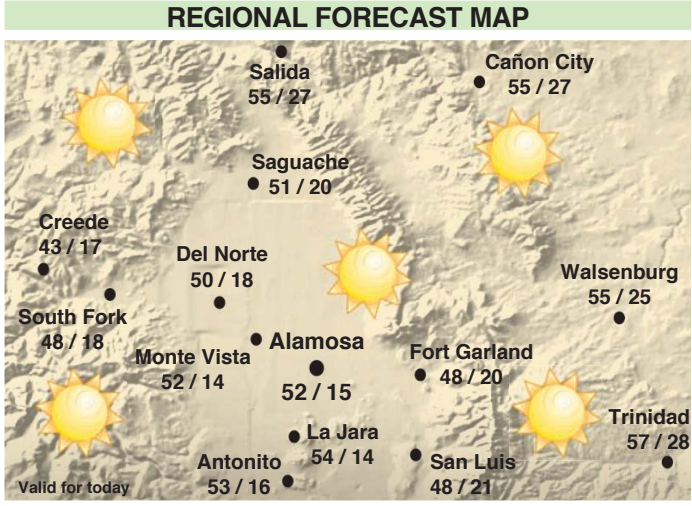
Today: Mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 52°, humidity of 11%. Southeast wind 2 to 8 mph.

Tonight: Expect partly cloudy skies with an overnight low of 15°. Southeast wind 3 to 7 mph.

Tomorrow: Skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 56°, humidity of 13%. Southwest wind 3 to 11 mph.

SAN LUIS VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 0% 55 / 23	Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 5% 54 / 21	Mostly Cloudy Precip Chance: 20% 51 / 25	Mostly Cloudy Precip Chance: 20% 54 / 28	Sunny Precip Chance: 20% 50 / 24



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Temperature

Yesterday's High 43
Yesterday's Low 2
Avg. High / Low 49 / 15
Record High 67 in 1972
Record Low -15 in 1948

Precipitation

Yesterday's 0.00"
Month to Date 0.00"
Avg. Month to Date 0.08"
Year to Date 0.31"
Avg. Year to Date 0.60"

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	6:26 a.m.	6:03 p.m.
Thursday	6:24 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
Friday	6:23 a.m.	6:05 p.m.

Temperature and precipitation valid through 5 p.m. yesterday

SNOWPACK INFORMATION

River Basin	61% of Normal
Arkansas	61% of Normal
Colorado	81% of Normal
Gunnison	60% of Normal
North Platte	88% of Normal
Yampa	80% of Normal
Animas, Dolores,	
San Juan, San Miguel	52% of Normal

Upper Rio Grande River Basin	60% of Normal
Cumbres Pass	60% of Normal
Medano Pass	0% of Normal
Rio Grande Res.	47% of Normal
Stunner Pass	n/a
Trinchera	52% of Normal
Weminuche Pass	n/a
Wolf Creek Pass	71% of Normal

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Antonito	53 16 s	57 21 s	54 25 pc
Cañon City	55 27 s	64 35 s	63 33 pc
Center	53 16 s	56 21 s	54 25 pc
Creede	43 17 s	47 21 s	43 23 mc
Del Norte	50 18 s	54 23 s	51 26 pc
Fort Garland	48 20 s	54 27 s	52 28 pc
Hopner	51 17 s	56 22 s	55 28 pc
La Jara	54 14 s	57 20 s	54 24 pc
La Veta	52 27 s	59 35 s	56 33 pc
Moffat	52 21 s	56 25 s	55 28 pc
Monte Vista	52 14 s	56 19 s	54 22 pc
Mosca	50 23 s	54 29 s	53 30 pc
Platoro	51 20 s	55 25 s	52 27 pc
Pueblo	55 21 s	64 32 s	69 33 pc
Romeo	54 15 s	57 21 s	54 25 pc
Saguache	51 20 s	55 25 s	57 28 pc
Salida	55 27 s	59 33 s	53 34 pc
San Luis	48 21 s	54 27 s	51 28 pc
South Fork	48 18 s	52 22 s	47 26 pc
Walsenburg	55 25 s	63 36 s	62 37 pc

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

FORECAST DISCUSSION

Skies will be mostly clear Thursday night with an overnight low of 20°. South southwest wind 7 to 11 mph. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 55°, humidity of 17%. South southwest wind 8 to 16 mph. Friday night, skies will be partly cloudy with an overnight low of 23°. West wind 8 to 14 mph.

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ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

- March 4**
- * Lisa Martinez, 44, Alamosa, was cited for first-degree possession of contraband and possessing a schedule II controlled substance at 2017 Lava Lane. There was 1.66 grams of suspected meth recovered from Martinez.
 - * Pablo Arellano, 35, Alamosa, was cited for second-degree assault, resisting arrest and obstructing a peace officer at 2017 Lava Lane.
 - * Nevada Siemering, 20, Monte Vista, was cited for failing to yield at the intersection of San Juan Avenue and Third Street.
- March 3**
- * Chelsea Squires, 26, and Michael Wilson, 25, Alamosa were cited for possessing a schedule I controlled substance and possessing drug paraphernalia at 802 State Avenue.
 - * David Teem, 66, Alamosa, was cited for driving the wrong way and driving without seatbelts at the intersection of El Rio Drive and Monterrey Avenue.
 - * Shawna Johnston, 30, Del Norte, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Clark Street and Craft Drive.
 - * Jennifer Bush, 30, Alamosa, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Clark Street and Craft Drive.
 - * Marie Espinoza, 31, Alamosa, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Clark Street and Craft Drive.
 - * Darlene Cragle, 59, Monte Vista, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign and driving without a seatbelt at the intersection of Clark Street and Craft Drive.
 - * Marsha Klasing, 64, Alamosa, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign and driving without a seatbelt at the intersection of Clark Street and Craft Drive.
 - * Cole Sienknecht, 18, Colorado Spring, was cited for driving 20-39 mph over the speed limit at the 1400 block of Main Street.
 - * Jose Pedro Nicolas, 53, Alamosa, was cited for driving 10-19 mph over the speed limit at the 1600 block of Main Street.
- March 2**
- * Roslyn Garcia, 33, Alamosa, was cited for possessing drug paraphernalia, possessing a schedule II controlled substance, driving without child restraints and driving with a revoked license at the intersection of Eighth Street and Edison Avenue.
- March 1**
- * Augustina Briones, 38,

- Alamosa, was cited for possessing a forged instrument and theft between \$750-\$1,999 at 2437 Main Street.
- * Jeffrey Walters, 30, Alamosa, was summoned for domestic violence and harassment at 720 Del Sol Drive.
- February 28**
- * Owen Hawkins, 69, Fort Garland, was cited for failing to yield at the intersection of Craft Drive and Hartman Way.
 - * Amy Montoya, 49, Alamosa, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign and driving without insurance at the intersection of 10th Street and Bell Avenue.
 - * Debbie Montoya, 37, Alamosa, was cited for driving 10-19 mph over the speed limit in a school zone at the 400 block of Victoria Street.
- February 25**
- * Michael Anthony Archuleta Jr., 26, Denver, was cited for first-degree possession of contraband and possessing a schedule II controlled substance at 2017 Lava Lane.
 - * Yuhshan Lee, 61, Alamosa, was summoned for criminal mischief at 425 Main Street.
 - * Rosario Espersen, 18, Monte Vista, was cited for failing to yield at the intersection of Main Street and Market Street
- February 24**
- * Mark Romero-Lozano, 19, Johnstown, was summoned for driving under the influence, driving with a defective headlamp, underage consumption of alcohol and failing to provide insurance at the 600 block of State Avenue.
 - * Rachelle Finley, 38, Pueblo, was summoned for failing to obey a traffic control device at 100 Craft Drive.
 - * Erma Martinez, 63, Del Norte, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of 10th Street and Bell Avenue
- February 23**
- * Richard Olivas, 20, Alamosa, was cited for disorderly conduct at 3333 Clark Street.
 - * Dawn Arellano, 45, Alamosa, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Clark Street and Craft Drive.
 - * Rachel Jones, 46, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Clark Street and Craft Drive.
- February 22**
- * Richard Olivas, 20, Alamosa, was summoned for disorderly conduct and theft between \$50 and \$299 at 3333 Clark Street.
 - * Antoinette Dupont, 32, Monte Vista, was cited for following a vehicle too closely at the 1600 block of First Street.

Correction:

In the article "Dr. Reginaldo Garcia retires" in the paper published on March 6, the date of Dr. Garcia's retirement party was omitted. The party will be held at Square Peg Brewwerks, 625 Main Street, Alamosa, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13. RSVP to jerry.jones@ucdenver.edu by March 10, 2018.

The Valley Courier regrets this error.

MHCD election cancelled

Alamosa, CO — The Mosca-Hooper Conservation District (MHCD) in Alamosa County NOTICE OF CANCELLATION And CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS pursuant to §1-13.5-513(6), 32-1-104, 1-11-103(3) C.R.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Mosca-Hooper Conservation District, Alamosa County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 8, 2018 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S.

The following candidates are hereby declared elected:

Patrick O'Neill 4 year term until May, 2022

Robert Rice 4 year term until May, 2022

Mosca-Hooper Conservation District (MHCD) is a county-wide district in Alamosa County established on June 7, 1943. Total acreage within the District is 462,000 acres and does not include the municipalities of Alamosa or Mosca. The mission of MHCD is to provide leadership in natural resource management

for the betterment of all present and future residents of the district through education and example.

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Bagel w/Cinnamon
Juice & Fruit

ELEMENTARY
Chicken Fajitas
Pinto Beans
Corn Bread
Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY
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Pinto Beans
Corn Bread
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ART

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Congressional Art Competition once again as Colorado's Third District is home to many gifted students, whose hard work and talent deserve to be showcased," said Tipton. "The first place winner's submission will be proudly displayed in the halls of

Congress for one year, and the artist will be flown to D.C. to attend a reception honoring their work. I encourage all students who are interested to apply and I look forward to meeting this year's participants and seeing some amazing artwork." Guidelines for the 2018 competition: The artwork must be no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide and 4 inches

deep including the outside dimensions of the frame. All artwork should be framed but not to exceed the dimensions above. Please note the largest frame dimensions have changed this year. Artwork that will be accepted: Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings

be fixed.) Collage: must be two dimensional Prints: lithographs, silk-screen, block prints Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc. Photography Digital Art All submitted artwork will be put on display in Grand Junction, CO, from April 23-May 2, 2018.

A reception will be held Wednesday, May 2, 2018, from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm in Grand Junction at the Mesa County Public Library, located at 443 N. 6th Street. For more information, please visit: <https://tipton.house.gov/serving-you/art-competition>. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress

to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved in the nationwide competition. Teachers, students, and parents with questions can contact Brenda Felmlee, Third Congressional District Art Competition liaison, at 719-587-5105, or email: Brenda.Felmlee@mail.house.gov.

Politicians introduce skiing legislation

Washington, DC—Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO), Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO), and Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) introduced the Ski Area Fee Retention Act on Tuesday. Currently, ski area permit fees paid to the Forest Service are sent to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and then appropriated back to the Forest Service. This legislation would create a Ski Area Fee Retention Account under the National Forest System, in which a portion of the roughly \$37 million in annual fees generated by the ski areas would be retained. This would ensure that the Forest Service has adequate resources to administer permits and review capital improvement project proposals in more heavily trafficked forests, such as the White River National Forest—the most visited National Forest in the country. "It's important that our skiing communities don't just send money to Washington and not fully benefit from the government fees they are charged," said Senator Gardner. "My bipartisan legislation with Senator Bennet will make it easier

for our skiing communities to make the capital improvements they need to grow and thrive." "The Forest Service is an important partner for Colorado's communities and outdoor recreation industry," said Senator Bennet. "Retaining some of the ski area fees in our National Forests will help strengthen that partnership and provide new opportunities for growth in our mountain communities." "Ski areas are huge economic generators in the recreation industry and rural communities in Oregon and across the country," said Senator Wyden. "They also require active management to keep their environmental impacts to a minimum. This bill keeps revenue from ski area fees at the source of where that money was raised, allowing the Forest Service to better manage public lands that host ski areas." "All of the ski areas operating on public land appreciate Senator Gardner and Senator Bennet's support in introducing this critical legislation," said Geraldine Link, Director of Public Policy for National Ski Areas Association. "The bill will support the important public-private partnership between the Forest Service and ski areas, facilitate private investment in infrastructure on public lands, and ultimately benefit rural economies and the recreating public." "Colorado Ski Country USA thanks Senators Gardner and Bennet for their leadership in introducing the Ski Area Fee Retention Act of 2018," said Melanie Mills, President & CEO of Colorado Ski Country USA. "Ski areas in Colorado strongly support this proposed legislation, which will provide local Forest Service offices with the resources they so badly need to administer ski area permits and to review and process ski area proposals for improvements." The same bill was introduced in the House by Congressman Scott Tipton (CO-03) Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02), the co-chairs of the House Ski and Snowboard Caucus. "The current permitting process for ski area projects on National Forest System land is broken. To improve visitors' experiences and

support recreation opportunities on public lands, we must increase capacity for permitting administration within the Forest Service, and that is exactly what the Ski Area Fee Retention Act will do," said Tipton. "Allowing the Forest Service to retain a portion of the ski area fees for permit administration on the ski area where the fees were generated will create efficiencies in federal spending, incentivize private investment, boost local economies and enhance visitor experience. Outdoor enthusiasts across the country will benefit from this legislation." "The ski and outdoor recreation industry is a critical part of New Hampshire's economy and identity as a state," said Congresswoman Kuster. "If we can expand support for the ski industry and promote year-round recreation at our ski mountains, we'll create more year-round jobs and bolster local economies. Fees paid by ski mountains should be invested in our local forests and that's exactly what our legislation would do: ensure local dollars are reinvested to support the local economy."

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SLV Cinderella Project seeks donations

ALAMOSA — Birdie's Boutique is hosting the San Luis Valley Cinderella Project for the 2018 prom season. The Cinderella project provides free prom gowns, accessories, hair styling and nail services for high school girls from every school in the Valley who otherwise couldn't afford the high cost of attending prom. Coordinator Roberta Rivera, owner of Birdie's Boutique, has contracted with a seamstress to provide alterations to the dresses as needed as well as a beautician to provide hairstyling and nails for the recipients and is seeking individual donations and business sponsorships to assist in covering the high cost for these services. Administrators from the school districts will refer all donation recipients. "I'm so glad to see this project coming together and I'm very pleased with the generosity of all of the donors and volunteers who have come forward so far. We're looking forward to making some girls' dreams come true," Rivera stated. Financial donations, as well as donations of clean,

gently-used gowns, shoes and accessories can be made at Birdies Boutique, 507 Bell Ave., Alamosa. Please contact Rivera at birdiesboutiqueonbellavenue@gmail.com or stop by the store for more information.

SKI-HI 6 SHOWTIMES

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Tues - Wed: 4:45 & 8:00

RED SPARROW

Jennifer Lawrence R

Tues - Wed: 5:20 & 8:10

THE SHAPE OF WATER

Nominated for 4 Academy Awards including Best Picture R

Tues - Wed: 5:00 & 8:05

BLACK PANTHER

Hero. Legend. King PG-13

Tues - Wed: 5:30 & 8:20

GAME NIGHT

Jason Bateman, Rachel McAdams R

Tues - Wed: 5:30 & 8:00

PETER RABBIT

Not your garden variety hero PG

Tues - Wed: 5:00 & 8:05

HOSTILES

Christian Bale - We are all...Hostiles R

Democratic turnout surges in Texas

By WILL WEISSERT and PAUL J. WEBER Associated Press AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Democrats in deep-red Texas turned out Tuesday in the largest numbers in more than two decades for a midterm primary election, propelling women candidates toward challenges to entrenched male Republicans in Congress and venting their anger at President Donald Trump in the first state primary of 2018. The biggest question was whether Texas is just the start of what's to come nationwide. Energized Texas Democrats showed up despite the long odds this November of ousting Republicans such as U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz — who released a radio ad after clinching the GOP nomination Tuesday night, telling voters that Democratic opponent Beto O'Rourke "wants to take our guns." O'Rourke, a congressman from El Paso, has called for banning AR-15-style assault rifles in wake of last month's mass shooting at a Florida high school that killed 17 people. Neither that tragedy nor a mass shooting at a Texas church last fall played as dominant campaign issues in Texas, but with the GOP's majority in Congress on the line this fall, Democrats came out in force. Republicans kept their edge in the total number of votes cast although Democrats made significant inroads in what had been a lopsided GOP dominance for decades. Democrats have their sights

on flipping three GOP-controlled congressional seats in Texas that backed Hillary Clinton over Trump in 2016, including a Houston district where two women were the top vote-getters in a race likely to go to a May runoff. Another is a sprawling district that runs along the Texas-Mexico border, where Gina Ortiz-Jones advanced to a May runoff and another woman, Judy Canales, was battling to join her. "I think that a Congress that is only 20 percent women is not where we need to be," Ortiz Jones told The Associated Press on Tuesday night. "This is not a spectator sport, we've got to participate, all of us and that's what's important." It was also a big night for two Hispanic women, Veronica Escobar and Sylvia Garcia, who won their Democratic primaries and are poised to become the first two Latina congresswomen in a state where a population boom has been driven by Hispanic growth. College students waited more than an hour to vote in liberal Austin and rural counties offered Democratic candidates for the first time in years. A tide of anti-Trump activism helped propel nearly 50 women to make a run for Congress. Many were running in a record eight open congressional races this year in Texas. A two of which are up for grabs after longtime GOP incumbents abandoned plans for re-election amid scandal. More than one million

Democrats cast ballots in the midterm primary for the first time since 2002, which were the first elections after the Sept. 11 attacks. Democrats, who once dominated Texas politics, would have to go back to 1994 to find more voters casting ballots for their party candidates. Since then it has been all Republicans, who have held every statewide office. While 2002 was a recent high water mark for Democratic turnout in Texas, it also showed the limits of the exuberance for turning the state blue. In November that year, the Democrats running for statewide office were all beaten. For Republicans, the primary was a vivid exhibition of the Trump effect in GOP politics. George P. Bush, the Texas land commissioner, won a contested primary after he coziered-up to a president who once called his dad, Jeb, a pathetic person. Kathaleen Wall, a former GOP megadonor running for Congress in Houston, was also in the hunt for a runoff after she ran TV ads that suggested there was little daylight between her and Trump. Trump won Texas by 9 points in 2016. It was the smallest margin of victory by a Republican presidential candidate in Texas in 20 years, but Cruz dismissed talk of a Democratic takeover this fall. The surge of Democratic voters included some former Republicans switching this cycle, including 61-year-old Sarah Chiodo of Dallas, who

said she changed parties after Trump was elected. "I hope that our political environment changes. I'm not happy with it today," she said after voting at a Dallas church. "I find it very divisive and dividing of many people and negative. So I'm looking to vote for people who are positive who care about all." Democrats will have a tough time winning statewide races in November despite the "Trump effect" because they have fielded little-known candidates against top Republicans, such as Republican Gov. Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. Even Attorney General Ken Paxton, who has been indicted on felony securities fraud charges, clinched his party's nomination unopposed. Abbott will face either Lupe Valdez, who was Texas' first Hispanic, lesbian sheriff, and Andrew White, who opposes abortion and whose father, Mark, was governor in the 1980s. In a closely-watched Democratic race, congressional hopeful Laura Moser, who moved from Washington to her native Houston and was in contention for a runoff to challenge U.S. Rep. John Culberson. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, fearing Moser would be a weak candidate in the general election, blistered her for comments from a 2014 Washingtonian magazine article in which Moser said she'd "rather have her teeth pulled out" than live in rural Paris, Texas.

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Trump admin sues California for sanctuary laws

By SADIE GURMAN and DON THOMPSON Associated Press WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration on Tuesday sued to block California laws that extend protections to people living in the U.S. illegally, the most aggressive move yet in its push to force so-called sanctuary cities and states to cooperate with immigration authorities. California officials remained characteristically defiant, vowing to defend their landmark legislation. The Justice Department

argued a trio of state laws that, among other things, bar police from asking people about their citizenship status or participating in federal immigration enforcement activities are unconstitutional and have kept federal agents from doing their jobs. The lawsuit named as defendants the state of California, Gov. Jerry Brown and Attorney General Xavier Becerra. "I say, bring it on," said California Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, a Los Angeles Democrat who wrote the sanctuary state bill. It is the latest salvo in an

escalating feud between the Trump administration and California, which has resisted the president on issues like taxes and marijuana policy and defiantly refuses to help federal agents detain and deport undocumented immigrants. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has said it will increase its presence in California, and Attorney General Jeff Sessions wants to cut off funding to jurisdictions that won't cooperate. The lawsuit was filed as the Justice Department is also reviewing Oakland Mayor


Libby Schaaf's decision to warn of an immigration sweep in advance, which ICE said allowed hundreds of immigrants to elude detention. Schaaf said Tuesday the city would "continue to inform all residents about their constitutional rights." The state laws being challenged were a response to President Donald Trump's hawkish immigration policies and widespread fear in immigrant communities following a campaign in which he promised to sharply ramp up the deportation of people living in the U.S. illegally.

Opinion

Jack me in

We are in the middle of a cyberpunk resurgence and I am immensely thankful for it. The genre’s bleak aesthetic that blends old and new technology, such as landlines and virtual reality, inexplicably draws me in. Aside from the fact that I love science fiction, I can only assume the reason is because I grew up with the Wachowskis’ “Matrix” trilogy alongside the dial-up tones of AOL. More recently I decided to explore the roots of what it’s like to live in a version of the future imagined in the 1980s.

Geiger's Culture Counter



Jefferson Geiger

When CD Projekt Red, developers of the narrative-rich “The Witcher” series, announced in 2013 they were making a “Cyberpunk 2077” videogame I started my homework by reading William Gibson’s “Neuromancer” and Neal Stephenson’s “Snow Crash.” Now, thanks to creators realizing the subgenre’s potential, I’m indulging again.

Labels are loose and blurry but there are a few characteristics prevalent across film and literature. Chances are flying cars, flashy neon signs, artificial intelligence, augmented reality and cybernetics are there. But this is not the pristine Apple-inspired future like the one seen in Spike Jonze’s “Her.”

There’s a gritty layer of filth, scum and villainy as megacorporations run the government and tattooed gangsters rule the streets. People still smoke cigarettes and use ashtrays while frequenting brothels covered in graffiti and half-torn posters. Common themes raise questions about humanity merging with technology, yet a heavy dose of classic noir is present. The protagonist can sometimes be found walking a rainy street—meaning society lacks weather control—while narrating.

Last year Hollywood gave us “Blade Runner 2049” and a live-action version of “Ghost in the Shell.” The former, a sequel to Ridley Scott’s cult classic, won two Academy Awards for its captivating visuals and cinematography. The first film didn’t warrant a second installment, but walking into that world again was a marvelous experience, even if the deliberately slow pacing dragged on a tad too long.

Though I didn’t see the latter because of whitewashing, I opted to watch the 1995 animated version instead. The idea of a human mind in an artificial body is always fascinating even if it didn’t exactly blow my mind with new topics since I saw it almost two decades after it came out.

Barely two months into this year Netflix released “Mute” and “Altered Carbon.” Duncan Jones, son of the late David Bowie, directed “Mute” as a spiritual successor to his critically acclaimed “Moon.” Jones lived in Berlin with his rock star dad and went to a college in the Amish countryside in Ohio, so in this version of the future the Amish have moved back to Germany and live as fish out of water in the advanced world.

As a kid Leo has his throat damaged in a freak boat accident, leaving him mute, but as an adult he always has a notepad on hand like a hard-boiled detective. Working as a bartender in the same seedy establishment his girlfriend Naadriah is a waitress, he turns into an investigator when she goes missing.

The vengeance story is flat and—as one can imagine—it’s hard to feel emotionally connected to a hero that doesn’t express his motivations well. However, the talking antagonists based on “M*A*S*H”’s Trapper and Hawkeye, played by Paul Rudd and Justin Theroux, are devilishly entertaining.

“Mute” fails in all of the areas where “Moon” succeeded, and vice versa. It has bad characters and decent world building whereas Sam Rockwell had a stellar performance while confined on a space station. “Mute” does little to flesh out the visual science fiction trappings.

Netflix’s other offering thankfully fares better. “Altered Carbon” focuses on Takeshi Kovacs, a soldier who was resurrected into a new body 250 years after he died. This is possible because in 2384 consciousness can be downloaded into disposable bodies called sleeves. Kovacs, now a prisoner lacking rights, is leased to solve his owner’s murder.

The concept of immortality produces a caste system of the haves and have-nots. A 7-year-old girl who died in a hit and run gets put into the sleeve of an old woman because the family can’t afford an upgrade. Gladiators fight to win better sleeves.

Above the dirty city, rich families live in art deco estates towering in clouds. They’re wealthy enough to afford infinite backups, downloading into a clone of the same body instead of whatever is available. This preserves mental stability as well as looks.

Meanwhile the devout are against the practice, wanting to uphold the sanctity of death and the afterlife. The conflicting factions and body swapping adds depth to the engrossing detective tale.

Still have a few episodes left in the season, but the show has plugged itself into my neck and completed installation. Here’s hoping it overclocks future cyberpunk creations.



Nation’s best spot for retirement, exploding whales

I’m sure many of you have heard that Florence, Ore., where my family and I happen to live, has just been named among the Top 5 Best Places to Retire in the United States. I say “many of you” because, at this very moment, both roads leading into town are clogged with traffic, most of which consists of giant U-Hauls driven by white-knuckled retirees from Florida. My guess is that they were told to evacuate due to hurricane [insert most recent here], and just kept heading west until they (a) hit water again, or (b) found the brake.

An article about our ranking recently appeared in USA Today, and our local Chamber of Commerce has been flooded with calls from news agencies wanting to know how it feels to be in the national spotlight, and if, due to the publicity, we expect Al Roker anytime soon.

The truth is, we Florentines have earned ourselves national attention twice before.

The first was in 1970 when, while attempting to dispose of a decomposing whale carcass by utilizing a well-thought-out plan involving (1) several pints of beer at the Beachcomber Tavern and (2) a truckload of dynamite, several onlookers were slightly injured after being struck by a piece of flying blubber roughly the size of a Volkswagen Beetle.

Then in 1998, just as our tourism slogan

“Stop Your Blubbering and Come To Florence” was losing steam, we were back in the national spotlight after our city-wide search for a pet monkey named “Bo-Bo” was mentioned by radio personality Paul Harvey. This led to our next tourism slogan, which I can’t repeat here since, nowadays, petting someone’s “lucky monkey” can mean something entirely different.

As you can imagine, being crowned this year’s Magic Kingdom of retirement is very exciting for everyone.

Except, of course, for those of us who actually live here and are not retired. That’s because we Florentines must now live up to a national image that, for the first time, doesn’t include a crisis involving some type of mammal. We once had the comfort of knowing that flying blubber, while helping boost tourism, isn’t an amenity most people look for in a retirement community.

That has all changed. People now know we have a performing arts center, library, hospital, restaurants and, perhaps most importantly, a large supply of healthy sea mammals.

This has led to an unprecedented number of visitors, many of whom have already made arrangements to have their Lay-Z-Boy drop shipped by the end of the week. It’s not that we don’t welcome the boost to our local economy;

we just want to make it to the bank without being struck by a Ryder truck.

So, to that end, we’d like to make two things clear in order to keep the situation under control.

#1: Running past a house and throwing a wad of cash in the yard does not constitute a purchase agreement.

#2: It’s NOT okay to keep circling the city in your moving truck until someone moves out. As a community, we realize the impact national exposure will have on our small town.

Which is why, as a community, we’re not above blowing up another dead whale or launching a monkey attack in order to keep things from getting out of hand.

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Ned Hickson

LETTERS

Communication in the gun debate

Proper terminology is essential in any open communication or debate. It is important so that all parties are saying the same thing. This becomes even more important when there are strong emotions involve. Words matter! One disconnect that comes up in the gun debate is the use of the term “weapon.” Weapon is a term that is descriptive of use. An object becomes a weapon when used in an aggressive act of assault or to threaten or when it is used in a defensive act of self-protection. Therefore, a weapon could be a firearm, a hunting knife, a machete, a hammer, a club, a bow and arrow or even a person’s fists. Often you hear speakers or see writers use the word weapon when the correct term is firearm. A firearm only becomes a weapon when used in assault or self-defense. Law enforcement personnel carry firearms that only become weapons when they use them when responding to criminals and confronting them. You may wonder, “What difference does it make?” It makes a big difference because law abiding citizens own firearms that only become weapons when they need to use them to protect themselves. If you use the word weapon when the proper term is firearm, you are using the terminology that the anti-gun people like to use to propagandize their position. It is a clever strategy because it instantly stigmatizes every firearm as an instrument of confrontation. To be fair, many if not most people have not considered this distinction. That is why I am writing these comments.

Another disconnect comes with the use of the term “assault rifle.” This is similar to issues around the terms firearm and weapon. The word “assault” describes an activity. A rifle is just a firearm unless it is used to assault someone. So, it follows that any instrument used in an assault could have its name prefaced with the word “assault.” Therefore, there are assault hand guns, assault hunting knives, assault clubs or even assault fists.

Closely linked to this confusion has to do with the much maligned AR15 firearm. What does the AR stand for? A few years ago, a friend who is a gun collector told me. Like

most people I assumed that the AR stood for assault rifle or automatic rifle. I was wrong. Actually, the AR stands for ArmaLite rifle. I googled “what does the AR in AR 15 stand for” and this is what I found:

ArmaLite rifle
The AR in “AR-15” rifle stands for ArmaLite rifle, after the company that developed it in the 1950s. “AR” does NOT stand for “assault rifle” or “automatic rifle.” AR-15-style rifles are NOT “assault weapons” or “assault rifles.” An assault rifle is fully automatic — a machine gun.

Before we leave this discussion let’s discuss one other frequently used term in the gun debate and that is the term “gun.” Gun is an inclusive word that covers a much broader spectrum than the word “firearm.” The term “gun” can be applied to firearms, water pistols, BB guns, pellet guns or even grease guns. Firearms use exploding gun power to propel a bullet or pellets and basically fall into three categories, hand guns, long guns and shot guns.

In conclusion, clearer and more honest discussion and debate occurs when proper terminology is used rather than emotionally loaded terms.

One more thing. As discussion and action are taking place around the issue of raising the age for purchasing long guns to twenty-one, stop and think about how many young people in our military under the age of twenty-one are prepared to use firearms to protect our nation.

Dr. Elden Daniel
Monte Vista

It is time for change in Colorado

It is time for change in Colorado. We all must use our voices - and our votes - to signal the change we want for our state, and our country.

Electing Diane Mistch Bush for the 3rd Congressional District is the change I want to see in 2018. Diane, whose voting record speaks volumes about her priorities, has been a public servant for over a decade. She has served two terms as a County Commissioner and three terms as a Colorado State House

Representative.

Diane has been a champion of economic opportunity for all, environmental protection and the conservation of public lands. She has and will continue to fight for quality, affordable healthcare for all and quality public education. She brings legislative experience and an understanding of the practical solutions Colorado needs -- she can hit the ground running in 2019 to make immediate change.

She has won every race she has entered against her Republican opponents, and because she’s been in office for over a decade her grasp of how issues affect our district is exceptionally thorough. She’ll easily be able to hold her own in debates with the incumbent Republican, Scott Tipton.

It’s time to bring back real representation to our district. Tipton votes in the interests corporations and mega-donors, not the people in our district. This current administration has demonstrated what happens when you elect people without experience.

Let’s support successful and qualified women like Diane instead of looking for inexperienced men who vote in the interest of others.

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ASU recognizes International Women’s Day, March 8

ALAMOSA — Presentations by Adams State Women’s Studies students will highlight International Women’s Day, Thursday, March 8. The event is part of Women’s Week 2018, March 5-9. The presentations will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in McDaniel Hall 101.

The theme of International Women’s Day is #PressForProgress, which calls for continuing efforts toward women’s equality. Adams State events also are related to the #TimesUp and #MeToo movements that advocate an end to sexual harassment and assault.

International Women’s Day Events

11 a.m. – Keynote Speech by Dr. Mari Centeno

11:15 a.m. – Women of Sanctuary by Ro Paschall

Noon – Lunch & Free Concert by 68 West performing works by women

1 p.m. – Is Your Make-Up Gendered? by Dana Sullivan

1:30 p.m. – Tattoos and Piercings: Are they gendered? by Katherine Kinney

2 p.m. – TED Talks and Guerilla Theater by David Saffold

3 p.m. – Black Women in the Black Panthers by Katherine

Kinney

3:30 p.m. – Feminist Movement on Transwomen by Nico Centeno

4 p.m. – Raffle and Closing

See the full Women’s Week schedule at: www.events.adams.edu/diversity

Counselors and information on resources will be available. All events are free and open to the public. Free parking after 5 p.m. is available in the McDaniel Hall parking lot on First St.

ASU Women’s Week is supported by: Women’s & Gender Studies, ASU Sociology Department, ASU Counseling Center, Multicultural Student Government, CIELO, Nielsen Library, Alamosa County Sheriff’s Office, San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group, Sage Youth Center, Tu Casa, and Planned Parenthood.

Winds and percussion concert is set to take place March 8

ALAMOSA – The Adams State University Winds and Percussion Ensemble will welcome Dr. Tracy Doyle, professor of music, who will solo during the performance. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, in the Richardson Hall Auditorium.

The performance is the kick-off event for the Adams State Top of the Nation Honor Band, which will host over 150 high school instrumentalists from Colorado and Texas. The concert will feature some of Adams State chamber ensembles in addition to large works for the full band. The performance

will end with a collaborative work performed with the Chamber Choir.

The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the concert. For more information contact the Adams State Music Office at 719-587-7621 or visit music.adams.edu.



Photo by Daniel Parsons

The Adams State Music Department will kick-off the Top of the Nation Honor Band with a winds and percussion concert on March 8. Pictured, the ensembles perform during a spring 2017 concert.

Three events scheduled March 9 for Adams State Women’s Week

ALAMOSA — Adams State University’s Women’s Week 2018 concludes March 9 with three events.

Kindred Spirits Lunch: “Empowerment through the Eyes of a Deaf Woman”

By student Nichola Medina

Noon-1 p.m. – Student Union Building first floor banquet rooms

Lunch provided – Sign up for lunch in La Mesa Dining Hall, meet in Banquet Rooms

Featured Film: Beauty Bites Beast

This 80-minute film addresses the complex issue of ending violence against women and girls. Its purpose is to give women and girls tools to defend themselves while an assault is taking place, rather than expecting others to rescue them.

6 p.m.

McDaniel Hall 101

A powerful but peaceful option for women’s self-defense

Presented by Kathy Park, 2nd degree black belt in Aikido

7:45 p.m.

McDaniel Hall 117

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Adams State University’s 2018 Women’s Week, March 5-9, has adopted the theme of International Women’s Day: #PressForProgress. The theme calls for continuing efforts toward women’s equality. Adams State events also are related to the #TimesUp and #MeToo movements that advocate an end to sexual harassment and assault.

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RoboRAVE Colorado recruiting teams for April event in Monte Vista

MONTE VISTA — The San Luis Valley 4-H Robotics program is hosting the third annual RoboRAVE Colorado robotics competition on Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Monte Vista High School in Monte Vista. This contest is open to all Colorado youth robotics teams. Participants can compete for prizes in five different events and three age divisions.

“We started this event because we wanted Valley youth working in robotics to have a low-cost opportunity to compete close to home,” said Amy Henschen, event director and 4-H Youth Development Agent with Colorado State University Extension. “We’re really excited to be bringing new challenges to the contest this year.”

At the event, teams will have the opportunity to again compete in the a-MAZE-ing Challenge, Jousting Challenge and Line Following Challenge. In addition, they can enter two new events, the SumoBot Challenge and Entrepreneurial Challenge.

The a-MAZE-ing Challenge, requires robots to navigate an elevated maze without using any sensors. The Jousting Challenge is a head-to-head contest to see which robot can knock their opponent’s water bottle “knight” off first. The Line Following Challenge requires participants to build a robot that can follow a line to deliver a ping pong ball payload.

In the new SumoBot Challenge teams build robots that can wrestle other robots out of the sumo ring. In the Entrepreneurial Challenge, teams create innovative robotics products to meet real world needs in areas such as agriculture, health care, energy, hospitality, and aviation. They then market those products to event attendees.

RoboRAVE is open to youth ages 8 to 18 who are members of Colorado 4-H, community, or school teams that use robotics platforms that cost less than \$1500. The Entrepreneurial Challenge is also open to college-age teams. Teams compete in the division of their oldest team member. There is a \$30 per team cost to participate. Prizes will be awarded for the top teams in each challenge and age division.


Teams should bring a laptop, with programming software, their robot, and robotics kit to the event. Groups will have time to practice and troubleshoot at the event before they begin scoring. Detailed information on all of the contest rules is available on the event website at <http://tinyurl.com/RoboRaveColorado>. Registration for the event is now open through the event webpage, and will be available through March 23.


“We’re very excited to see the creativity local youth will bring to this contest,” said Henschen. “Kids who participate in youth robotics events like this one are not only building robots, but also building the 21st Century Skills they’ll need to succeed at school and in the workplace.”

RoboRAVE Colorado is a partnership between Colorado State University Extension, RoboRAVE International, and the Monte Vista School District. The event is made possible by volunteers, as well as financial support from local sponsors, including the San Luis Valley 4-H Foundation. Those who are interested in volunteering at the event or sponsoring the event may contact the event director, Amy Henschen, at 719-852-7381 or slv4H@colostate.edu.

For more information on RoboRAVE Colorado or the 4-H youth development program, visit the San Luis Valley website at <http://sanluisvalley.colostate.edu>. 4-H is a cooperative effort between Colorado State University Extension and Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache counties. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.


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Sports

Racing hearts 5k & 3k results

ALAMOSA — The Penguin running club got a beautiful day for their 1st annual Racing Hearts 5k at Cole Park. Over 40 runners came across the finish line with ages from 8-50 years old.

The overall male winner Martin Villalva ran the course in 23:05. Mike Henderson was behind him with the time of 23:42. Third place for the men was middle school runner Mario Villalba with the time of 23:54. For the women middle school distance runner Annahi Molina finished in 24:12. 4th grade All American Araceli Molina came across in 24:12. Close behind her was fellow teammate Jayden Wubben in 24:54.

The kids 3k got a great turnout and it could be said to be a success. Gavin Crawford finished first for the boys with the time of 14:42. Angie Molina finished first for the girls with the time of 16:02. Complete results follow.

5k Results

1. Martin Villalva
2. Mike Henderson
3. Mario Villalba
4. Annahi Molina
5. Araceli Molina
6. Jayden Wubben
7. Autumn McQuitty
8. Abby Wubben
9. Dave Edwards
10. Cortney Johnson
11. Jonna Anderson
12. Vanessa Villava
13. Victoria Gifford
14. Cadi Chavez
15. Matt Relyea
16. Olivia Imre
17. Hatton Maruin

18. Victoria McRoy
19. Emily Ellis
20. Consuelo Reyes
21. Erica Abeyta
22. Sarah Ramirez
23. Mike Perea
24. Lizbeth Gifford
25. Connie Atencio
26. Emily Hawley
27. LuzElena Villalva
28. Ann Brewer
29. Socorro Herrera
30. Stephanie Archuleta
31. Jewels Perea
32. Brittney Abeyta
33. Kimberly Romero
34. Ractual Gasperetti
35. Erika Henderson
36. Darlene Valdez
37. Terri Shea

3k Results

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| 1. Gavin Crawford | 14:42 |
| 2. Angie Molina | 16:02 |
| 3. Mason Shipp | 17:01 |
| 4. Brooklyn Crawford | 17:03 |
| 5. Camryn Zook | 17:56 |
| 6. JohnBrady Imre | 18:14 |
| 7. Morgan Montgomery | 18:23 |
| 8. Isabella Imre | 18:33 |

Courtesy photos
Left: Autumn McQuitty and her dog Elsie finish the 5k side by side. Right: Martin Villalva finishes the 5k first overall.



Grizzlies lacrosse opens season 1-1

By SHAUN WICEN

ASU Sports Information Director

ALAMOSA— Following a disappointing loss to CSU-Pueblo, Adams State University men's lacrosse team found its way to victory against Otterbein University Monday afternoon with a 9-3 victory. Adams continues its home play Thursday in a conference matchup with Rockhurst University at 3 p.m.

Sophomore Kale Wilson and senior Alex Brydson led the way in the two games, each scoring four goals. Wilson led the team with five points this weekend with his four goals and an assist, as well as leading the team in shot percent-



age, converting two-thirds of his shots. He also had a game winning goal, man-up goal and a man-goal down.

Also for the Grizzlies, Collin Cranfield led the team with eight shots, converting two for goals. He had a perfect shot on goal percentage in the act.

Defensively, Connor Johnson led the team in cage, saving 27 shots on 63 faced shots. He also was key in converting turnovers and earning the team nine groundballs.

Faceoff specialist Joe Quatrochi had 39 total face off times, winning 21 of them. He also led the team with 11 groundballs.

League tourneys set to impact NCAA seeding

By AARON BEARD
AP Basketball Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)— The Big East has No. 2 Villanova and No. 3 Xavier aiming for No. 1 seeds in the NCAA Tournament. The Big 12 has No. 9 Kansas on its seemingly permanent perch as the Big 12's regular-season champion.

And the southern-roots Atlantic Coast Conference returned to Brooklyn with Virginia the unanimous No. 1 in the AP Top 25, freshman Marvin Bagley III and No. 5 Duke rounding into postseason form — and just in time for a winter storm threatening to blanket the Northeast in heavy snow.

Yes, it promises to be an eventful week with most of college basketball's top conferences hitting tournament time and Selection Sunday just days away.

The Big Ten has already wrapped up its early tournament, with No. 7 Michigan playing its way into similar position as it did last year when the Wolverines got hot late, won the league tournament and went on to the NCAA Sweet 16. And the West Coast Conference concludes with Tuesday's final between No. 6 Gonzaga and BYU in Las Vegas.

The remaining power conferences hold tournaments this week. The ACC opened play Tuesday with Boston College's win against Georgia Tech. The Big 12, Pac-12 and Southeastern Conference open play Wednesday along with the Big East; the American Athletic Conference Tournament starts Thursday.

Some storylines to watch:
ACC

Top-ranked Virginia, which became the unanimous No. 1 in the AP Top 25 on Monday, made the past month little more than a coronation. Led by Associated Press league coach of the year Tony Bennett along with AP all-ACC picks Devon Hall and Kyle Guy, the Cavaliers ran out to a 12-0 start to take all the drama out of a regular-season race they would ultimately win by four games.

They begin ACC play in Thursday's quarterfinals looking solid for a No. 1 NCAA seed — maybe the overall top seed — regardless of what happens in Brooklyn. They're No. 1 in the RPI and in KenPom and own a 9-1 record against Quadrant 1 opponents (home games vs. teams ranked 1-30 in RPI, neutral games vs. 1-50 and away games vs. 1-75).

The more interesting question could be what happens with rivals Duke and North Carolina.

The Blue Devils open play in Thursday's quarterfinals with Bagley standing as the AP league player and rookie of the year, and they could be a No. 1 NCAA seed by winning a second straight title.

As for the No. 12 Tar Heels, they finished tied for third but ended up as the No. 6 seed because of tiebreakers. Yet they enter Wednesday's second-round game against the Wake Forest-Syracuse winner with 10 Quadrant 1 wins, second only to Kansas (11) — and that could have them in contention for a 2-seed despite their low ACC Tournament seeding.

The ACC has a national-best five teams in the AP Top 25.

BIG EAST

Jalen Brunson, Mikal Bridges and Villanova hopped over Xavier to reach No. 2 in Monday's poll, though Trevon Bluiett and the No. 3 Musketeers are the No. 1 seed in the Big East Tournament. And Villanova swept the regular-season series.

Both teams open play in Thursday's quarterfinals in New York's Madison Square Garden, with Xavier facing the St. John's-Georgetown winner and Villanova facing the DePaul-Marquette winner. And one — maybe both? — could end up earning No. 1 NCAA seeds.

BIG 12

Kansas enters the Big 12 Tournament in Kansas City, Missouri, as the top seed for the 10th straight year and in the running for a No. 1 NCAA seed. The Jayhawks and AP Big 12 player of the year Devonte' Graham face the Oklahoma-Oklahoma State winner in Thursday's quarterfinals.

No. 14 Texas Tech, the second seed, opens play against the Iowa State-Texas winner, while No. 18 West Virginia faces bubble team Baylor to wrap up the quarterfinals.

PAC-12

No. 15 Arizona enters the Pac-12 Tournament in Las Vegas as the top seed behind AP league player and rookie of the year Deandre Ayton. The Wildcats will face the Arizona State-Colorado winner in Thursday's quarter-

finals as the only AP Top 25 team in the field.

SEC

The Southeastern Conference Tournament begins Wednesday in St. Louis and ends Sunday a few hours before the field of 68 is announced. No. 13 Tennessee and No. 16 Auburn shared the regular-season title, though the Tigers claimed the No. 1 seed.

Both teams open play in Friday's quarterfinals, with Auburn facing the Alabama-Texas A&M winner and Tennessee facing the LSU-Mississippi State winner.

No. 23 Florida is the other ranked team in the SEC field. AP league player of the year Yante Maten and Georgia open Wednesday against Vanderbilt.

AAC

No. 8 Cincinnati and No. 11 Wichita State met over the weekend to determine the American Athletic Conference regular-season title. Could they do it again in the AAC Tournament?

Both look like candidates to be at least a No. 3 seed depending on how things go in Orlando when the tournament begins Thursday. The top-seeded Bearcats open in Friday's quarterfinals against the SMU-Connecticut winner, while the second-seeded Shockers face the Tulane-Temple winner.

Also lurking in Wichita State's half of the bracket is No. 21 Houston, which is closing in on its first NCAA Tournament bid since 2010 and only its second in 26 years. The Cougars face the East Carolina-UCF winner.

Scores

ASU Baseball

Mar. 3

LCU 15, ASU 4

Prep Basketball

1A Regional Tournament at La Junta High School

Mar. 3

Holly 44, Antonito 38 (G)
Sangre de Cristo 43, Sierra Grande 39 (B)
Kim/Branson 47, Sangre de Cristo 25 (G)
Creede 58, Kit Carson 56 (B)

2A Regional Tournaments

Mar. 3

Holyoke 54, Del Norte 43 (G)
Highland 81, Del Norte 76 (B)
Sanford 42, Sedgwick County 39 (B)

3A State Championship Tournament 'Sweet 16'

Mar. 3

Alamosa 57, Grand Valley 39 (B)
Centauri 55, Manitou Springs 40 (G)

ASU Lacrosse

Mar. 3

CSU-Pueblo 18, ASU 9 (M)

Mar. 5

ASU 9, OU 3 (M)

ASU Softball

Mar. 3

Sports Bulletin

Colorado Mesa 19, ASU 4
Colorado Mesa 10, ASU 0

Upcoming Events

ASU Baseball

Mar. 9

2 p.m. Regis University at ASU

Mar. 10

11 a.m./ 2 p.m. Regis University at ASU (DH)

Mar. 11

12 p.m. Regis University at ASU

Prep Baseball

Mar. 10

11 a.m. Alamosa at Lamar
11 a.m. Olathe at Monte Vista
11 a.m. Center at Pagosa Springs

Mar. 13

3 p.m. Sargent at Centauri
3 p.m. Alamosa at Del Norte

Prep Basketball

Mar. 8

1A State Tournament 'Great 8'
at University of Northern Colorado, Greeley

1:15 p.m. Creede vs. Cornerstone Christian Academy (B)
8:30 p.m. Sangre de Cristo vs Peetz (B)

Mar. 8

2A State Tournament 'Great 8'
at Budweiser Event Center at Loveland

5:30 p.m. Sanford vs. Crowley County (B)

Mar. 8

3A State Championship 'Great 8'
at Hamilton Gym, University of Denver

1 p.m. Centauri vs. Colorado Springs Christian (G)
5:30 p.m. Alamosa vs. Bayfield (B)

ASU Lacrosse

Mar. 8

3 p.m. Rockhurst University at ASU (M)

Mar. 10

11 a.m. Rockhurst University at ASU (W)

ASU Wrestling

Mar. 9-10

NCAA National Tournament (at U.S. Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids, IA)

Prep Girls Soccer

Mar. 10

1 p.m. Lamar at Alamosa

ASU Softball

Mar. 10

12/ 2 p.m. CSU-P at ASU (DH)

Mar. 11

11 / 1 p.m. CSU-P at ASU (DH)

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Furry Friends



Shadow is a sweet fuzzy guy. He is a little shy but warms up as soon as he sees a leash! He loves his walks!



Hexie is a shy Chi female. She is about 2 years old and needs a gentle hand to make her feel safe again. She loves to sit on laps and

Kyle is a young Corgie and just a shy guy. He needs lots of time and understanding while he works on his social skills. Do you have the time to make him in to your best buddy?



Mick is baying his best “pick me!” bay. He is a Coonhound and ready to go on any adventure you have waiting! Typical of the breed, his nose is always to the ground! Mick is about 6 years old.

To adopt or reclaim any of these pets, contact Conour Animal Shelter at 852-3366 or 2825 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Also see www.slvanimalshelter.com.

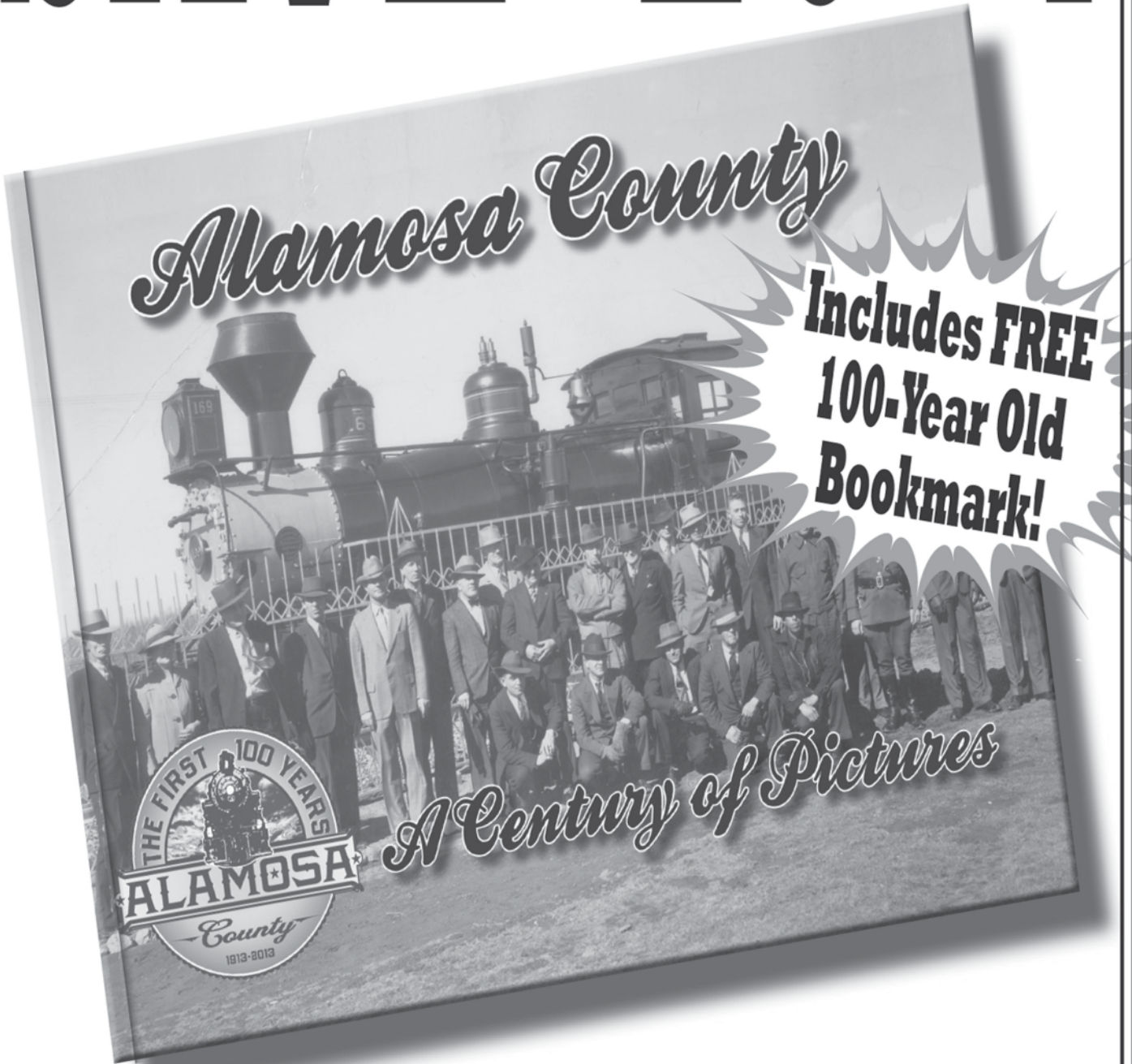


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GRIZZLY ATHLETIC EVENTS

Wednesday, March 7th

Grizzly Club Luncheon

Bistro Rialto • Noon

Thursday, March 8th

Men's Lacrosse vs Rockhurst

3:00 PM

Friday, March 9th

Wrestling vs NCAA

All Day

Track at NCAA Division II National

Championships • TBA

Women's Golf at Minot State University

TBA

Baseball vs Regis University

2:00 PM

Saturday, March 10th

Wrestling vs NCAA

All Day

Track at NCAA Division II National

Championships • TBA

Women's Golf at Minot State University

TBA

Women's Lacrosse vs Rockhurst

University • 11:00 AM

Baseball vs Regis University

11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Softball vs Colorado State University -

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**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF
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SALE AND OF APPLICATION
FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASUR-
ER'S DEED**

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinbefore Described Land, Lot or Premises and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to;

1) Lawrence S Silva and Larry L Silva, whose last known address was P.O. Box 212, Santa Cruz, NH 07567-0212.

THE EAST 118 FEET OF LOT
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COLORADO. (ALSO INTEREST
IN WELL B264 P232).

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 19th day of November A.D. 2014, the then County Treasurer of the County of Conejos, in the State of Colorado offered for sale at a public tax sale the above described real estate

that situated in the County of Conejos, State of Colorado, to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2013. That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Lawrence S. Silva and Larry L. Silva for the said year 2013. That at said sale, said real estate was struck off John M Ritchey Revocable Trust; whose address is 3 Lewis Mountain Lane, Durango, CO 81301 and the Treasurer's Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to John M. Ritchey.

Revocable Trust, and as present holder of the certificate he has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand and seal this 7th
day of March A.D. 2018.
Mack M. Crowther
Conejos County Treasurer
No. 9994

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
#03-18
Structural Improvements at the
SKI HI Complex

The City of Monte Vista, Colorado is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide construction labor and materials to complete the structural improvements to the SKI HI Complex.

Proposals submission via email, mail or hand carry is preferred. Proposals shall be sent/delivered in sealed envelopes clearly marked "SKI HI Structural 2018". All pro-

posals shall be "delivered" prior to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2014, to the City of Monte Vista, 95 West 1st Avenue, Monte Vista, CO 81144. All proposals will then be opened in a public bid opening beginning promptly at 2:15 p.m. on the above date.

Any questions concerning the scope of the project or the bid submission process should be directed to Public Works Director/Project Manager, Robert Vance at (719) 852-2692 ext. 103 or vance@city-monte-vista.co.

The project will be scheduled to start on March 5, 2018 at the SH-116 Complex beginning at 1:00 p.m. Attendance is not mandatory but highly encouraged.

The City of Monte Vista is subject to public information laws, which guarantee access to most records and documents. Proprietary information in your response must be

clearly identified and will be protected to the extent legally permissible. Proposals may not be marked 'Proprietary' if their entirety. Information considered proprietary is limited to material treated as confidential in the normal conduct of business, trade secrets, discount information, and individual product or service pricing. Summary price information may not be designated as proprietary as such information may be carried forward into other public

documents. All provisions of an contract resulting from this request for proposal will be public information. The City of Monte Vista reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities. No. 9977
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**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF
REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN
SALE AND OF APPLICATION
FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

- 1) Celeste Valdez, whose last

know address was 218 Franklin St, Monte Vista, CO 81144.
? INTEREST IN THE WEST 2 ACRES OF THE S1/2 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, N.M.P.M., COUNTY OF CONEJO, AND STATE OF COLORADO.
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 19th day of November A.D. 2014, the then County Treasurer of the County of Conejos, in the State of Colorado, offered for sale at a public tax lien sale the above described real estate.

tate situated in the County of Conejos, City of Colorado, to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2013.

That said real estate was taxed on the basis of the assessed value (name) of Carlos Valdez, for the said year 2013.

That to said sale, said real estate was struck off to Floyd W. Cody, whose address is P.O. Box 252 Monument, NM 86265 and the Treasurer's Certificate of Purchase was issued before to Floyd W. Cody, and as present holder of the certificate he has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate.

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued to said real estate to said Floyd W. Cody at 2:00 P.M., on the 27th day of June A.D. 2018, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of February A.D. 2018.

Mack M. Crowther

Conejos County Treasurer
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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
1) Leonard James Espinoza and Misty Lynn Espinoza, whose last known address was P.O. Box 561, La Jara, CO 81140.
A PARCEL LOCATED IN SANFORD ORIGINAL LOT 3, BLOCK 86, SANFORD, COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER WHERE LOT 3 INTERSECTS WITH LOT 4, THENCE NORTH 150 FEET ALONG THE BOUNDARY LINE OF LOTS 3 AND 4 TO A POINT, THENCE WEST 125 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 150 FEET, THENCE EAST 125 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING IN CONEJOS COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO.
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 14th day of November A.D. 2012, the then County Treasurer of the County of Conejos, in the State of Colorado, offered for sale at a public tax lien sale the above described real estate situated in the County of Conejos, State of Colorado, to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2011. That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Leonard James Espinoza and Misty Lynn Espinoza for the said year 2011.
That at said sale, said real estate was struck off John M Ritchey Revocable Trust; whose address is 37 Lewis Mountain Lane, Durango, CO 81301 and the Treasurer's Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to John M. Ritchey Revocable Trust, and as present holder of the certificate he has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate.
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said John M. Ritchey Revocable Trust at 3:00 P.M. on the 27th day of June A.D. 2018, unless the same has been redeemed.
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of February A.D. 2018.
Mack M. Crowther
Conejos County Treasurer
No. 9980
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #02-18
Hot Water to Restrooms at the Vail 3 Theater
The City of Monte Vista, Colorado is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide design, construction labor and materials to complete the improvements to establish Hot Water to the restrooms facilities at the Vail 3 Theater.
Proposals submission via email, mail or hand carry is preferred. Proposals shall be sent/delivered in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Vail 3 HOT WATER 2018." All proposals shall be delivered prior to March 12, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. to the City of Monte Vista, 95 West 1st Avenue, Monte Vista, CO 81144. All proposals will then be opened in a public bid opening beginning promptly at 2:15 p.m. on the above date.
Questions concerning the scope of the project or the bid submittal process should be directed to Public Works Director/Project Manager, Robert Vance at (719) 852-2692 ext. 103 or robertv@ci.monte-vista.co.us. A preview of the project will be conducted on March 5, 2018 at the Vail 3 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Attendance is not mandatory but highly encouraged.
The City of Monte Vista is subject to public information laws, which permit access to most records and documents. Proprietary information in your response must be clearly identified and will be protected to the extent legally permissible. Proposals may not be marked "Proprietary" in their entirety. Information considered proprietary is limited to material treated as confidential in the normal conduct of business, trade secrets, discount information, and individual product or service pricing. Summary price information may not be designated as proprietary as such information may be carried forward into other public documents. All provisions of any contract resulting from this request for proposal will be public information.
The City of Monte Vista reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities.
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PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTACT:
SANDRA HOSTETTER, ALAMOSA COUNTY ASSESSOR
8999 INDEPENDENCE WAY
ALAMOSA, COLORADO 81101
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 719-589-6365
The Colorado Constitution establishes a property tax exemption for senior citizens and disabled veterans. For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 in actual value of the primary residence is exempted from property tax. The State of Colorado pays the property taxes on the exempted value. Qualifying seniors are urged to submit applications if they have not yet done so.
SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION:
Basic Qualifications- Generally, each of the following statements must be true to qualify for the senior citizen exemption. The qualifying senior: Must be at least 65 years old on January 1 of the year the application is filed; and Must be the current owner of record, and listed as the owner of record for at least 10 consecutive years prior to January 1; and st occupy the property as his/her primary residence, and must have done so for at least 10 consecutive years prior to January 1.
Exceptions to Basic Qualifications- The applicant may still qualify if one or more of the following statements are true:
Ownership is in the spouse's name, and the spouse also occupies the property;
Ownership has been transferred to or purchased by a trust, corporate partnership or other legal entity solely for estate planning purposes;
The qualifying senior or his/her spouse was or is confined to a health care facility.
The applicant was forced to move when the prior residence was condemned in an eminent domain proceeding;
The applicant is the surviving spouse of a senior who met the requirements on January 1, 2002, or on any January 1 thereafter.
The qualifying senior citizen's prior residence was destroyed or otherwise rendered uninhabitable by a natural disaster.
How to Apply- To apply, you must complete the appropriate application form and return it to the assessor by July 16. The assessor must accept late applications until August 15. The "Short Form" application may be used by qualifying senior citizens who meet each of the basic qualifications. The "Long Form" application must be used by applicants who satisfy one or more of the exemptions to the basic qualifications. If you would like to receive an application form or a brochure that explains the senior citizen exemption in greater detail, or if you have any questions regarding the exemption, please call the assessor's office at (719) 589-6365.
DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION:
Basic Qualifications- Generally, each of the following statements must be true to qualify:
The applicant must be a veteran who sustained a service-connected disability while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This includes members of the National Guard and Reserves who sustained injuries while serving on active duty;
The applicant must have been honorably-discharged; The Federal Department of Veterans Affairs has rated the applicant a service-connected disability as a one hundred percent permanent disability through disability retirement benefits pursuant to a law or regulation administered by the department, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, or the Department of the Army, Navy, or Airforce.
The applicant must be the owner of record and must have been the owner of record since January 1 of the current year.
Exceptions to Basic Qualifications- The applicant may still qualify if one or more of the following statements are true:
Ownership is in the spouse's name, and the spouse also occupies the property;
Ownership has been transferred to or purchased by a trust, corporate partnership or other legal entity solely for estate planning purposes;
The qualifying disabled veteran and his/her spouse was or is confined to a health care facility.
The applicant was forced to move when the prior residence was condemned in an eminent domain proceeding.
The applicant is the surviving spouse of a previously qualified veteran who met the requirements through the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs.
How to Apply- To apply, you must file a completed application with the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs by July 1. The Division of Veterans Affairs may accept late applications until August 1 if the applicant can show good cause for missing the July 1 deadline. The surviving spouse of a prequalified veteran must apply directly to the assessor's office no later than July 1. If you would like to receive an application form or a brochure that explains the disabled veteran exemption in greater detail, or if you have any questions regarding the exemption, please call the assessor's office at (719) 589-6365.
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099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL LA GARITA Trading Post, Bonnie and Jerry want to say Goodbye after almost 18 years of running the store and café. We are having to close the doors. The Ranches and Farmers, Hunters and Tourist were all just like family it tears my heart into pieces. We have no choice. Our government is trying to get rid of small businesses. We have no other choice but to close.... We will clearly miss EVERYONE so much.. Bonnie & Jerry Nesbaum.(3/10)

THE SAGUACHE COUNTY Housing Authority is seeking bids for the removal of a large tree at Blue Waters Haciendas grounds, located at 630 ½ Pitkin Ave, Saguache, CO 81149.

THE BIDDER MUST have the ability to cut the tree down to 6"-8" above the ground, remove the debris, possess liability insurance, and workman's compensation insurance. The circumference of the tree is measured at 26ft+/- at the base. Bids must be submitted by 4pm March 8th, 2018 If you wish to review the work to be done and place a bid, please call the Housing Authority 719 849 0356(3/8)

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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)

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORRENT COMMERCIAL: Large Hall and smaller club facility, suitable for all public and private events. Call 589-2362 evenings for details.(TFN)

100 WEDDINGS

BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN RANCH wedding / reunion site. Lodge w/ kitchen, dining, sleeping; 9 guest cabins. 719-580-2486 (3/15)

103 FAMILY REUNIONS

BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN RANCH wedding / reunion site. Lodge w/ kitchen, dining, sleeping; 9 guest cabins. 719-580-2486(3/15)

163 LOST & FOUND

REWARD FOR BLUE heeler puppy. Last on County Road 21 and County Road Z north of Sanford. White patch on head, brown paws, and white spot on head. She belongs to and is a companion to a disabled young man. She comes for a loving home and would really love to have her back. Please help. If you have any information, please contact me at 719-580-8259 and leave a message. Thank you. (3/08)

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

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221 HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2018-2019 school year HS Language Arts Teacher, HS Art Teacher, and MS Art Teacher (3 positions). For a complete list of desired qualifications, visit the District website ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by April 2, 2018, or until the positions are filled. Applications will be reviewed after April 2nd and interviews will be scheduled later in April. Applications may be downloaded from the District website or call 719-852-5996.(3/22)

FULLTIME SALES, EARN \$25,000 plus. Sales experience required. Benefits. Send resume to PO Box 1099 or drop off at 2205 State, Alamosa. (TFN)

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 719-628-9908 or 719-852-3215 for more information. Position open until filled. An employment application must be completed. (3/22)

RIO GRANDE COUNTY seeking Accountant for Administration department. Responsible for accounting operations and grants management; accounting degree preferred. Prior experience required; governmental accounting a plus. Word and Excel needed; work with little direction; good communication skills. Applications and job description are on Rio Grande County website or pick up and submit to Human Resources, 925 6th St., Room 200, Del Norte, CO. 81132 by 3:00 p.m. March 31, 2018 or until filled. (3/22)

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RIO GRANDE COUNTY is seeking a Dispatch/ Detention Officer. High school diploma or general education degree (GED); or one to three months related experience and/ or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Interaction with inmates required. Must be 21 years of age, pass background investigation and drug test screening. \$12.38/per hour. Pick up and submit applications to Human Resources 925 6th St. Room 200 Del Norte, CO. 81132. Applications also available on-line at www.riograndecounty.org. Deadline: March 31, 2018 @ 3:00 P.M. or until filled. -(3/22)

THE RIOGRANDE Inn SNF in currently seeking a full time bath aide. Must be CNA licensed, a team player, and willing to work 6 am to 2:30p Monday thru Friday. We offer competitive pay as well as benefits. Stop by 39 Calle Miller, La Jara for an application. RGI is an EOE. (3/22)

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) Centauri Middle School baseball 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 (3/14)

DEPENDABLE HELP NEEDED on local farm and fish farm. Job is year round not seasonal. Must have driver's license and be willing to perform physical work. For more information please call (719) 588-7130, (719) 588-7130. (3/22)

NOTICE OF JOB OPENING FOR CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER The San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., located at 3625 US Hwy 160 W, Monte Vista, Colorado currently has an opening for a Chief Operating Officer. Forty hours/ week plus additional time as duties require. The rate of pay is to be determined. Duties include supervision of construction line crew, servicemen, and mechanics; execution of major work plans; manage outside electric utility contracts including line construction, tree trimming and pole testing crews; supervision of fleet management; performs stand-by coordination duty. A Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering is preferred with 10 years' experience in the electric distribution utility industry. Must possess a valid driver's license. Visit our website at www.slvrcc.com for a full list of requirements and to complete the job application. This position will remain open until it is filled. EOE. (3/14)

221 HELP WANTED

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS now hiring front desk agents pm and late night shift. Apply in person(3/14)

SAFEWAY IN ALAMOSA is currently seeking a Starbucks Manager. Previous management experience is required, and food service/barista experience is preferred. Applications are available online at www.careersatsafeway.com (3/22)

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LABOR: VALID DRIVER'S license REQUIRED. Duties include, getting in and out of trash truck, emptying trash bins into trash truck. Physical labor Required, must be able to lift up to 100 lbs, other duties as assigned. 32 to 40 hours a week, . Home Base inManassa, CO Please call 719 580 1518 or 719 843-5354.(3/22)

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RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing Home in Del Norte CO, is accepting applications for the Dietary Department. And Housekeeping/ Laundry. If you would like to join our amazing team, please come in or call for more information. 719-657-1105. 1335 6th Street Del Norte CO 81132. (RVI in an EOE)(3/21)

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221 HELP WANTED

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LA LLAVE FAMILY Resource Center, Inc. is seeking a full-time SafeCare Parent Support Provider to provide home visitation for parents of children ages 0-5. Please visit LaLlaveFRC.org for more information and to download an application. Applicants must be able to successfully pass a background check. Training will be provided. Application materials can be dropped off at LLLFRC, 2303 State Ave., Alamosa. This position will serve Rio Grande and Saguache counties. (3/21)

221 HELP WANTED

EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL San Luis Valley is seeking an Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant for 30 to 40 hours per week. Qualified candidate must have a license-eligible master's degree in social work or counseling. Preferred applicants will have a focus on early childhood mental health. The qualified candidate will be endorsed, or be willing to work towards the Infant Mental Health Endorsement. Consultants will participate in support calls with the state and reflective supervisor. Early childhood mental health consultation will be provided in early care and education settings and shall include reflective practice designed to build the knowledge and skills of early care and learning providers to respond to children's social emotional development needs. Consultation shall be provided at both program and child-specific service levels. Qualified individuals can submit a letter of interest along with resume or vitae to sherri@eccslv.org or at 715 Main Street, Alamosa, CO 81101 by March 12, 2018. (3/10)

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221 HELP WANTED

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221 HELP WANTED

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SANGRE DE CRISTO School District if looking for full time / part time custodial staff. Please contact Barry Hawkins at bhawkins@sangreschools.org or Brady Stagner at bstagner@sangreschools.org or contact school office at 719-378-2321 for more information. Applications may be downloaded from website, sdc.schoolsok.net. (3/16)

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LLFRC IS SEEKING a part-time Family Support Services Provider to help families set and reach their goals, as well as offer referrals and advocacy for families from across the Valley. Please visit LaLlaveFRC.org for more information and to download an application. Application materials can be dropped off at LLLFRC, 2303 State Ave., Alamosa. (3/15)

SALIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT R32J is accepting applications for a District Facility Maintenance Manager. Please submit a complete application packet to: Salida School District 349 E. 9th Street, Salida CO 81201. View this vacancy and application requirements at www.salidaschools.com. "EOE"(3/7)

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FREE CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECH: River Valley Inn Nursing Home in Del Norte Colorado is offering a free Med Tech class. Requirements for class: Must have a valid Colorado CNA license, Must pass background check, Must have proof of 1000 hours worked as a CAN. **Deadline for applications is March 23, 2018. Please come in for application or call for more details. 719-657-1105 (RV is an EOE)(3/13)**

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THE LA LLAVE Family Resource Center Inc. is accepting applications for the Executive Director position. The position will be open until March 15, 2018. Cover letters and resumes should be sent to blaine@lallavefrc.org. To see the full job description please visit the La Llave Family Resource Center website: <http://www.lallavefrc.org/3/23>

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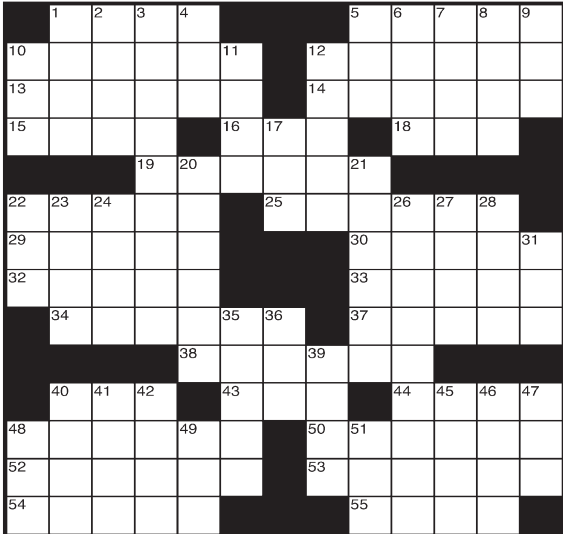
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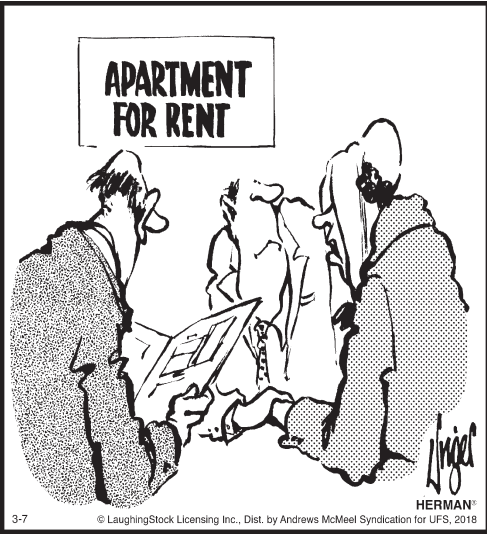
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HERMAN



“D’you think we really need a kitchen?”

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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N V B N U K N H N S C W M K K . ” — W Y C N
F N U B P W C F

Previous Solution: “Football (soccer) is a fertility festival. Eleven sperm trying to get into the egg. I feel sorry for the goalkeeper.” – Bjork

Memories of long-ago assault revived by #metoo movement

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, my husband and I hosted a St. Patrick’s Day party in our apartment for friends. There was a lot of drinking going on. I had to be at work early the next morning, so I went to bed while the party went on. I awoke a short while later to one of the men attempting to rape me. He stopped and attempted an apology by saying, “But you are just so pretty.”

My husband and I graduated from high school with this person, and he is/was part of the same circle of friends. I have not told many people, but the few who do know have maintained a friendship with him, including my husband.

Because of the #MeToo campaign, all the emotions have come to a head for me now. I think about this assault daily. The worst thing for me is that even though he knows about it, my husband has chosen to remain friends with him for 35 years. How can I get past this? -- CAN’T FORGET IN VIRGINIA

DEAR CAN’T FORGET: I can only imagine how traumatic the assault was, and for that you have my sympathy. The friends you confided in may feel that because your attacker was drunk, what he did was somehow excusable. That your husband would be so forgiving is, frankly, shocking.

It may take the help of a licensed mental health professional to put this behind you, if that’s possible. I sincerely hope you will reach out to a therapist who treats post-traumatic stress as well as victims of sexual assault, and include your husband in some of the sessions.

DEAR ABBY: I’m a 55-year-old gay man with a problem. My 22-year-old son doesn’t know I’m gay. It was after my divorce that I started seeing men again.

I married my life partner of 13 years last year. My husband thinks I should sit my son down and tell him. I want to tell my son and be honest with him about my relationship with my husband, but my son is very religious and I’m afraid this will drive a wedge between us. Plus, I’m afraid of what ideas my ex would fill his head with about me. Please advise. -- CONFUSED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CONFUSED: You say your son is 22 and you have been with your now-husband for 13 years. Haven’t you had regular visitation with your son all this time? Doesn’t he like your husband? If the answers to those questions are yes, then what makes you think he isn’t already aware of your sexual orientation? On the other hand, if the answers to my questions are no, then



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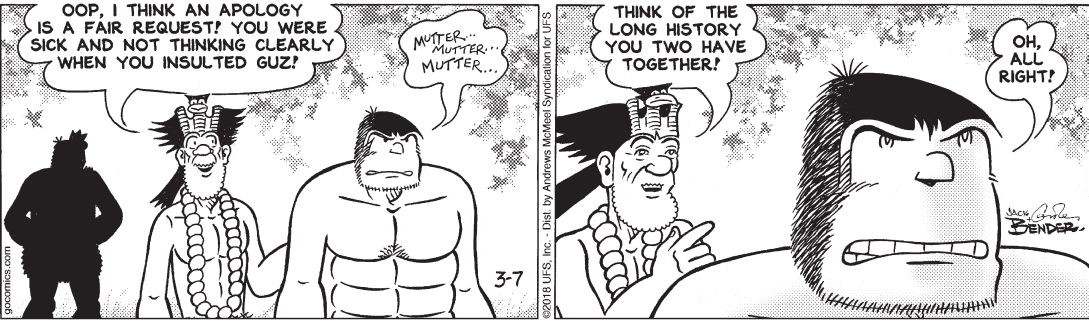
I doubt that telling your son what’s what will drive him any further away from you than he already is.

DEAR ABBY: What would you say about a man who still keeps a photo of himself with his late wife as his computer background picture two years after he remarried? -- SECOND-FIDDLE SECOND WIFE

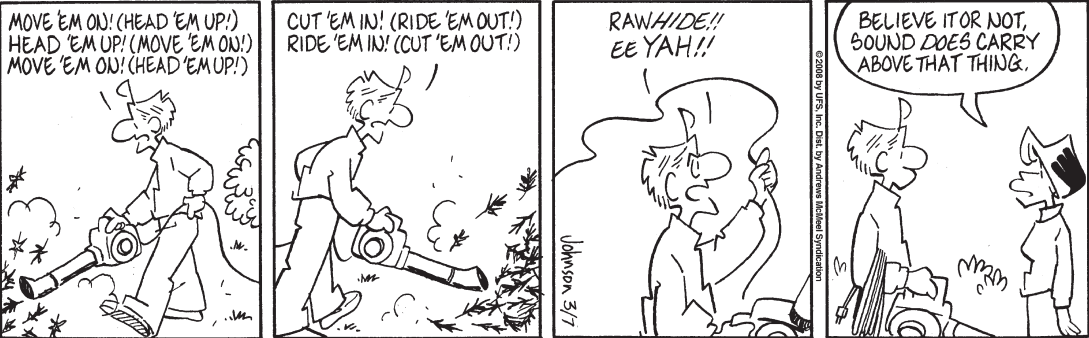
DEAR WIFE: I’d say he may be too lazy or computer-inert to update it. If it were me, I’d “volunteer” to help him change it.

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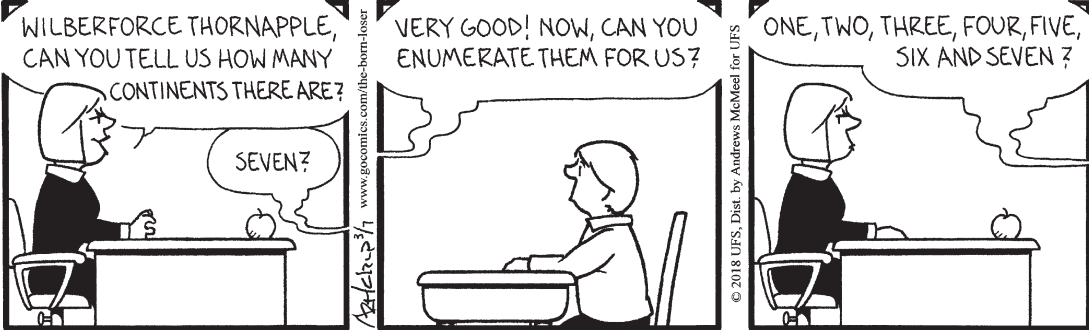
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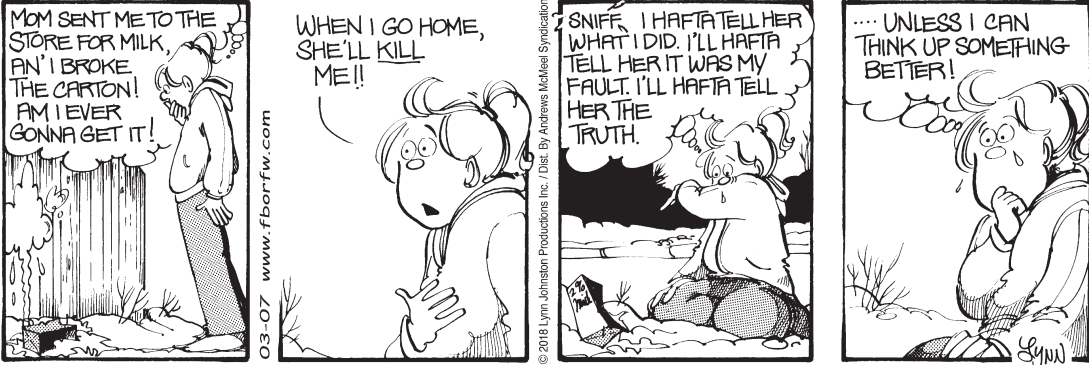
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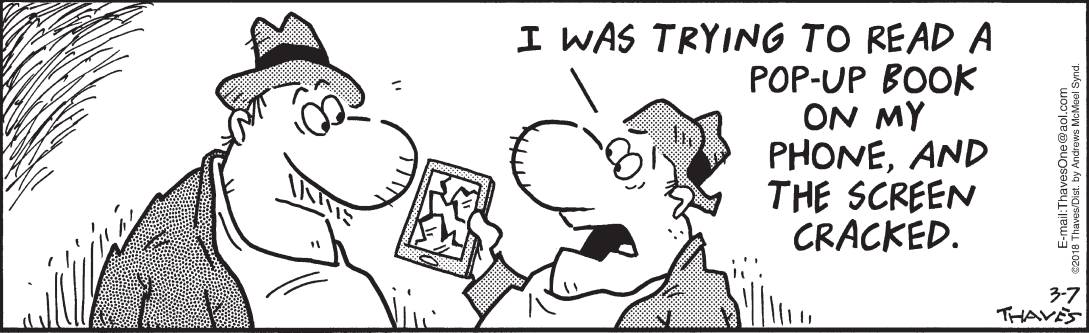
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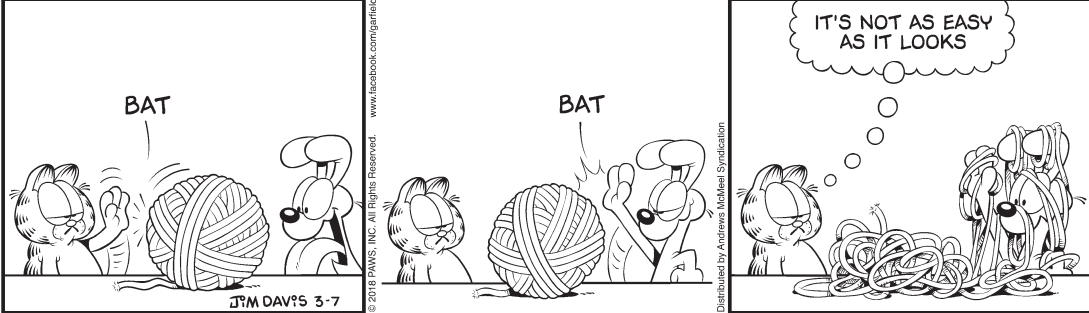
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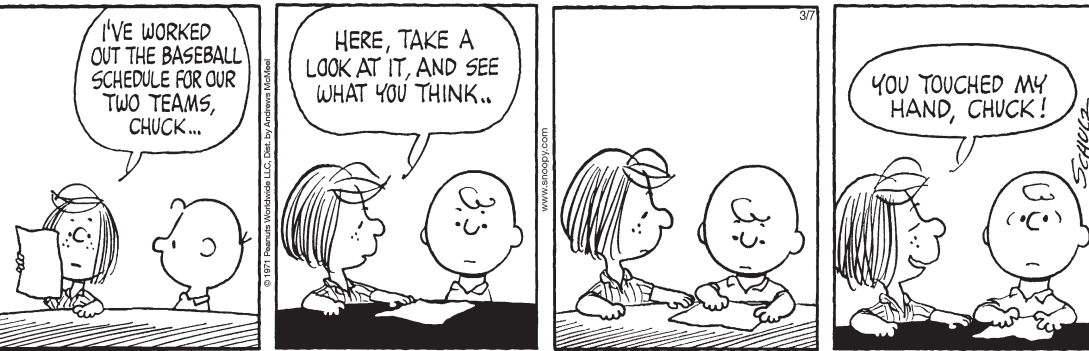
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