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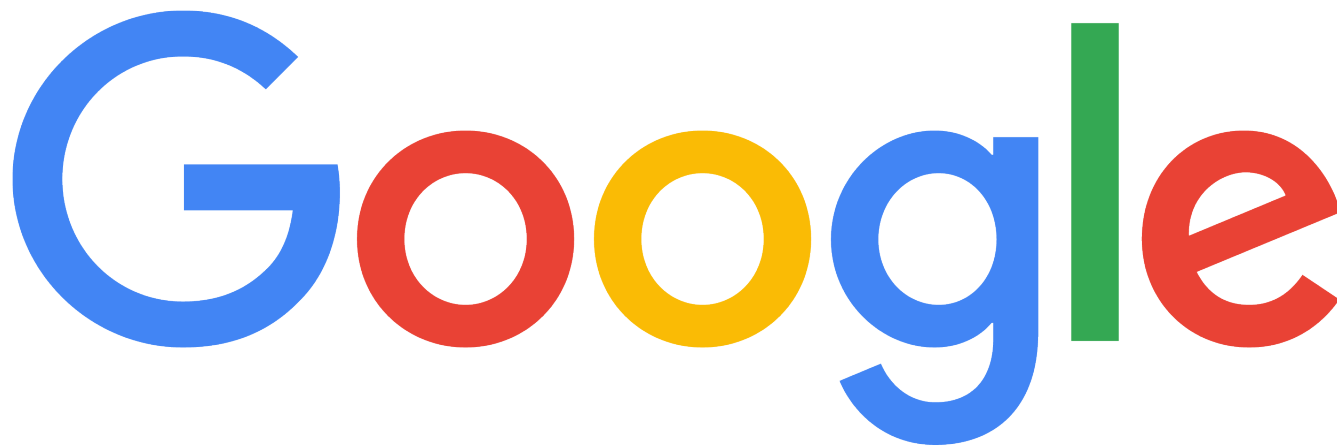
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LOCAL NEWS

Colorado AG Phil Weiser's Coalition Bears Fruit



STATES, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SEEK CHANGES TO GOOGLE BUSINESS PRACTICES TO END SEARCH ENGINE MONOPOLY

Nov. 21, 2024 (DENVER) – State attorneys general along with the Justice Department have proposed a robust package of remedies to end Google's unlawful monopoly over internet search engines and to restore competition to benefit consumers.

In December of 2020, Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser led a bipartisan coalition of 38 states in filing a lawsuit alleging that Google illegally maintains its monopoly power over general search engines through anticompetitive contracts and conduct. The multistate law-

suit was a companion to an earlier federal antitrust lawsuit the Justice Department filed in October 2020.

In a landmark decision in August 2024, a D.C. federal district court judge ruled that Google violated federal antitrust laws by illegally maintaining a monopoly in online search and search text ads. At issue now are the remedies the court will impose to end Google's improper conduct that has stifled competition and harmed consumers, and the steps necessary to restore competition for the benefit of consumers.

"Google's illegal monopolization of search and search advertising has harmed consumers, thwarted innovation, and undermined the competitive marketplace. It's

critical that the judge mandate effective remedies that address the harms to competition and provide consumers with the benefits of an open and fair marketplace. We will continue to press for and oversee the necessary remedies to Google's monopolistic conduct," said Weiser.

The proposed final judgment, or PFJ, filed with the court seeks to end Google's illegal monopoly and restore competition in several ways. The PFJ ends Google's search distribution contracts and revenue sharing agreements by prohibiting Google from paying to be the initial default search engine on any phone, device, or browser. Google is also required to share its data and information—un-

lawfully obtained through its monopoly power—with rivals to improve the competitive choices available to consumers. This data will be shared in a manner that safeguards personal privacy and security.

Additionally, the PFJ seeks the divestiture of Chrome, the Google browser through which a significant percentage of all Google searches are made. Coupled with that request will be provisions for additional divestitures, including the Android operating system, if Google fails to comply with specific remedies or if the remedies prove ineffective.

Moreover, the PFJ prohibits Google from foreclosing compe-

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PUEBLO ZOO'S ELECTRI-CRITTERS

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Mayor Heather Graham Responds to Failed Funding for City Park Bath House

PUEBLO—On Monday, November 25, Pueblo City Council failed to pass the remaining funding for the City Park Tennis Facility at the current site of the City Park Bath House.

The proposed funding sources included reallocating left over American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies from completed projects in order to fund the \$1,316,841 shortfall for the new tennis facility. Mayor Graham and City staff proposed to allocate funds without any General Fund accounts as a funding source, primarily through ARPA dollars. Multiple staff presentations and work sessions have taken place since February of this year to explain funding sources to complete this project.

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PCC NAMES NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SUCCESS

PUEBLO – Following a national search, Michael Gage, a longtime employee of Pueblo Community College, has been named the school's vice president of student success.

"Mike has done great work at PCC and has the right background and experience to continue to move our student success efforts forward," said PCC President Chato Hazelbaker.

"I am happy to be working alongside him."

Gage has been at PCC since 2007 working as senior director for student support and outreach. He has been recognized at the state and national levels for his efforts to create a success coach program at the college.

Prior to joining PCC, he worked for the University of Miami for more than a decade. He earned a bachelor's degree in English and secondary education at Adams State College and a master's degree in higher educational administration from Arizona State University.

Gage is a longtime Pueblo athletics official. He also serves on the board of directors of the Pueblo Community Health Center.

"I am deeply honored to step into the role of vice president of

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NEW TURF SOCCER FIELD FOR CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, AREA

CITY OF PUEBLO, PUEBLO URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY, PUEBLO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION & PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT 60 PARTNER FOR NEW TURF SOCCER FIELD

PUEBLO—On Monday, November 25, 2024, Pueblo City Council approved \$250,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to be allocated

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Should We Fear Trump Tariffs?

RONALD S. PHILLIPS
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T Frankly, when I started writing this article I was in fear of "Trump tariffs." After all, we did have a trade war with China the last go-around. But, as you'll see below, they may not be earth shattering to our economy. Which is the foundation of our investment markets.

First off, what are tariffs and what are they used for? After a quick review, I learned they are a "tax on imported goods," according to an article by Erica York at the Tax Foundation (scan the included QR code to read the article). Investopedia.com says they're used "by governments to raise revenue, protect domestic industries,



or exert political leverage over another country?"

It sounds like President-elect Trump wants to use tariffs for all 3 reasons. To raise revenue chiefly from China and maybe Canada and Mexico; to protect and promote domestic producers in multiple industries; and, pretty obviously, for negotiating leverage with China especially.

Two chief concerns for significantly higher tariffs are potential trade wars and economic tightening and also inflation.

TRADE WARS II

The Tax Foundation article continues with saying new tariff wars could drop output by 0.2 to 0.7%. We don't want any drop but that, even on the high end, would not get us to negative GDP numbers.

There's also the chance that positive policies could contribute to extra growth. For now, I'm taking a more positive stance only because the markets are remaining strong. The markets are leading indicators, many times suggesting what might happen in the near future.

INFLATION POSSIBILITIES

With the massive inflation we've had since 2020, of course no one wants anymore. Trying to find quality information I stumbled on an article about the possible inflationary impact. It could be lower than we fear.

In response to the plan to raise China tariff's by 10 percent, Goldman Sach's chief economist, Jan Hatzius said: "Using our rule of thumb that every 1 [percentage point] increase in the effective tariff rate would raise core PCE prices by 0.1%, we estimate that the proposed tariff increases would boost core PCE prices by 0.9% if implemented." So maybe 1% infla-



tion. That's manageable and small. (Scan the included QR code to read this

second article).

GDP AND CORPORATE EARNINGS

We've already talked about the possible drop in Gross Domestic Product but what are we looking at for 2025 numbers? "The Livingston Survey was started in 1946 by the late columnist Joseph Livingston. It is the oldest continuous survey of economists' expectations. It summarizes the forecasts of economists from industry, government, banking, and academia," says the PhiladelphiaFed.org website.

This survey states that, for next year, a diverse group of pro economists thinks the economy will grow about 2 percent. Now we can minus out the trade wars and we're still in positive territory. We look to be safe from recession but this could be reason to think about your portfolio exposure to stocks and growth. (Scan the third QR code to read the full survey).



Corporate earnings are the main driver of stock prices and stock fundamentals. Many times the stock market does it's own thing with prices (like bubbles and too severe of downturns) but if earnings are strong the markets tend to be strong. So I look at corporate profits closely.

Earnings should continue their hot streak, estimated to go up by 13.5% in 2025. That's according to well-known economist Ed Yardeni. Mr. Yardeni is also one of those 23 Livingston economists that are surveyed. So we're safe there. No major concerns with earnings. I recommend ignoring the doom and gloom news.

There are other reasons to be "cautiously optimistic": employment is strong and looks to get better; we have lower interest rates that can stimulate the economy; and we have great CD and fixed

investment yields compared to near-zero in the past.

Yet now is still a good time to look at your portfolio. How much do you have in growth? In fixed income/bonds? How much exposure do you have to international markets and small companies? Always stay balanced and producing high portfolio income.

My articles may not be pretty but hopefully this is quality, usable info for you, Dear Reader. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year's!

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OBSERVATIONS FROM THE CAVE

JAMES R. GRASSO
Former Chief Cook & Bottle Washer



MOST OF US 60+ YEAR OLDS WERE HOME SCHOOLED IN MANY WAYS. See examples below, in our parents own words:

1. *My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.* "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. *My mother taught me RELIGION.* "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. *My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.* "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. *My father taught me LOGIC.* "Because I said so,

- that's why."
5. *My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.* "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
 6. *My mother taught me FORE-SIGHT.* "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
 7. *My father taught me IRONY.* "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
 8. *My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.* "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
 9. *My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.* "Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
 10. *My mother taught me about STAMINA.* "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
 11. *My mother taught me about WEATHER.* "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
 12. *My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.* "If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"
 13. *My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.* "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
 14. *My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION.* "Stop acting like your father!"
 15. *My mother taught me about ENVY.* "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
 16. *My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.* "Just wait until we get home."
 17. *My mother taught me about RECEIVING.* "You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"
 18. *My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.* "If you don't stop crossing your eyes,

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- they are going to get stuck that way."
19. *My mother taught me ESP.* "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
 20. *My father taught me HUMOUR.* "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
 21. *My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.* "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up"
 22. *My mother taught me GENETICS.* "You're just like your father."
 23. *My mother taught me about my ROOTS.* "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
 24. *My mother taught me WISDOM.* "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
 25. *My father taught me about JUSTICE.* "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out

just like you!"

From my friend Pete from the Internet:

I know I've been absent for a few months but it happens when you are moving to ancient status. Remember, we started this endeavor in 1982. I do ask your indulgences when it comes to my absentee-ism!!!

Go to your library and get the Untold Story of the 20th Century, "A Pope and a President" by Paul Kengor. Even if you are pro-Russia, I believe that your eyes will be opened as to just how far they will go especially in the 1980s to further their dominance. To me, it seems Putin has the same aspirations but that is something that each one of you can decide. A Pope and a President is a must read for anyone that's

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2 Teriyaki Meatballs Brown Rice Succotash Orange Milk	3 Chicken Alfredo WW Pasta Peas Diced Tropical Fruit Milk	<u>Chef's Choice</u> Pork 	5 Beef Tips Mashed Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Apple Milk	6 Chicken Chimichanga w/ Enchilada Sauce & Cheese, Black Beans Rice Banana & Milk
9 Crab Cake Broc Cheddar Rice, Green Bean Almondine Roll w/Butter Orange & Milk	10 Chicken & Dumplings, Broccoli High Fiber Cookie Strawberry Applesauce & Milk	11 Pork Chop Country Gravy Mashed Potatoes Succotash Apple & Milk	12 Beef Chili w/ Cheese Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream Orange Milk	13 Pork & Beef Meat- balls w/Marinara Sauce and Pasta Broccoli Banana & Milk
16 Mushroom Soup Roasted Root Vegetables Succotash Pear Milk	17 Cheese Ravioli Succotash Roll w/ Butter Diced Tropical Fruit Milk	18 Baked Holiday Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Broc- coli, Roll w/ Butter, Cherry Pie & Milk	19 <u>Chef's Choice</u> Chicken 	20 Chicken Cordon Bleu Sweet Potatoes w/Figs and Nuts Broccoli Banana & Milk
23 Southwestern Chicken Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Orange & Milk	24 Christmas Eve Silver Key closed	25 Christmas Day Silver Key closed	26 Sweet & Sour Beef Brown Rice Asian Vegetables High Fiber Cookie Pear & Milk	27 Breaded Pollock Mac & Cheese Brussels Sprouts w/ Parm Apple & Milk
30 Lasagna Roll w/ Meat Marinara Sauce Broccoli Pear & Milk	31 New Year's Eve Silver Key closed			

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SRDA MENU: 2024 MEALS ON WHEELS

SRDA CONGREGATE MEALS December 2024 MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2-Dec Pineapple Chicken (20) Fried Rice (23) Vegetable Stir Fry Egg Roll (14) Fruit Parfait (14) Milk (12) Calories: 651 Carbs: 91g Fiber: 8g Protein: 36g Fat: 18g Sodium: 665mg	3-Dec Pork Tips (4) Scalloped Potatoes (15) Lima Beans & Carrots (12) Dinner Roll w/Marg (22) Sliced Oranges (8) Milk (12) Calories: 660 Carbs: 67g Fiber: 9g Protein: 43g Fat: 25g Sodium: 397mg	4-Dec Bean Burrito w/Green Chili (62) Cilantro Rice (18) Calabacita (6) Pozole Soup (10) Fresh Banana (26) Milk (12) Calories: 934 Carbs: 137g Fiber: 22g Protein: 48g Fat: 24g Sodium: 1149mg	5-Dec Shepard's Pie (30) Seasoned Spinach (5) Corn O'Brien (12) Diced Peaches(15) Confetti Birthday Cake (40) Milk (12) Calories: 920 Carbs: 122g Fiber: 11g Protein: 38g Fat: 32g Sodium: 1006mg	6-Dec Pecan Crusted Cod (21) Risotto (22) Peas & Mushrooms (13) Dinner Roll w/ Margarine (22) Chocolate Chip Cookie (16) Milk (12) / Cranberry Juice (17) Calories: 970 Carbs: 120g Fiber: 10g Protein: 41g Fat: 37g Sodium: 688mg
9-Dec Baked Ham w/Glaze (11) Roasted Red & Swt Potatoes (19) Cranberry Pear Salad (31) Side Salad w/Dressing (8) Dinner Roll w/Marg (22) Milk (12) Calories: 684 Carbs: 197g Fiber: 7g Protein: 33g Fat: 19g Sodium: 876mg	10-Dec Meatloaf w/ Gravy (13) Garlic Mashed Potatoes (18) Green Beans Side-Salad w/Italian Dressing (7) Ambrosia(18) Milk (12) / Dinner Roll (18) Calories: 849 Carbs: 81g Fiber: 9g Protein: 36g Fat: 43g Sodium: 1200mg	11-Dec Chicken Scallopini (5) Rice Pilaf (17) Asparagus Veg Florentine Soup (13) Apple Fruit Cup (12) Milk (12) / Crackers (5) Calories: 823 Carbs: 112g Fiber: 9g Protein: 38g Fat: 25g Sodium: 606mg	12-Dec Brunswick Stew (17) Mixed Vegetables (13) Garlic & Cheddar Biscuit (19) Chilled Apricots (15) Oatmeal Cookie (17) Milk (12) Calories: 753 Carbs: 95g Fiber: 10g Protein: 39g Fat: 25g Sodium: 966mg	13-Dec Chicken Pot Pie (23) Mixed Vegetables (11) Side Salad w/ Dressing (8) Lemon Bar (26) Sliced Apples (13) Milk (12) Calories: 843 Carbs: 104g Fiber: 9g Protein: 51g Fat: 25g Sodium: 1185mg
16-Dec Chicken Parmesean (13) Pasta w/ maranara (36) Brussel Sprouts (11) Dinner Roll w/Margarine (22) Grape Fruit Cup (15) Milk (12) Calories: 692 Carbs: 102g Fiber: 10g Protein: 35g Fat: 18g Sodium: 823mg	17-Dec Sloppy Joe Sandwich (21) on Hamburger Bun (27) German Potato Salad (17) Seasoned Spinach (5) Mandarin Oranges (17) Milk (12) Calories: 729 Carbs: 91g Fiber: 10g Protein: 36g Fat: 25g Sodium: 1090mg	18-Dec Chicken Alfredo w/pasta (31) Roasted Broccoli (6) Garlic Bread (15) Minestrone Soup (19) Fresh Grapes (18) Milk (12) Calories: 915 Carbs: 97g Fiber: 10g Protein: 46g Fat: 38g Sodium: 691mg	19-Dec French Onion Pork Chop (12) Herbed Rice (25) Honey Glazed Carrots (17) Dinner Roll w/margarine (22) Pineapple Tid Bits (10) Milk (12) / Choc. Banana Bar (24) Calories: 967 Carbs: 122g Fiber: 10g Protein: 47g Fat: 34g Sodium: 662mg	20-Dec Pueblo Green Chili Pinto Beans Calabacitas (6) Whole Wheat Tortilla (27) Pear Crisp (41) Milk (12) Calories: 856 Carbs: 115g Fiber: 12g Protein: 38g Fat: 28g Sodium: 854mg
23-Dec Pork Diablo (7) Mashed Potatoes (19) Steamed Carrots (16) Side-Salad w/ dressing (7) Peaches & Yogurt Parfait (35) Milk (12) Calories: 728 Carbs: 86g Fiber: 9g Protein: 40g Fat: 27g Sodium: 774mg	24-Dec Chicken a la Orange (17) Herbed Rice (24) Green Beans (6) Arugula Salad (11) Cheesecake Snickerdoodle Bar Milk (12) / Dinner Roll w/Marg(22) Calories: 937 Carbs: 108g Fiber: 7g Protein: 41g Fat: 38g Sodium: 637mg	Merry Christmas No Meal Service Closed for the Holiday		26-Dec Christmas Leftovers Reimagined Menu to be Determined Calories: Carbs: Fiber: Protein: Fat: Sodium:
30-Dec Cheese Pizza (31) Roasted Broccoli (6) Caprese Salad (10) Grape Fruit Cup (15) Milk (12) Calories: 712 Carbs: 79g Fiber: 11g Protein: 40g Fat: 30g Sodium: 935mg	31-Dec Arroz con Pollo (32) Sugar Snap Peas (7) Mexican Corn (17) Cranberry Apple Crumble (30) 2 Corn Tortillas (50) Milk (12) Calories: 924 Carbs: 147g Fiber: 16g Protein: 34g Fat: 24g Sodium: 400mg	1-Jan Happy New Year 2025 No Meal Service Today	2-Jan Hoppin' John (48) (ham, blackeyed peas & rice) Collard Greens (6) Cornbread (19) Strawberry Gelatin (15) Milk (12) Calories: 679 Carbs: 98g Fiber: 12g Protein: 30g Fat: 21g Sodium: 1141mg	3-Jan Beef Chili Mac (24) Cheesy Cauliflower (6) Cape Cod Mixed Vegetables (8) Cinnamon Applesauce (11) Butterscotch Pudding (27) Milk (12) Calories: 705 Carbs: 94g Fiber: 11g Protein: 30g Fat: 25g Sodium: 783g

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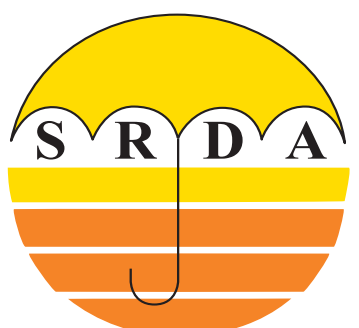
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ENTERTAINMENT FROM BEGINNING TO END IS THE GIFT *PARIS CHRISTMAS WALTZ* GIVES US DURING THE HOLIDAYS. It fills your heart with joy and your eyes with beautiful dancing. In fact, I think the opening scene might end up being my all-time favorite.

Who is responsible for all this? First, lead man Matthew Morrison as a famous dancer who has lost his joy for dancing. It's a treat seeing Morrison in this role. Fans of the TV Glee show will remember him as the beloved teacher. But he is even better here! Older and better I mean.

Next, the leading lady Jen Lilley (*Days of Our Lives*) and English actor Paul Freeman (*Raiders of the Lost Ark*) add their wonderful acting which makes us believe their characters. Plus, Michael Damian used his directorial skill like he does in those fun *HIGH STRUNG DANCE* movies.

Time for a film poem.

*To dance he needs a new partner.
And in New York he does find her.
She's sparkly eyed and loves to dance.
So they travel to Paris, France.*

*Competition cries out to them.
Practicing sometimes can get grim.
Their elder choreographer
works dancers hard, both him and her.*

*Romance? They agree not to date.
But in Paris watch out for fate.
This ballroom dance film made me smile.
And that smile stayed on quite a while!*

Although ballroom dancing is the important competition here, keep your eyes out for a musical comedy number to "Wish You a Merry Christmas." Both Lilley and Morrison are delightful here. They are more dramatic in the competition numbers, which is the most important to the plot.



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And I have to mention how gorgeous the Paris scenery comes across in this offering. They help so much with the romantic part of the film. Oh how I would love a trip like this to Paris! Also, hooray for the dancers and the lovely costumes for the ballroom dancing scenes. They dazzle your eyes. I loved every

minute. *PARIS CHRISTMAS WALTZ* is one movie I have watched four times and enjoyed every view. Thanks to NETFLIX for picking up this Christmas gem.

Full disclosure: I spent many years as a dancer. My first job was a tap dance assistant to Daisy Hedges in Pueblo. Then performances came my way. Those were the days!

"Great dancers are great because of their passion." --- Martha Graham

"Dance is a song of the body." --- Anonymous



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The final order establishes a five-member technical committee to implement, monitor, and enforce the remedies for ten years.

A hearing on the proposed remedies is currently scheduled to begin on April 22, 2025, and conclude by May 2.



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◀ FROM BATH HOUSE PAGE 1

“With multiple failed 4-3 votes for the three ordinances on the agenda, there is no more funding allocated toward the project. Four city councilors killed this project along with the stalling of the project due to the Historic Preservation Commission,” said Mayor of Pueblo Heather Graham. “With the budget deficit of \$8 million we’re facing and was also explained last night outside of the Tennis Building discussion, there are no General Fund dollars or other sources we can choose from to continue this project forward.”

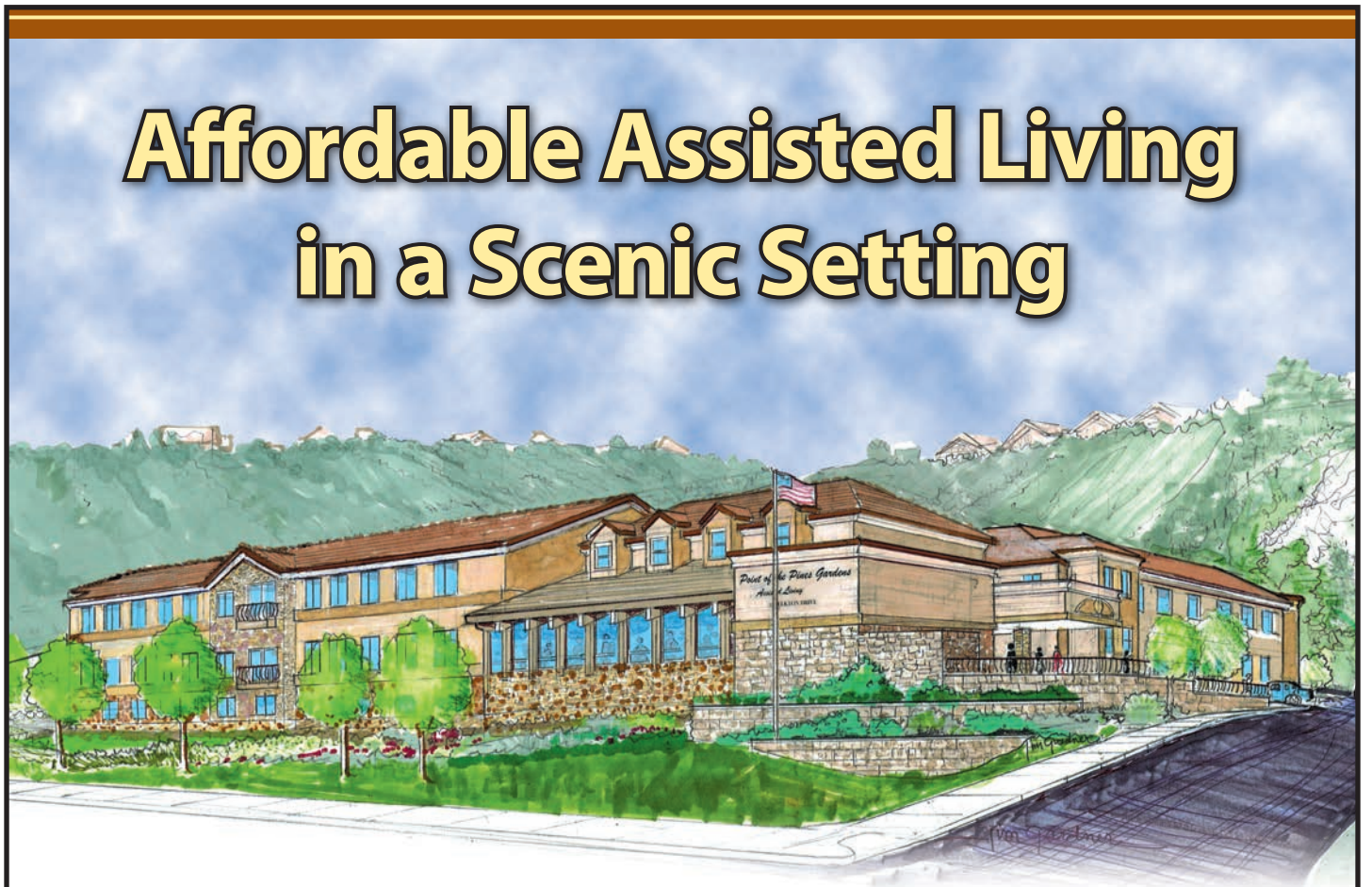
Councilors Joe Latino, Roger Gomez, Dennis Flores and Council President Mark Aliff were the four who all voted against the ordinance and funding of the new construction of a City Park Tennis Facility. To date \$136,448 funds have been expended toward the project with contractual agreements, environmental testing and asbestos testing for remediation efforts.

The City had previously secured \$1,782,035 for the tennis complex renovations which included allocations from the General Fund, a \$182,000 grant from the Rawlings Foundation Grant, \$350,000 in Colorado Lottery funds and \$500,000 ARPA funding and public donation. This \$1,782,035 that was allocated by the City was approved by City Council in May.

Unfortunately, at this time the City of Pueblo is against a hard deadline of December 31, 2024, to reallocate and award all ARPA funding to be encumbered in order to meet the federal deadline. Federal guidelines for ARPA then require the allocation to be spent and the project to be completed by December 31, 2026.

Although many individuals came forward and pleaded that the funding source is not dead, with only two more City Council meetings left there is not enough time to pass a new ordinance re-obligating remaining funds.

“If the Council wishes to approve allocations over \$1,000,000 to obligate funds, it requires two public readings of ordinances. Tuesday, November 26 is the deadline to have all ordinances submitted for the draft agenda



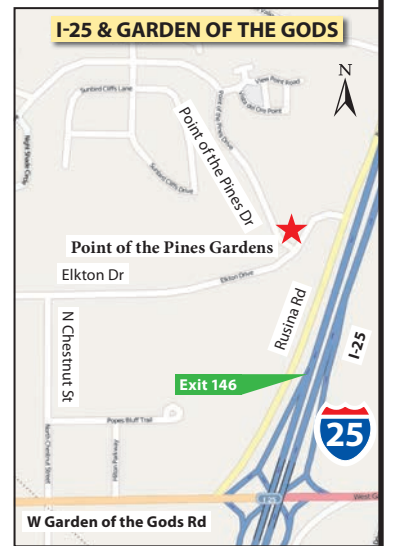
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for Monday, December 9, therefore making the turnaround time for ordinances with funding sources of over \$1,000,000 impossible to pass by the December 31, 2024, ARPA Treasury rule for allocation of funds deadline.

“City staff and contracted professionals spent countless hours since spring of 2024 to present the architectural design, the site study, engineering information and funding sources,” said Mayor Graham. “While there were individuals from the Historic Preservation Committee and citizens who testified that an agreement could be made, the proposal has changed multiple times and now the group is proposing the City Park Bath House could be rehabilitated for \$1.2 million. This however still does not address the additional funding needed for a brand-new tennis facility. Since all of the funding was unapproved by the 4-3 failed vote, there is no longer a funding source for the project to move forward.”

The City of Pueblo is committed to the maintenance of the current City Park Bath House; however, the building is currently largely inoperable and requires ADA compliance updates to be made in order to meet requirements. Currently, there is no funding allocated to this maintenance, or any construction costs associated with ADA compliance for the current building.

The City of Pueblo was established in 1842, incorporated in 1870 and is proudly called the “Home of Heroes”.

◀ FROM GRASSO PAGE 3

willing to see just how far socialism will go to dominate. But I’ll let you be the judge. This is the factual history of what happened behind the scenes during Reagan’s eight-year presidency. Remember, the USSR collapsed and Russia was reborn. Problem is Russia still is the “Evil Empire” which Pres. Reagan named them. Read with an open mind and decide yourself if you can look the other way when it comes to Putin and his oligarchs!

“[Kengor provides] more fascinating and never-before-reported details about how Ronald Reagan succeeded than any other Cold War historian.... Kengor somehow got his hands on more secret documents than the KGB.” - American Thinker and also, *“Kengor makes clear just how central the defeat of the Soviet Union was to Reagan’s personal project.” - National Review*

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◀ FROM LIGHT PAGE 6

give me one single beautiful woman for life that will love me and write to me. I’ve been really good this year!”

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9 #95 Taco Salad Salsa, Tomato, Lettuce Garnish Strawberry Applesauce Flan Custard Cornbread	10 #9 BBQ Chicken Potato Salad Spinach Salad w/Mandarin Oranges Apple WW Roll w/Butter	11 #44 Ham and Beans Collard Greens Cornbread Orange Juice	12 #112 Turkey Tetrazzini Italian Green Beans Strawberry Applesauce Chocolate Chip Cookie WW Bread w/Butter	13 #57 Lemon Baked Fish Scalloped Potatoes Spinach Salad w/Mandarin Oranges Banana WW Bread w/Butter
16 #49 Hamburger on a Bun Catsup, Mustard, and Onion Split Pea Soup Creamy Cole Slaw Banana	17 #42 Enchilada Pie Refried Beans Tortilla Chips w/Salsa Clementine	18 #87 Stewed Chicken w/Olives Greek Spinach Rice Salata Parslied Carrots Orange Raisin Nut Cup	19 #102 Tuna Noodle Casserole Mixed Vegetables Sliced Zucchini Squash Sliced Peaches WW Bread w/Butter	20 #74 Roast Pork w/Gravy Oven Browned Potatoes, Brown Gravy Spinach Mandarin Salad Parslied Carrots
23 #76 Roast Turkey w/Gravy Smashed Red Potatoes Squash Cream of Spinach Soup Mitzie's WW Rolls Orange	24 CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE OBSERVED	25 CLOSED CHRISTMAS  <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 #85 Spinach Cheese Squares Tossed Salad w/Pear Whipped Hubbard Squash Citrus Cup WW Bread w/Butter	27 #53 Hungarian Goulash California Mixed Vegetables Green Peas Pineapple Tidbits WW Bread w/Butter
30 #65 Pork Chow Mein Steamed Brown Rice Cabbage Red w/Pepper Banana Fortune Cookie WW Bread w/Butter	31 #6 Baked Potato Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce Tossed Salad w/Lite French Peaches Fruit Cocktail Drop Biscuit w/Butter	A \$4.00 suggested donation per meal is appreciated, but not required.	Must have assessment form on file for our meal program with Area Agency on Aging. Eligibility 60+.	The following major food allergens are used as ingredients: Milk, Egg, Fish, Tree Nuts, Peanuts, Wheat, Soy, and Sesame. Please notify staff for more information about these ingredients.

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10 #43 French Dip Sandwich w/Au Jus Oven Browned Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Fresh Sliced Strawberries	12 #112 Turkey Tetrazzini Italian Green Beans Strawberry Applesauce Chocolate Chip Cookie WW Bread w/Butter	13 #57 Lemon Baked Fish Scalloped Potatoes Spinach Salad w/Mandarin Oranges Banana WW Bread w/Butter
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24 Closed Christmas Eve Observed	26 #85 Spinach Cheese Squares Tossed Salad w/Pear Whipped Hubbard Squash Citrus Cup WW Bread w/Butter	27 #53 Hungarian Goulash California Mixed Vegetables Green Peas Pineapple Tidbits WW Bread w/Butter
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Older Adults Can Prevent Slips, Trips and Falls With These Doctors' Tips

(StatePoint) Among older Americans, falls are the number one cause of injuries and death from injury, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Not only are seniors more at risk for falls, but when they do fall, they are at a greater risk for injuries, hospitalization and complications. Medical experts say that for people of all ages, a ground-up approach to fall prevention starts with healthy feet.

"Painful foot conditions, such as osteoarthritis, calluses, bunions, hammertoes and diabetes complications, can make it difficult to maintain balance and coordination when walking or standing," says Bryn J. Laubacher, DPM, FACFAS, a board-certified foot and ankle surgeon and Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ACFAS). "Compounding the issue is that when you are suffering from a painful foot condition, it can be more difficult to engage in the strength and balance exercises that ultimately reduce fall risk."



Experts say that eliminating foot pain can lessen one's chances of experiencing a life-altering fall. That's why the foot and ankle surgeons of ACFAS offer these steps for keeping feet and ankles strong and healthy:

Don't ignore pain: Foot pain is not just a normal consequence of aging, so don't ignore aching and suffering or resign yourself to it. You likely have a treatable condition. See a foot and ankle surgeon when you experience pain for proper diagnosis and treatment.

Examine your feet: Regularly inspect your feet. If you notice any bumps, lumps or other

changes, make an appointment with your foot and ankle surgeon for evaluation.

Exercise: Simple stretching exercises can help you maintain strength and mobility in your feet and ankles, as well as provide pain relief. Talk to your physician about appropriate exercises for you.

Protect: Wear cushioned insoles or any special footwear you are prescribed, along with comfortable, well-fitting and supportive shoes, every day – even around the house.

Consider advanced options: Know that at times, surgery is the most appropriate treatment for a given condition. Fortunately, many surgical techniques today can be performed on an outpatient basis. There are also more options than ever before.

According to Dr. Laubacher, new medical technologies and ground-breaking surgical interventions, such as bioengineered scaffolding for reconstructive surgery, minimally invasive techniques and stem cell regeneration, are helping patients restore functionality and get back to normal faster than ever before.

For more ways to keep feet and ankles healthy and prevent falls, and to find a foot and ankle surgeon near you, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the ACFAS patient education website. Foot and ankle surgeons are experts in providing both conservative care as well as surgical approaches to foot and ankle healthcare.

"Remember, just one fall can have a major impact on a person's independence and quality of life. That's why it's so important to prevent falls by taking care of your feet and ankles," says Dr. Laubacher.

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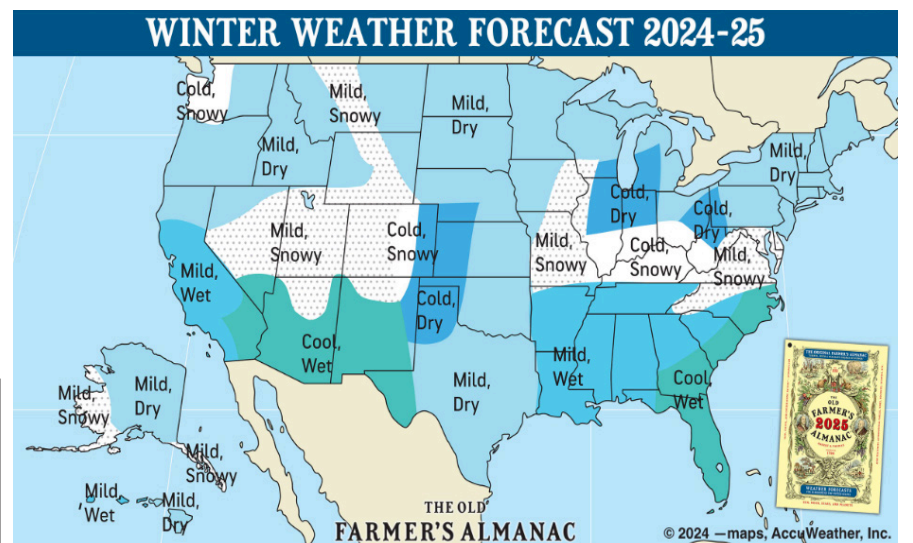
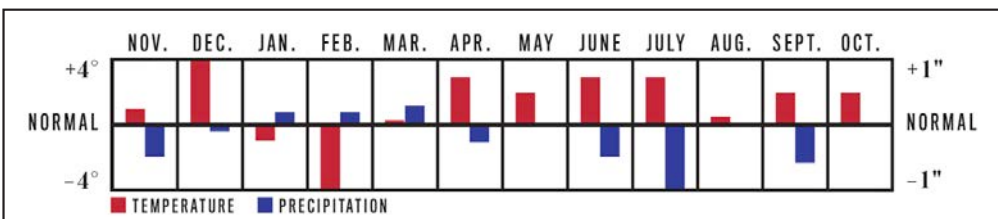


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The 2025 Old Farmer's Almanac Forecasts a "Calmer, Gentler" Winter

- Dec 1-2: Sunny, warm
- Dec 3-6: A few snow showers, turning chilly
- Dec 7-9: Flurries; warm, turning cold
- Dec 10-14: Sunny, warm
- Dec 15-26: Sunny, warm N; snowy periods, turning cold S. 27-31 Snowy periods N, sunny S; turning cold
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Our story today involves royal wealth beyond anyone's comprehension: albeit a massive fortune, yet powerless to prevent the Russian royals from suffering and ultimate death.

Another character, too problematic and complicated, to include in this narrative, is Rasputin, his influence on the tsarina

was extensive and without question, eventually allowing him to apply his egotistical rule within the palace hierarchy. A latent magician, and well-known con artist, he convinced the tsarina of his ability to stop Alexei's bleeding. Naturally, much to the dismay of governing representatives, Alexandra revered Rasputin and held him in high esteem. Join me for December's column when I write about this gnarly character.

By 1918 Russia was controlled by a tyrannical communist faction, named the Bolsheviks. Revolutions were rampant and becoming more intense. In the city of Yekaterinburg, resided the wealthy Russian royal family. Tsar Nicholas Romanov, consistently in fear of these changes in his country, lived with his wife, and five of their beloved children. His almost identical English cousin King George the fifth would always offer them sanctuary in Britain: So, he thought. His family would be safe and living in similar luxury with his relatives in the United Kingdom. Their vast wealth a sure investment: protection away from Russian's present forces of evil. Since their marriage the tsarina Alexandra Feodorovna gave birth to four daughters, and lastly a 'special' son Alexei. Named Olga, Tatiana, Maria and Anastasia, the daughters grew up privileged, wanting for nothing. Their son, a delicate and incredibly handsome child, was afflicted with the 'royal disease,' which also plagued their relatives Queen Victoria's family. Hemophilia, a condition in which his blood would not clot, was comparatively rare. Much of his young life was

spent in bed, and his movements watched constantly in case of a fall, or bleeding of any kind. His mother failed to understand how such a privileged rich family could endure such massive liability. However, she adored Alexei, and grateful to finally

One fateful evening on July 16th dressed in their normally exquisite attire, they dined in luxury as usual. Later the family were assembled and apparently encouraged to gather into their cellar, as though to pose for photographs. Unexpectedly, without warning a mob of assassins burst into the dark, cold basement...

have a son and heir. As with all royal families the male child takes precedence over the females.

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The royalists eventually recovered Yekaterinburg. Evidence of the massacre were the bloody cellar walls and stained concrete tile, yet no corpses were salvaged. Instead, a remote location site: a mass grave was used. Prior to internment, many smaller crown jewels were already sewn into the princesses' hems. They were eagerly retrieved by the executioners.

Today many royal jewels are kept in the Kremlin Armory Museum in Moscow. The devastating Russian Civil War lasted until June 16th, 1923. Amassed since the dynasty began in 1613, the impressive, and priceless collection of jewelry includ-

ed: crowns, scepters diadems, necklaces, rings brooches and medals. In 1927 Alexandra's crown sold at Christies auction amongst 124 other pieces. All proceeds were reclaimed by the Soviet Union Government. Questions remain as to the whereabouts of their remaining precious jewelry.

By willfully denying the imperial family sanctuary into Britain, King George signed his royal cousin's death warrants: one of the vilest betrayals in history.



Thought for the day:

Those with high esteem have been put to test in life, and have grown to overcome their failures.

Author Glen Vollmecke can be reached at AlpacasRus@hotmail.com

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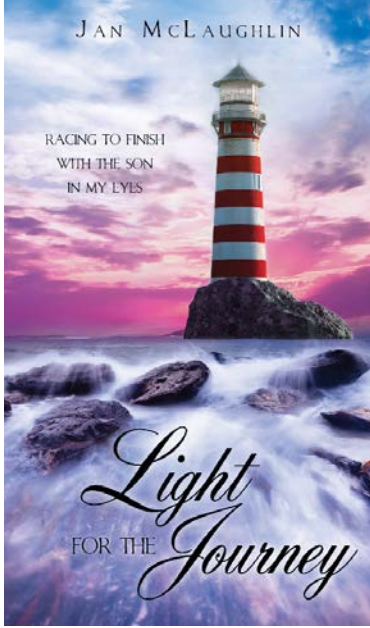
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CHANGES TO ACCESSING SOCIAL SECURITY'S IN-PERSON SERVICES

IN OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO SERVE THE PUBLIC MORE EFFICIENTLY, we are expanding appointment-based services at our local Social Security offices. By scheduling appointments, we will aim to reduce wait times, streamline service delivery, and improve the overall customer experience. Nearly 400 field offices have already moved to appointment-based service this year. These offices have seen significant improvements in wait times due to more efficient and helpful visitor experiences and increases in the number of customers able to complete their business online.

We are implementing appointment-based services nationwide in two phases. The first phase is a transition period now through January 5, 2025. The purpose of this transition period is to educate our customers about needing to schedule an appointment for SSA services. As a reminder, many of our services can be provided via phone with an appointment and do not require a customer to walk into an office for service.

Effective January 6, 2025, we will require customers to schedule an appointment for service in our field offices, including requests for Social Security cards. We encourage customers to become accustomed to our:

- online services, where many transactions can be completed conveniently and securely, and
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800# at **1-800-772-1213**.

Customers who are not able to handle their business online or with the automated options, may call their local Social Security office or our National 800# to schedule an appointment.

We want to make clear that we will not turn people away for service who are unable to make an appointment or do not want to make an appointment. For example, members of vulnerable populations, military personnel, people with terminal illnesses, and individuals with other situations requiring immediate or specialized attention may still walk in for service at our field offices. Some of our offices also have minimal to no wait times, and they will still serve customers who walk in.

To improve customer service and make more efficient use of our staff in our local offices, we are decommissioning the Electronic Social Security Protective Filing (eSPF) Tool, effective November 21, 2024. Your clients can learn about their filing options and express interest in filing for benefits at SSA.gov/apply, calling our National 800 Number, or contacting their local Social Security office.

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THEME: HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

ACROSS

- F, unit of electrical capacity
- *Buche de Noël, e.g.
- What influencers do?
- Yemeni's neighbor
- Another word for Tokyo
- Singer Ross of "Where Did Our Love Go" fame
- Laundry room fire hazard, pl.
- Much of it about nothing?
- Furnish with a fund
- "A Bad Moms Christmas"

actress Bell

- *Tiny Tim creator
- Tibetan ox
- Khrushchev's domain
- *Goo on real Christmas tree
- Sketch
- *Poinsettia's motherland
- "_____ Good Men", movie
- Brussels' org.
- Plant fungus
- Reluctant
- Klutzy
- *"It's beginning to look _____ like..."

DOWN

- Lore people
- Mideast ruler
- Hindu princess
- Jittery
- Farthest from point of origin
- Ground beef description
- Like Lemmon and Matthau together
- Merchandise
- Swim's alternative
- Dwyane, once of Miami Heat
- Any day now, to Shakespeare
- Swerves

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- King's order
- Increasing
- Philosophy ending
- Undo, as in strings
- Green side
- Before, in the olden days
- J.M. Barrie's Pan
- "Howdy, _____!"
- Internal picture
- Meltable home
- Singer Sam of "Twistin' the Night Away" fame
- Weasel's aquatic cousin
- *"Last Christmas" band, with !
- Edible pod
- Busybody, in Yiddish
- Mountain range
- Certain fraternity house letters

- Cruel
- Cele de la CitÈ river
- Tripped the light fantastic
- *Number of ghosts in "A Christmas Carol"
- *"He's Just Not That _____ You", movie
- Police's surprise
- Habitual twitches
- Not happening (2 words)
- Minor bumper damage
- "Heat of the Moment" band
- Opposite of talker?
- *The Grinch's Max

▶ ANSWERS ON PAGES TWO & SIX



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VIEWPOINT:
IT DOESN'T COST MUCH TO GIVE US A TRY

As we do twice a year, we are sending over 3000 additional copies of the View to non-subscribers in Pueblo County. We would like you to be a subscriber. Not only are we sending you a free copy so you get an idea of what we are all about, but we have a special price going on for the newspaper.

Instead of \$37.50/year for the print copy of the paper, we are currently charging \$25/year. If you would rather see the E-edition each week, that price has been lowered from \$25/year. to \$10/year. Can't hardly go wrong with that for a weekly newspaper.

In fact, we've been putting out a weekly newspaper for over 15 years. We've never missed an issue. We have run into a snag or two in the last 780+ weeks, but those have been few and far between. If I am remembering right, one time we had a major printing error causing one week's paper to deliver a day after the next week's paper in an area or two. Can you see how embarrassed I am?

Once you are a subscriber, we really do want to know what you like and what you don't.

In fact, in this week's paper, you will find an article entitled, "What Our Readers Say", to learn about how people feel about the newspaper. Over the years we have evolved with our readers, but there are a few things we will probably never change.

Of course, we always have readers with strong opinions both ways. You will note that one person responded that the thing they see too much of is politics. A few lines down someone said, "Thank you for interviewing political candidates and publishing this information."

When the Pueblo Chieftain changed from a family-owned newspaper to a member of the largest newspaper conglomerate in the country, we tried to pick up some of the slack and cover the candidates, especially in the more local elections. We are probably going to continue doing that. We feel that an informed electorate will make better voting decisions than an uninformed electorate.

With the exception of the Letters to the

◀ FROM PCC/GAGE, PAGE 1 student success at PCC," he said. *"I am privileged to work alongside an incredibly talented and dedicated team of professionals who are wholeheartedly committed to putting students at the center of everything they do. Their passion and focus on student well-being and achievement are inspiring, and I am excited to lead this team in expanding our support systems to enhance every student's journey."* Gage has served as interim vice president since the June departure of Heather Speed, who accepted a position in another state.

Founded in 1933, Pueblo Community College is a premier teaching institution focused on providing academic and service excellence, without discrimination, to help its students acquire the 21st-century skills needed to better their lives. An educational and technological leader, PCC fosters economic development and utilizes strong partnerships in the communities it serves through its Pueblo, Fremont and Southwest campuses.

◀ FROM TURF PAGE 1 toward a new, turf athletic practice field designated primarily for soccer. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$897,500 which will receive additional funding from Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority (PURA), Pueblo Central High School Foundation and Pueblo School District 60. "We are excited to partner with Pueblo School District 60, Central High School Foundation and

with PURA to build a brand-new, turf soccer field near Central High School," said Mayor of Pueblo Heather Graham. "This is a great use of ARPA funding to serve the youth in our community and to fill a need in an area of town which will greatly utilize a turf athletic field."

The field will be located at the corner of East Grant Avenue and Madison Avenue near Central High School, the property is currently owned by Pueblo School District 60. PURA has agreed to match the City of Pueblo's \$250,000 contribution for the project. The field will primarily be used for Pueblo School District 60 athletic use but will be available for public use upon reservation.

Pueblo School District 60 will be the fiscal agent and will oversee the construction of the new turf field. The Pueblo Central High School Foundation has agreed to contribute \$47,500 toward the project and Pueblo School District 60 has agreed to pay the balance of the project, not to exceed \$350,000.

"We appreciate the City's partnership, along with the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority and the Pueblo Central High School Foundation. This project will benefit our students, families and our community for years to come," said Superintendent of Pueblo School District 60 Barbara Kimzey, Ed. D.

The City of Pueblo, PURA, Pueblo Central High School Foundation and Pueblo School District 60 have agreed on a memorandum of understanding to fulfill the project needs of the new turf soccer field. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring of 2025. Once constructed, Pueblo School District 60 will be responsible for all maintenance, upkeep and repair of the practice field.

Editor and the Viewpoint on page 2, we try to keep everything in the paper factual. I should mention that the entire staff of the Greenhorn Valley View consists of myself, my wife, Lori, and one writer who works part-time. We don't have a professional fact checker on the staff, but we do what we can.

As you can see in the article I mentioned, people said a lot of really nice things. We love our readers but we want more of them. We hope that if you give us a try, you will continue to be a reader for a long time.

I want to comment on one other comment that one of our readers sent us. "Upcoming activities posted earlier, so we can attend." We try to keep up with things happening in the area. One thing we added about 18 months ago was an events calendar on our website, www.greenhornvalleyview.com. We keep this as current as possible throughout the week, along with page 4 in the newspaper each week.

We print all Letters to the Editor as long as you cooperate with the guidelines. We do agree

with the right for everyone to have an opinion and the freedom to air it in a public forum. We will never change that. We don't let you name local people, although you can mention me on your letter. I'm fair game if you disagree with me.

I really hope you take a chance and spend \$10-\$25 on a yearly subscription for the Greenhorn Valley View. We love what we are doing and welcome thoughts and ideas. I would say we have pretty conservative, traditional values; and that we are open to you expressing your values. Give us a try.

Terry Krause is the Owner and Publisher of the local newspaper Greenhorn Valley View. The paper primarily serves Colorado City and Rye. They can be reached at (719) 214-3509 or at Editor@GreenhornValleyView.com. For more info their website is GreenhornValleyView.com

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