

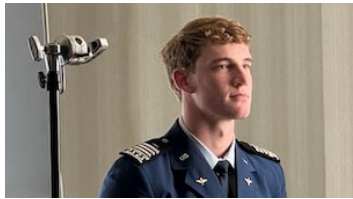
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People walk past an installation, marking the third anniversary of the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas-led attack on Israel, on the beachfront in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Wednesday.

Israelis mourn the Oct. 7 attack, while Palestinians languish in the ruins of war

The Associated Press

REIM, ISRAEL • On a field where music festival revelers were gunned down by Hamas-led militants three years ago, Israelis on Wednesday embraced and wept for those lost in an attack that plunged the Middle East into war. Israelis mourned at the site of the Nova Music Festival, as well as at bomb shelters, intersections and in communities targeted on Oct. 7, 2023. Tens of thousands gathered in Tel Aviv for the main ceremony organized by bereaved families, separate from the official government ceremonies.

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Raz Zarfati, sister of Ron Zarfati who was killed in the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas-led attack on Israel, attends a memorial marking the third anniversary of the attack at the Nova music festival site near Kibbutz Reim, southern Israel, on Wednesday.



COURTESY PHOTO

"CoCo" or "Colorado Connector" was selected by more than 28,000 votes in a Name the Train contest for the proposed Front Range Passenger Rail.

Proposed rail line on too many ballots

Only voters within the district's boundaries should see the issue

BY SCOTT WEISER
The Gazette

County clerks in at least four metro Denver counties are scrambling to deal with a ballot measure for the Front Range Passenger Rail District being on ballots sent to voters who are not in the proposed district.

Ballot issue 7A is for a sales and use tax for the yet-to-be-built rail line between Wyoming and New Mexico, called the Colorado Connector or CoCo.

Not every voter in the 13 counties covering the proposed rail line should have Issue 7A on their ballots. Only voters within the district's boundaries should see the issue on their ballots.

The Secretary of State's Office confirmed to Gazette news partner 9News that voters in Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas and Weld counties who should not have Issue 7A on their ballots.

The Gazette reached out to rail district officials for comment, but they did not reply.

Arapahoe County and Douglas County clerks sent statements about the ballot problem.

"The most important thing we want all voters to be assured of is that their vote will be counted in a fair, transparent fashion," said Arapahoe County Clerk Joan Lopez via an emailed statement. "They do not need to take any steps other than voting their ballot as they normally would."

Arapahoe County reported about 262,000 voters received the ballot containing 7A "that should not have

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