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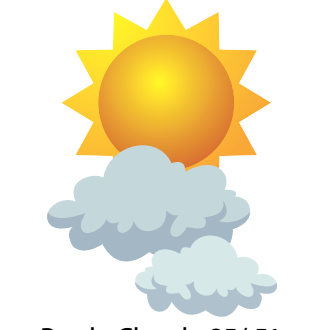
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**MOSCA**—The Mosca-Hooper Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their annual BBQ, July 25 at 6pm at the fire house. Donations appreciated.

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## State, local officials draining small reservoir in Southwest Colorado

**SOUTH FORK**— Engineers and staff from Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Colorado Water Resources are draining Rito Hondo Reservoir because the dam is leaking. The water level was dropped significantly through the night on Friday and there is no danger of flooding. The reservoir, owned by CPW, is located in a remote area of Hinsdale County far from any population centers. Rito Hondo is about 30 miles northwest of South Fork and drains through North Clear Creek which eventually reaches the Rio Grande. State officials fully opened the gates on Thursday to move water quickly out of the reservoir.

Rick Basagoitia, area wildlife manager for CPW in the San Luis Valley, explained the agency received a report of a landslide last weekend that might have damaged the dam. CPW and officials from the Colorado Division of Water Resources inspected the dam on Monday and partially opened the outlet gates to lower the water level. After further inspection later in the week, dam safety officials decided to open the gates fully. Water from the reservoir is used to supplement wildlife habitat in the San Luis Valley. It was built in 1956 and at capacity holds about 500-acre feet of water.



The Rito Hondo Reservoir in the Rio Grande National Forest is being drained while repairs are being done.

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## SLV Emergency to undergo change

**SAN LUIS VALLEY**— Since Friday, Alamosa County reported 1 new COVID-19 case, and Rio Grande County reported 4 new cases. There are currently 24 known active cases in our region. The COVID page at SLV-emergency.org will be reorganized over the next few days. In the meantime, those who are looking for data may want to check out the data available on the Colorado Covid-19 website at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-data>

For testing of symptomatic individuals only, call:  
• Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990  
• SLV Health Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext. 9

For symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals who have had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 positive individual, call Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9 (M-F), 719-589-2562 (Sa/Su)

For general (non-medical) SLV COVID-19 related questions: [slvepr@alamosacounty.org](mailto:slvepr@alamosacounty.org), 719-480-8719

### SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 2:00 p.m. on July 17, 2020. Unless otherwise noted, all numbers are cumulative. If there are discrepancies between these numbers and those showing on the state's data website, use these local numbers.

<b>463</b>	<b>SLV POSITIVE CASES</b>
(New cases: 1 since 7/16)	
Alamosa County - 211	(+1)
Conejos County - 24	
Costilla County - 22	
Mineral County - 17	
Rio Grande County - 83	(-1)
Saguache County - 106	(+1)
<b>24</b>	<b>ACTIVE CASES</b>
(Under isolation guidance)	
<b>45</b>	<b>HOSPITALIZED</b>
<b>428</b>	<b>COMPLETED ISOLATION</b>
(+ 1 since 7/17)	
<b>11</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>

## El Pomar Foundation presents Awards for Excellence to three nonprofits



**COLORADO SPRINGS**— Three nonprofit organizations were selected by El Pomar Foundation as the 2020 Awards for Excellence recipients. The winning organizations are Adaptive Sports Center of Crested Butte, Inc., Gold Crown Foundation and Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County. Each organization will receive a \$30,000 grant for its commitment to bettering the lives of the people of Colorado.

The Adaptive Sports Center of Crested Butte aims to "enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities through exceptional outdoor activities." Throughout the year, highly trained staff at the organization provide individualized attention to participants to ensure people of all levels and abilities can engage in outdoor adventures.

Gold Crown Foundation is a Denver-based nonprofit with a mission of "educating youth and community through sports and enrichment programs." Through basketball, volleyball and golf along with educational programs that go beyond the field into the classroom, this organization teaches life skills and supports young people in many aspects of their life.

Based in Canon City, Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County directs its attention to "sharing the love

of God by helping families and individuals with their basic needs." This nonprofit supports their community through the distribution of clothing, household items and food; the management of a homeless shelter and transitional housing programs and the provision of financial assistance to those in need.

In its 31st year, Awards for Excellence annually recognizes the state's highest performing nonprofit organizations. Since 1989, the program has awarded \$6.5 million in grants to more than 530 nonprofit organizations throughout Colorado. Organizations are selected by a committee of community leaders, council members from El Pomar's Regional Partnerships program and El Pomar Fellowship Alumni.

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$22 million annually through grants and Community Stewardship programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations involved in health, human services, education, arts and humanities, and civic and community initiatives. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937.

To learn more about El Pomar Foundation please go to [www.elpomar.org](http://www.elpomar.org).

## Distribution of Commodities

**MONTE VISTA**— The TEFAP program will be distributing commodities in Rio Grande County on July 22, 2020 at the Ski-Hi Park starting at approximately 10 a.m. until the food is gone. Eligible TEFAP recipients are able to receive each month in Monte Vista as long as they are

Rio Grande County residents. Boxes will be delivered to the vehicles for social distancing purposes. Participation in the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program is available to all eligible persons regardless of age, race, sex, handicap or origin.



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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Katherine "Kate" Electra Schofield

Katherine "Kate" Electra Schofield went home on June 22, 2020, with her family by her side. She was born October 12, 1927, in Texoma, Oklahoma to Van Arthur and Ollie Rebecca Mitchell Gibson.

When Kate was three years old the family settled on their homestead in Skarda, New Mexico. In the forties, they moved to Oregon where Kate and her sister Mary worked in Portland as welders.

After the war, the two came back to No Agua, New Mexico. She married Richard Schofield on January 26, 1950.

She spent her life farming and ranching and enjoyed canning, baking and the outdoors.

Kate is survived by her sons Robert of No Agua, New Mexico and Randy of Antonito, Colorado, her nieces Kathy Haston and Becky Mayo both of No Agua, New Mexico, Georgia Kuykendall and



Sue Rush both of Tres Piedras, New Mexico, Sue Cotter of Lubbock, Texas, Elayne Ramsey of Comanche, Texas, Pat Helmuth of Rising Star, Texas, Ethel Gates, Ardis Kennedy, Marjorie Sims all of Montrose, Colorado, Kristi Rice of Cerro, New Mexico, Nellie Mauch of Lamar, Colorado, Jackie Darbyshire of Dalhart, Texas, Bonny Lucas of Washington State, Jenny and Lorrie Gibson of

Livermore, California, her nephews Donovan Gibson of Jamestown, North Dakota, Jon Gibson of Rockport, Texas, Gary Rogers of Estoria, Oregon, Ken Rogers of Washington State, her sister-in-law Pat Gibson of Livermore, California.

Kate was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Richard, her son Ricky, her brothers Doc, John, Van and Jack and her sister Mary Mayo (Kate's rock).

Cremation was chosen and a graveside of ashes will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2020, at 11:00 A.M. at the Tres Piedras Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the St. Jude Cancer Research in care of the funeral home office.

Arrangements are in the care of Rogers Family Mortuary of Alamosa. To leave online condolences for the family please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com)

### Albert Cordova



**DEL NORTE**— Albert Cordova passed away on July 16, 2020. He went to meet his Heavenly Father surrounded by his loving family.

Albert was born on May 3, 1942, in La Garita, CO. Born to John Cordova and Josephine (Pacheco) Cordova.

Albert was a very passionate worker, he spent many years working in the mining industry in Summitville and Nevada and he knew the value of hard work. He never gave less than his full effort for anything he was doing. He was a very devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and uncle. He was very proud of all his children. He loved fishing, camping, hunting, his macaroni twisters, spaghetti-benders, cake and ice cream. When asked what kind of ice cream he wanted, he would say strawberry, lemon and lilac.

merous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Josephine Cordova, wife Gertrude Cordova, Daughters Anita Duran and Joanne Hales, siblings, Margaret Woody, Christine Sanchez, Dolores Martinez, Sally Martinez and Stevie Cordova.

Cremation was chosen and a Rosary service will be held Friday, July 31, 2020, at 7:00 pm at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 1, 2020, also at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista. Contributions are suggested to The Rio Grande Hospital and may be made in care of the funeral home office.

To express condolences, please visit [www.rogersfunerals.com](http://www.rogersfunerals.com)

Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

### Concepcion Ortega Cisneros

**MANASSA** — Concepcion Ortega Cisneros, 80, died at her home in Manassa under hospice care and surrounded by her family on July 18, 2020.

Concepcion was born in Merced, California on June 9, 1940, the daughter of Yrinneo and Guadalupe (Ceja) Ortega. She married Luis A. Cisneros and they made their home in Manassa, CO.

She was an active member of the St. Joseph Parish, the Marian Helpers and the Legion of Mary and was a Lady of Fatima. She truly loved helping others through her work at the Jail and the nursing homes and missed this dearly in her later years. In her spare time, she enjoyed rosary making, reading, sewing and crocheting.

Concepcion is survived by her children Luis (Yolanda Chacon) Cisne-



ros, Jr. of Salt Lake City, Utah, Monica Cisneros of Hayward, CA, Veronica (Gilbert Martinez) Cisneros of Manassa, CO and Bernadette (Juan) Sifuentes of Colorado Springs, CO; her son-in-law Chris Cisneros of Alamosa; her grandchildren: John Torres, Jr. who she raised, Samuel Cisneros, Brandi Cisneros, Daniel Cenicer-

and David Cenicerros; her great-grandchildren Angelina Torres, BrookLynn Torres, Payton Cisneros and S.J. Cisneros.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her brother Ernest Ortega.

A Recitation of the Rosary will be held at the Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Jara at 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2020. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 25, 2020, also at the Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Jara. Interment will follow services in the New Conejos Los Cerritos Cemetery.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, tributes, remembrances and words of strength for Concepcion's family, please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com)

### John Albert Valdez



**MONTE VISTA** — Fourth generation San Luis Valley resident and co-owner and founder of J2C Auto Repair, John Albert Valdez passed away at the age of 90 on July 18, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa.

John enjoyed helping people and was a very generous and caring person.

He is survived by his children Gerri (Vito) Trujillo of Lakewood, CO, John (JoAnne) Valdez of Monte Vista, CO and Don (Jo) Valdez of Monte Vista; as well as a brother

9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

John is preceded in death by his parents Ben and Rosa Valdez, his infant son Paul Anthony Valdez and grandson Chris Trujillo.

As to his wishes, a cremation and private graveside service will be held at the 7 Mile Plaza Cemetery at a later date.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online remarks, condolences and words of comfort for John's family, please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com)

### PENDING OBITUARIES

#### Dawn Michelle Baiotto

**ALAMOSA** — Dawn Michelle Baiotto, 52, passed away on July 18, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa.

#### Leonard Fialkowski

**FORT GARLAND** — Leonard Fialkowski, 89, passed away July 20, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

**VALLEY** — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous groups.

A.A. members' primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Following are District 3 San Luis Valley AA 12-Step Meetings. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affiliated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-

937-5083.

#### SUNDAY

5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa  
7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

#### MONDAY

12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa  
5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte  
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede  
7:30 p.m. Creative Re-

source Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

#### TUESDAY

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa  
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

#### WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa  
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito

### ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

**ALAMOSA**—The San Luis Valley Military Family Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Alamosa. For more info call Vicki Jones at 852-3123.

**ALAMOSA** — Sierra Blanca Chapter #43, Order of The Eastern Star, meets on the first and third Mondays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Alamosa Masonic Hall, 512 San Juan Ave. Call Sharon at 589-4320.

**ALAMOSA**—La Leche League of the San Luis Valley holds its monthly meetings on the fourth Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hospice del Valle, 524 Main St. in Alamosa. Pregnant and nursing women are welcome to attend with their children and babies. Please call 587-3657.

**ALAMOSA**—The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets

on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email [amanda@alamosastatebank.com](mailto:amanda@alamosastatebank.com)

**ALAMOSA** — The Optimist Club of Alamosa meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Contact the club at [alamosaoptimistclub@gmail.com](mailto:alamosaoptimistclub@gmail.com) or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome.

**ALAMOSA**—The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-3499 or [dean@deanswiftseed.com](mailto:dean@deanswiftseed.com)

**SOUTH FORK** — Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse

in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email [mkmiller-mink@aol.com](mailto:mkmiller-mink@aol.com)

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# Valley News

## Thousands of water rights may be abandoned

ALAMOSA – Once every ten years a comet is visible in the night sky, the census counts every person living in the United States, and your water rights are at risk of abandonment in Colorado. Water is Colorado's most precious natural resource.

Colorado's proposed decennial abandonment lists were published online on July 1st. Over four thousand water rights were listed, including over 630 rights in Division 3. This is a marked increase from decades past. Put another way, the lists prepared by the Division Engineers at the Colorado Division of Water Resources could result in a significant number of water rights being declared abandoned throughout the state. The Rio Grande Basin has been over appropriated since the 1890's with groundwater resources depleted throughout much of the basin. The Colorado Water Plan projects the basin will need an additional 180,000 acre feet (AF) by 2050. As a result, protecting existing rights is more

important than ever. Water right owners should check the lists online at <http://water.state.co.us> to determine whether their rights are at risk. The lists will also be published in the local papers of record throughout the state in July and August. While the agency is required to notify the "last-known owner or claimant" of a water right included on the list by July 31st, the State's ownership records are not always up-to-date. In an arid climate like Colorado, water rights are highly coveted and highly valued. Losing a water right to abandonment can be catastrophic. It can also directly impact the bottom line and the market value of your property. Water right owners have multiple opportunities to protest inclusion of a right on the abandonment lists. Under Colorado water laws, abandonment requires both an overt act (typically non-use) and intent. Good record-keeping, personal knowledge and extrinsic evidence like

Google Earth imagery can help protect valued water rights. Lands protected by conservation easements may have other good arguments to employ. Fortunately, the deadline for written objections to be submitted to the appropriate Division Engineer (along with a \$10.00 fee for each water right) is July 1, 2021. In the meantime, water right owners would be wise to start collecting records and consulting with legal counsel. By December 31, 2021, after considering any filed objections, the

Division Engineers will file the final proposed abandonment lists with the Water Court. Water right owners can then formally protest the inclusion on the list by June 30, 2022, which protests will be heard by the Water Judge beginning in October 2022. This article does not constitute legal advice nor the creation of an attorney-client relationship. Kent Holsinger and David Kueter are attorneys at Holsinger Law, LLC and can be contacted at: [www.holsingerlaw.com](http://www.holsingerlaw.com).

## Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera joins Hunger Free Colorado

DENVER — As the COVID-19 pandemic and recession continue, Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera joins Hunger Free Colorado in calling on Senators Cory Gardner and Michael Bennet to deliver a federal relief package that assists Colorado's families, communities and economy. The Lt. Governor joined Hunger Free Colorado in a video urging Congress, especially Colorado's U.S. Senators Cory Gardner and Michael Bennet to provide needed food relief with a 15 percent increase in SNAP benefits. The next package for the Senate is expected to come up in the next few weeks. The US House passed their version in June. "The need for food continues to grow and the economic impacts of the pandemic won't let up anytime soon," said Primavera. "Rationing meals is the last thing Colorado families need right now. Let's ensure America's families have their basic human needs met through this pandemic."



Courtesy photo

**Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera joins Hunger Free Colorado in calling on Senators Cory Gardner and Michael Bennet to deliver a federal relief package that assists Colorado's families, communities and economy.**

make major budget and program cuts, costing thousands more jobs and making the lives of struggling families even harder. "Since the start of the pandemic, Hunger Free Colorado has advocated with its partners to the Colorado delegation for this increase. SNAP is a proven economic stimulus program in past recessions. In previous relief packages, Congress has included some nutrition program flexibility and resources, but much more is needed for the growing number of families who have seen their income reduced because of this pandemic," said Marc Jacobson, CEO of Hunger Free Colorado. "Increasing SNAP benefits will help Colorado families cope with the current economic fallout, as well as help strengthen our state's economy." Hunger Free Colorado, a statewide nonprofit organization, connects people to food resources to meet existing needs and drives policy, systems and social change to end hunger. Learn more at [HungerFreeColorado.org](http://HungerFreeColorado.org).

This increase will help thousands of Colorado families who are struggling to afford food. According to several state surveys, nearly one in three Coloradans report worrying about affording food through the COVID-19 pandemic. Colorado has seen an uptick in the number of families applying for SNAP benefits as our state's unemployment increases. The number of families enrolled in SNAP since March has increased by 20 percent. An increase of 15 percent to SNAP benefits would mean \$25 more per family member for groceries. At its current level, SNAP only provides an average of \$1.30 per person per meal, which does not cover groceries through the month, an inadequacy made worse by rising food costs. In addition to helping Coloradans access food, Hunger Free Colorado is urging the U.S. Senate to provide important fiscal relief for state and local governments. This funding is vital for Colorado as we face a \$3.3 billion budget shortfall this year due to reduced revenue during the pandemic. Without federal support, many states, including Colorado, will be forced to

## Let customers know you are ready to safely serve!

COLORADO SPRINGS — The Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado (BBB) has launched a new and exciting campaign: the "Working Safer Pledge" program for Southern Colorado Accredited Businesses. This voluntary, self-regulatory campaign is for Accredited Businesses only and is designed to invigorate demand, build trust and consumer confidence. In order to participate, accredited businesses must follow these three steps:

1. Review the pledge checklist on the online form and make necessary modifications to your practices to meet the criteria
2. Take the pledge by completing the online form
3. Get recognized! Your BBB profile will show consumers that you're dedicated to following COVID-19 safety guidelines

"As businesses operate throughout our region, it is important to let consumers know which businesses are following health guidelines," said Jonathan Liebert, CEO and executive director of BBB of Southern Colorado. "The BBB Working Safer Pledge identifies which businesses consumers can trust to keep health and safety a top priority when hiring a contractor or purchasing from a business."

Participating businesses will get promoted via social media, newsletters and BBB.org and local media. The "Working Safer Pledge" logos will also be provided for participants to use in marketing materials to be recognized. For more information on this program, visit <https://www.bbb.org/southern-colorado/for-businesses/covid-19-working-safer-pledge>

## Leak

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Most recently, the reservoir held about 350-acre feet of water. In 2019, the level of the reservoir was lowered to allow repair of the outlet structure which had deteriorated over the years. The current problem with the dam is unrelated to that work.

When the problem with the dam was discovered earlier this week, CPW worked closely with local emergency management officials to prepare safety and evacuation plans. After the water is drained, engineers will inspect the dam to determine the problem.

## Alejo faces felony assault charge

By KEITH R. CERNY  
Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA — School Superintendent Robert Alejo has been charged with felony second-degree assault in an incident that occurred just over a year ago involving his alleged attack with a baseball bat.

According to the complaint in Alamosa County Court, Alejo "unlawfully and feloniously caused bodily injury to David Silvas, by means of a deadly weapon, namely: a baseball bat." The incident occurred on or about July 19, 2019.

The complaint was dated March 17, 2020, and was filed by Kaitlyn B. Turner, district attorney for the 11th Judicial District based in Salida. He was served with a summons on that date according to court records.

Robert Willett, district attorney for the 12th district, said Friday that the case was turned over to the 11th district due to conflicts of interest. The chief investigator for Willett's office is Harry Alejo, Robert's father, and Willett's wife is a school teacher in the Alamosa district.

The case was apparently turned over to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) Pueblo office by the Alamosa Police Department, also presumably due to a possible conflict of interest.

Court documents indicate that Robert Alejo, 54, is represented by attorney Joseph A. Koncilja of Pueblo. He has appeared in county court several times for status hearings and is next scheduled to appear on Aug. 11 at 3 p.m. for a disposition hearing before Judge Daniel Walzl.

According to Michael Mumper, vice president of the Alamosa School board, he didn't learn of the charges until this past Friday and feels several other board members were not aware as well. Board president Elias Heredia could not be reached.

"This is a very serious set of charges," Mumper said, "and the board will take appropriate action as quickly as we can."

Mumper and fellow board members April Gonzales and Katrina Brown were elected to the board last November.

In an email response, Gonzales said



Courtesy photo

**Alamosa School Superintendent Robert Alejo faces felony second-degree assault charge.**

she was not aware of the charges against Alejo until the past few weeks.

"As a member of the school board, I am troubled and disappointed that the school district has not shared this information with the Board," Gonzales wrote. "While I recognize that everyone is innocent until proven guilty, I think it is imperative that the school district and the superintendent be transparent to the school board and more importantly to the public."

"Superintendent Alejo should be treated in the same manner as any employee of the school district who has been charged, but not convicted."

"I certainly think that in order to make informed decisions additional information is necessary and that a meeting should be held as soon as possible to discuss these issues. As public officials, our actions and behaviors should be transparent and open for proper public scrutiny."

The Valley Courier first learned of the charges last week in a letter from a concerned reader. Attempts to secure more information on the case from CBI were unsuccessful.

The Courier also attempted to reach Alejo for comment by phone and email.

## Colorado's 10.5% unemployment rate slightly lower than national rate

By DEREK DRAPLIN  
The Center Square

Colorado's unemployment rate was 10.5 percent in June, up slightly from the previous month.

The state added 55,000 non-farming jobs last month, according to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, which collects data via household surveys.

"Since May, Colorado has gained back 126,000 of the 342,300 nonfarm payroll jobs lost between February and April," the department said. "That translates to a job recovery rate of 36.8 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 33.8 percent."

Colorado's unemployment rate was 10.2 percent in May and 12.2 percent in April. Nationally, the unemployment rate was 11.1 percent in June, over a 2 percent drop from the previous month.

The COVID-19 pandemic hit in early March, which has led to over 493,000 new unemployment filings by Coloradans since then.

Around \$3.5 billion in unemployment benefits has been paid out since March, CDLE said Thursday. That includes \$1.22 billion in unemployment insurance, \$397.8 million in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and \$1.90 billion in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation.

Approximately 51 million Americans have filed new unemployment claims in the four months since COVID-19 crisis began, with 1.3 million new filings last week, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.



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# Lifestyle

## CPW encourages anglers to be cautious when trout fishing

### Concerns about warm, dry weather and low water conditions

**DENVER**— Colorado Parks and Wildlife is encouraging trout anglers statewide to consider fishing early in the day and in higher altitude lakes and streams as hot, dry conditions and reduced water levels may increase stress to trout populations.

Heat, drought, and low water levels are contributing to elevated water temperatures in much of Colorado, depleting oxygen levels and leaving trout vulnerable. Trout are cold-water fish that function best in 50-60 degree waters. When temperatures exceed 70 degrees, they often stop feeding and become more susceptible to disease. Warm tem-

perature and low water levels can also lead to algae blooms in rivers and reservoirs which cause oxygen levels to drop when algae die and decompose.

Anglers are asked to carefully consider the water and weather conditions when they go fishing for trout. If water seems too warm or fish appear lethargic, it would be best to leave the fish undisturbed. During mid-summer, try to fish early in the morning when the water is coolest.

"CPW recommends anglers hit the water early in the morning to avoid the higher water temperatures commonly seen in the afternoon and evening," said Matt Nicholl, CPW's Aquatic Section Manager. "Anglers are also encouraged to seek out high-elevation trout lakes and streams, where water temperatures are

more suitable and fishing doesn't potentially add additional stress."

Nicholl also urged anglers to add a hand-held thermometer to their fishing kits so they can test the waters they intend to fish.

"Anglers should monitor water temperatures and end their trout fishing adventures when water temperatures start to approach 70 degrees," he said. "If trout have difficulty recovering after being caught and are acting lethargic, it's a good decision to call it quits for the day."

Other suggestions include using heavier tippet and line to quickly reel in and release the fish and using barbless hooks to reduce the time required to unhook the fish. When fish are hooked, their metabolic rate and oxygen consumption soar, greatly

increasing their risk of disease and death, especially if water conditions are marginal.

CPW reminds anglers to always wet your hands before handling fish, and to keep the fish submerged while unhooking and releasing it. Avoid taking the fish out of the water even for a quick photo in these conditions.

CPW has not issued any fishing closures at this time, but CPW staff are

monitoring waters and fisheries across the State. Future closures may be required to protect aquatic resources from severe fish mortality or detrimental impacts to fishery resources as a result of sub-optimal water conditions.

To check for fishing closures, call your CPW regional office. In the Northeast Region, call the Denver office at 303-291-7227. In the Southeast Region, call the Colorado

Springs office at 719-227-5200. In the Southwest Region, call the Durango office at 970-375-6708. In the Northwest Region, call the Grand Junction office at 970-255-6100.

For more information about local fishing regulations and alternative places to fish in Colorado visit our online fishing atlas, or visit the CPW website, or download our new Fishing App for Android and IOS devices.



Courtesy Photo

Anglers are asked to mind weather conditions and consider fishing early in the day and in higher altitude waters to reduce stress to trout populations.

## Hulls to go Platinum

**ALAMOSA** — Long time residents, Harry and Frances Hull will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on August 6th. The couple have lived in Alamosa since 1957 and recently moved to Denver to be near their daughter and her family. If you would like to send your best wishes, their address is: 2408 E. Kearney Ave, Denver CO 80222. They would really appreciate it."



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- 1 Shopping Local Creates Jobs:** The jobs created allow spending in the local economy and helps create more jobs.
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- 4 Shopping Local saves you money and time!** Travel expenses and personal time make the overall cost of items higher.
- 5 Shopping Local retains our community:** Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.
- 6 Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness:** Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.
- 7 Shopping Local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Alamosa's diversity, charm & appeal. Which in turn, attracts new community members.
- 8 Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy.** Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Alamosa.
- 9 Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.



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## Public Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
District Court  
County of Alamosa, Colorado  
Civil Action No. 2265  
Court Computer Reference: 49CV2265  
IN THE MATTER OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the terms of four (4) Directors to the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District expire on September 6, 2020. The vacancies are for two (2) Directors from Saguache County, Colorado and two (2) Directors from Rio Grande County, Colorado. The terms of each of the Directors will be for four (4) years, until September 6, 2024.

Any qualified person interested in seeking appointment to the Board of Directors shall file a written request for appointment and a resume referencing Civil Action No. 2265 (49CV2265) with the Clerk of the District Court for Alamosa County, at the Alamosa County Courthouse located at 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado, 81101. The request for appointment and resume must be filed no later than August 6, 2020.

To be qualified for the appointment from Saguache County, an applicant must be the owner of real property within Saguache County and have resided in Saguache County for no less than one (1) year. To be qualified for the appointment from Rio Grande County, an applicant must be the owner of real property within Rio Grande County and have resided in Rio Grande County for no less than one (1) year. A legal description of the boundaries of the District may be reviewed by appointment during normal business hours at the office of the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District, 623 Fourth Street, Alamosa, Colorado, 81101, telephone (719) 589-2230.

Heather Dutton – Manager  
July 1, 2020  
No. 1524  
Published in the Valley Courier on July 7, and 21, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
Savers Trust  
1727 East Lawn Ave.  
Durango, CO 81301

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 17th day of November 2011, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Alamosa County the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:

DEER VALLEY MEADOWS TRACT A BLK Q UNIT 2 EXC 4 TR 197.5' X 220' DEEDED B 333 P 277 TNA 3.73AC TD REC #342787 07-21-10  
Parcel Number: 541708001037  
Certificate Number: 296

And said County Treasurer assigned a certificate of purchase on the 17th day of November 2011 to Alamosa County.  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2010;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Savers Trust for said year 2010;  
That on the 5th day of March 2020, said Alamosa County assigned said certificate of purchase to Elegment LLC;

That said Elegment LLC on the 28th day of February 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Elegment LLC on the 4th day of November 2020, 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.  
This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on July 14, 2020, July 21, 2020 and July 28, 2020.  
Witness my hand this 2nd day of July 2020  
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado  
No. 1535  
Published in the Valley Courier July 14, 21, and 28, 2020.

**Call for bids**  
The Zapata Homeowners Association wants an independent contractor for road and infrastructure maintenance, snow plowing, culvert cleaning and installation, damaged tree removal, fire mitigation and fuels reduction projects including slash removal and other projects directed by the board of directors. The contractor must have his/her own equipment. For information, contact the ZHA office at 719-589-6770 or zapatahoainfo@gmail.com. Bids should be submitted by August 7, 2020 to the email address listed.

No. 1536  
Published in the Valley Courier on July 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 24, 2020.

The City of Alamosa is requesting bid proposals for new construction of a 30'x60' storage building and loading dock located at the Alamosa Recycling Center. Bids will be received until July 31, 2020. Specifications and invitation to bid package is available through the Public Works Office (719) 589-3361 or on the City website, www.cityofalamosa.org.  
No. 1544  
Published in the Valley Courier on July 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS:** The Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation (Foundation) and United States Forest Service (USFS) are accepting bids for the Park Creek Watershed Improvement Project. The Project includes the construction of a hardened stream crossing and OHV parking/unloading area. Bidding documents will be made available upon request by email. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00am on July 29, 2020 at the Project site, which is at the turnout to Park Creek (FS Road 380) from Highway 160, near South Fork. Bids are due to the Foundation by 5:00pm on August 10, 2020. A contract will be awarded by 5:00pm, August 17, 2020. The Foundation and USFS reserve the right to reject any bids in the best interest of the Project Partners. Requests for Bidding Documents and questions regarding the project may be directed to Emma Reesor, Phone: 719-589-2230, Email: emma@riograndeheadwaters.org.  
No. 1549  
Published in the Valley Courier on July 18, and 21, 2020.

### 112 - BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

**1 STYLIST SALON**  
Alamosa CO good space, rep., retail. Equip & inventory w/purchase. Right person clients stay. 719-580-4307(8/1)

### 163 LOST & FOUND

**FOUNDING! DRIVING**  
ring at Cattails Golf Course. Call to identify and claim 719-589-3132.(7/25)

**LOST A PAIR** of men's black work boots on W. Hwy 160 on way to a fire call. 4/2 approx. 4:30pm west of Budweiser before Del Viento Road. If found please call 719-580-0398.(TFN)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a Junior High Football coach. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE & E.(8/8)

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a High School Volleyball coach. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE & E.(8/8)

**THE DEL NORTE Jr/SR High School** is accepting applications for a full-time Physical Education Teacher. The position would include Junior High PE classes and High School Strength and Conditioning class. To apply please visit dncsd.org to download the application and submit completed applications to Aaron Horrocks at ahorrocks@urtigers.co or cal 719-657-4040 ext 1001 for more information.(8/7)

**GROWING AND EXPANDING** Needing Driver/Counter Sales Pro. Must have good MVR and great work ethic. Stop by Carquest Auto Parts at 302 State Ave. Alamosa, CO. for an application. No phone calls please.(7/25)

**THE NORTH CONEJOS School District** is accepting applications for Centauri High School assistant boys basketball coaches. Applications are available at the Administration Office or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. Call 274-5174 with questions. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(7/25)

**THE SAGUACHE COUNTY Land Use Office** is accepting applications for a full time Saguache County Code Enforcement Officer. Applicants must have a valid Colorado Divers License, must pass a criminal background check as well as a pre-employment drug test. Applications will be accepted until filled. Applications and job descriptions may be found on www.saguachecounty.net or may be emailed to you, please contact April Quintana at 719-655-2231. Saguache County is an equal opportunity employer.(8/7)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**THE TOWN OF La Jara** is accepting applications for Police Officer. Must be currently Colorado POST certified; willing to submit to background and criminal history checks as well as a psychological test. Starting salary is \$36,000 with vision, dental and medical insurance and paid holidays. Applications may be picked up at La Jara Town Hall, 221 Broadway or at Colorado Workforce Center in Alamosa.(7/29)

**THE CITY OF Alamosa Police Department** is accepting applications a full-time Community Service Officer, a uniformed non-sworn position. General duties include Ordinance and Code enforcement, including animal control, weeds, trash, and parking enforcement, issuing written notices of violations and summons and complaints to offenders as required. Hiring salary is \$18.00 per hour including a comprehensive medical benefits package, retirement plan, and vacation and sick leave. A full job description, announcement, and application are available at www.cityofalamosa.org. The position is subject to pre-employment tests. Deadline is July 24, 2020 at 5 pm.(7/24)

**POLICE CHIEF: THE Town of South Fork** is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Chief of Police. The Chief of Police provides oversight of all activities of the Police Department including, but not limited to administration, communication, investigation, patrol, and supervision. The Police Chief also actively participates in routine daily patrol shifts and provides 24 hour on call police coverage for the Town. Qualifications: Colorado POST Certification is required and minimum of five (5) years of supervisory level law enforcement experience for a similar or larger organization, with command level experience preferred. High School graduate or equivalent required and bachelor degree is preferred. Candidate should be able to demonstrate knowledge of police department operations, personnel management, knowledge of best practices in municipal police services, and local government administration. Applicants must be willing to undergo; an Oral Board, Psychological Evaluation, Background Investigation, Drug Testing, and Physical. Salary range is \$48,000 to \$56,000 DOQ. The Town of South Fork offers an attractive benefits package and assigned police vehicle. The application and position information is available at www.colorado.gov/southforkcolorado. Position is open until filled, first review of applications is to begin on August 1, 2020. The Town of South Fork is an Equal Opportunity Employer.(7/25)

**WANTED PAINTER**  
AT least 1-year experience. Wages based on experience. Call 719-588-0996.(7/24)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**SANGRE DE CRISTO School District** is seeking an assistant HS Football coach for the 2020/2021 season. Applications may be downloaded from sdc.schools.net. For more information contact Dave Curtis at 719-378-2321 or 719-588-8185.(8/5)

**THE CITY OF Alamosa** is seeking a Temporary Site Manager for Homeless Isolation/Quarantine Housing \$2,400 bi-weekly and a \$3,000 bonus for completing the duration of the temporary position. For a full job description and to apply visit the cityofalamosa.org. Protected by EOE laws. Open until filled.(8/5)

**CONSTRUCTION HELPERS NEEDED.** Full / Part time. Must be reliable and dependable. Call Ztec Construction 719-992-1396.(8/5)

**HIRING AUTO AND** diesel mechanics. Email edgarenterpriseinc@gmail.com for application or pick up at Everything Auto and Diesel, 701 Spruce, La Jara.(8/4)

**SALES POSITION AVAILABLE.** Must have own transportation. Call Ztec Construction 719-992-1396.(8/1)

**LOOKING FOR A** career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st Southwest Bank is hiring a Teller in our Saguache location, offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to https://www.fswb.bank/whowe-are/careers/ for more details & to apply.(7/21)

**SANFORD SCHOOL IS** looking for a paraprofessional to work with elementary students during the 2020-2021 School Year. An associate's degree or two years of college courses preferred. Applications can be downloaded from www.sanford-schools.org. Position opened until filled. Sanford School is an EOE & E.(7/31)

**RIOGRANDE COUNTY** is seeking a Dispatch/Detention Officer. High School Diploma or 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 5 panel drug test, including testing for marijuana required. Inmate interaction required. \$14.57/per hour. Pick up and submit applications to Human Resources 925 6th Street, Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. Applications also available online at www.riograndecounty.org. (8/12)

**SANGRE DE CRISTO School District** is looking for a highly motivated PE Teacher that has a desire to teach and the ability to pass their passion of learning onto students. For more information please contact Mr. Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org. Teaching applications may be downloaded from sdc.schools.net.(7/21)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District** is accepting applications for the following position at Alamosa High School: Entry Control and Building Security Monitor A minimum of a High School Diploma or equivalent is required, Law enforcement or security enforcement experience preferred, Public relations experience preferred. Experience with technology and computers preferred. Outstanding oral and written skills required. Submission of fingerprints to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and completion of a criminal background check prior to hiring required. An overview of associated job duties, responsibilities and applications can be obtained online at https://www.alamosa.k12.co.us. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(7/21)

**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District** is accepting applications for the following position: School Nurse Minimum requirement: RN Required Applications are available online at http://www.alamosa.k12.co.us. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(7/21)

**THE NORTH CONEJOS School District** is accepting applications for (1) Secondary Math Teacher at Centauri High School. Applicant must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be willing to work toward certification. (2) CHS Cheer Coach. Application deadline is until position is filled. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81101 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE.(7/21)

**SAGUACHE COUNTY DEPARTMENT** of Social Services is now accepting proposals for the contract of Department Attorney. Position includes review and presentation of department cases to judicial court, any matters consequential or incidental to cases and appeals. This includes counseling and advising staff and Director on child welfare, abuse or neglect, child support enforcement and adult protection cases, attendance to staff meetings, and possible conferences or training as appropriate and agreed upon. Send resume and proposal to Saguache County Social Services, PO Box 215, Saguache, CO 81149 no later than July 24, 2020. Saguache is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Service Provider.(7/24)

**SANFORD SCHOOLS IS** seeking a highly motivated Music/Band teacher to join our Team of great educators and instruct our talented students. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Position open until filled. Sanford Schools is an EOE & E.(7/21)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**SAGUACHE COUNTY DEPARTMENT** of Social Services is now accepting applications for the position of Income Maintenance Technician. Position determines eligibility and benefit delivery for Medicaid, Food assistance, Colorado Works, and other income assistance programs. No degree or specialized training necessary, but includes a great opportunity for State training. Bilingual ability is preferred and given consideration, but not required. Starting salary is minimum \$26,000 per year and full benefits, depending on experience. Applications and complete job descriptions are available at 605 Christy Ave., Saguache, Colorado, by visiting the Saguache County website at Saguache County.net or by calling (719) 655-2537 and requesting one be mailed. Completed applications must be received by Saguache County Social Services no later than 4:00 pm. on July 24, 2020. Saguache is an Equal Opportunity Employer.(7/24)

**HIRING JOURNEY-MAN ELECTRICIAN** full time year round work. Call Mike 719-588-4142.(8/12)

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District** is accepting applications for a HS Science Teacher (Chemistry). Visit the district website for a complete list of desired qualifications and experience. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html by July 20, 2020, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (7/29)

**THE TOWN OF Manassa** is now accepting applications for a police officer position. You may pick up applications at the Town Hall in Manassa Monday - Wednesday 8-4.(7/28)

**THE SAN LUIS Valley Local Foods Coalition** is seeking a RGFP Program Director to manage and implement Rio Grande Farm Park programs and operations. Job description available at www.slvlocalfoods.org. Please submit Resume and Cover Letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com by July 31st. Questions call 719-937-2319.(7/25)

**CUSTODIAN-PART-TIME** in our Monte Vista office. SLV Behavioral Health Group is seeking a part-time Custodian for our Monte Vista office. Work includes cleaning and sanitizing office after hours, emptying trash, dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, washing windows and other duties. We offer competitive pay. For a full job description and to apply for position, please visit our website: www.slvbhg.org.(7/25)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**THE CITY OF Alamosa** is accepting applications fill multiple full-time Water/Wastewater Technician I positions. Job duties include performing operations, maintenance, and repairs within the water and sewer divisions under the supervisor of senior personnel. This position is also responsible to provide on-call service on a rotating basis to cover after-hours repairs and maintenance, as required. Starting salary is \$16.46 per hour including a comprehensive health benefits package. CO PERA retirement, and vacation, personal, and sick leave. A full job description, announcement, and application are available at www.cityofalamosa.org. The position is subject to pre-employment tests. Deadline is July 24, 2020 at 5 pm.(7/24)

**SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO**, is seeking to fill the position of Public Health Director. The position requires a master's degree in a public health discipline; a nurse candidate shall be licensed to practice in Colorado within six months of hire; OR, similar experience to a nurse with exemplary history and at least two years of administrative experience in public health, and willing to seek additional public health education and experience within five years of hire. A complete job description and qualifications are available online at: http://www.saguachecounty-co.gov. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license. Saguache County is a drug-free workplace. All inquiries should be directed to: Saguache County Administration. E-mail: wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov phone: 719-655-2231, fax 719-655-2635. Applicants must submit a job application, cover letter, and a resume. Resumes must not exceed three pages in length. The job application is available online at http://www.saguachecounty-co.gov/administration-home. Submit cover letter, job application, and resume to the following address: Saguache County Administration, P.O. Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149 wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov. Faxed and emailed applications are accepted. (8/7)

**RETAIL MANAGER: LOOKING** for a job with a Mission? Join Western National Parks Association as the FT, Park Store Retail Manager at Great Sand Dunes National Park & Reserve. Find out more about this adventurous opportunity by visiting www.wnnpa.org/jobs. Equal Opportunity Employer: disability/veteran and other protected classes.(8/7)

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# Classifieds

<b>221 HELP WANTED</b> <b>RIOGRANDE COUNTY</b> Department of Social Services seeks a Child Protection/Ongoing Caseworker. Bachelor's Degree in Human Services or a related field with experience preferred. Must have a valid Colorado Driver's License. Testing, background check and pre-employment drug screening, including testing for marijuana, is required. \$18.72-\$19.22 per hour DOE, full County benefits. Schedule: 37.50 hours/week. This position qualifies for Public Service Loan Forgiveness through the Department of Education for student loans. Applications available online at <a href="http://www.riograndecounty.org">www.riograndecounty.org</a> or may be picked up and submitted to: Human Resources, 925 6th Street, Room 200, Del Norte, CO, 81132. (7/25)	<b>221 HELP WANTED</b> <b>C D L DRIVER WANTED</b> , please call 719-589-9070 or email <a href="mailto:rmpp.rhonda@yahoo.com">rmpp.rhonda@yahoo.com</a> if interested. End dump experience necessary. (7/24)	<b>324 - FEED &amp; SEED</b> <b>HORSE AND COW</b> hay: grass, grass/alfalfa, alfalfa. 3x3 and 4x4 bales, various quality and pricing. 719-850-8917 (7-13-TFN)	<b>369 - PETS &amp; SUPPLIES</b> <b>VALLEY DOG TRAINING</b> , obedience classes, Social Distancing. Starting July 22nd. 6 weeks \$50. 719-379-4157 information. (7/21)	<b>409 FARM &amp; RANCH LAND</b> <b>PASTURE FOR RENT</b> . 46 acres. Stock well. 4 miles east of Alamosa. Call 913-626-8573. (8/5)	<b>415 - HOMES FOR SALE</b> <b>FOR SALE BY Owner!</b> 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom. 98 El Rio. Call 719-589-6921. (8/19)	<b>601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT</b> <b>Century Property Management &amp; Sales, LLC</b> <b>Alamosa • 589-5744</b> <b>PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICE</b> For all your rental needs please call 719-589-5744 or stop by 823 Main St. Alamosa, CO 81101 <a href="http://www.alamosarentals.com">www.alamosarentals.com</a>	<b>713 - PICK-UP TRUCKS</b> <b>F350 1 TON</b> dually with 12ft bed. 61,000 miles. \$5800 / OBO. Call 720-201-3857. (7/22)
<b>221 HELP WANTED</b> <b>LOOKING FOR A</b> career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st Southwest Bank is hiring a Portfolio Manager, offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to <a href="https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/">https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/</a> for more details & to apply. (7/22)	<b>MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> is accepting applications for two Middle School Football Coaches, a Middle School Volleyball Coach, and a Middle Schools Boys' Basketball Coach. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <a href="http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html">http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html</a> , by July 8, 2020, or until the positions are filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (7/21)	<b>341 - GARAGE SALES</b> <b>YARDSALE</b> - Furniture, tools, yard tools, household items. Don't miss this one. 1/2 mile north of splashland on Hwy 17, follow the signs. July 24 & 25 (7/25)	<b>ALL DOGS ADOPTED FROM THE VALLEY HUMANE LEAGUE HAVE TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED BEFORE GOING TO THEIR NEW HOME.</b> (TFN)	<b>415 - HOMES FOR SALE</b> <b>PORTER REALTY, INC.</b> Excellent Service, Expert Advice <b>719-589-5899</b> 503 Main Street • Alamosa <a href="http://www.PorterRealty.com">www.PorterRealty.com</a>	<b>420 - LOTS &amp; ACREAGE</b> <b>2 MOBILE HOME</b> Lots for lease. \$250/mo, electricity, water, sewer hookups, Sanford. Call 719-580-7197. (7/25)	<b>611 - HOMES FOR RENT</b> <b>LOOKING FOR AN APARTMENT OR HOME FOR RENT?</b> We have the best ones! Call Eclipse Property Management at 719-581-RENT or visit our website at <a href="http://RentEclipse.com">RentEclipse.com</a> . (TFN-6/27)	<b>736 - ATVS &amp; MOTORCYCLES</b> <b>2003 HD ULTRA</b> Classic Electra Glide 100th Anniversary Edition. 35k miles \$12,000 OBO. 719-206-0292. (9/11)
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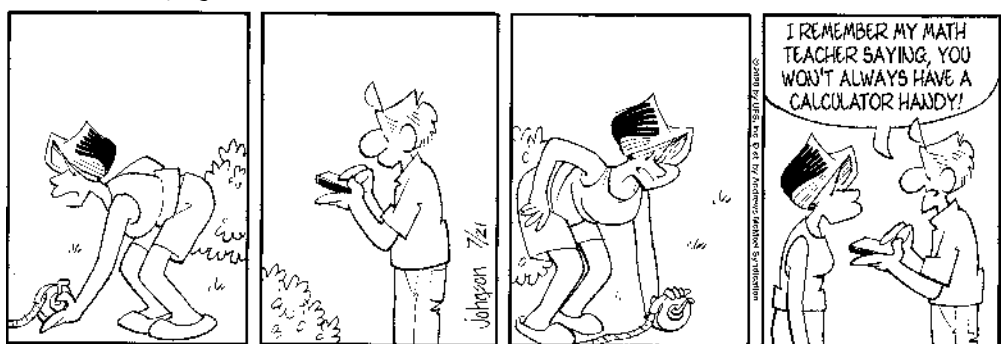
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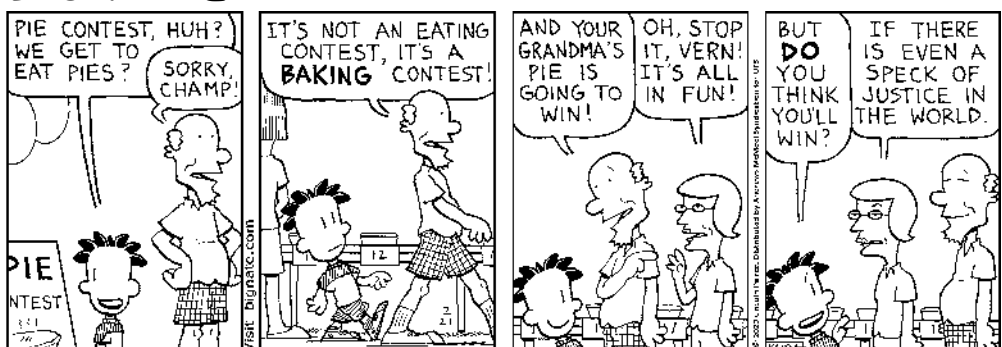
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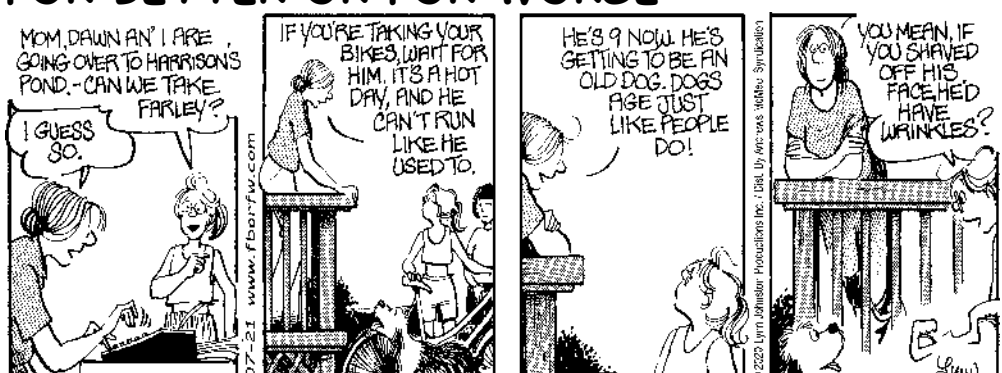
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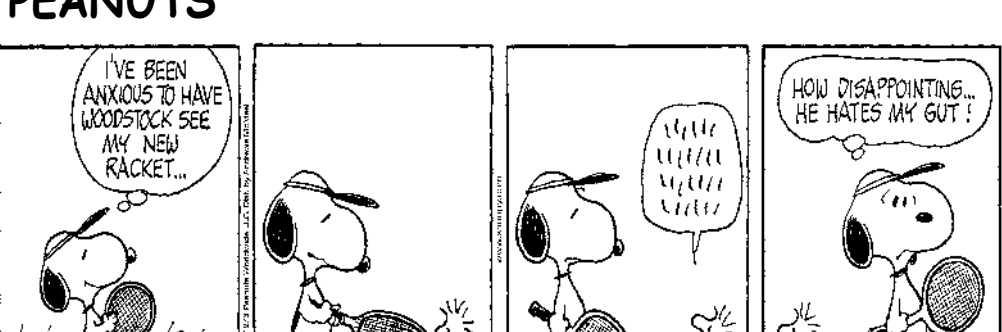
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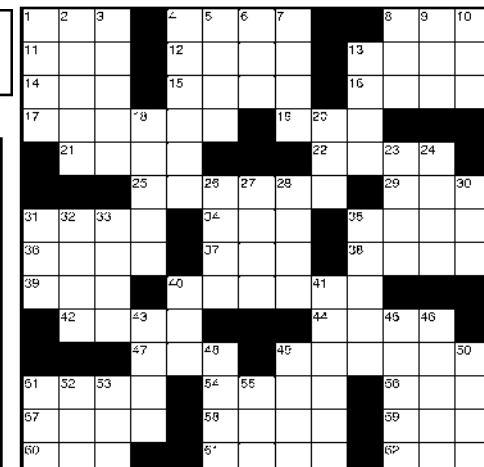
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## HERMAN



## After 30 years, first love reappears in woman's life

DEAR ABBY: I have come into contact with my first and forever love again after 30 years. We have had a few encounters throughout the years. When they happened, we fell right back into our comfort zone.

We both have current relationships with others that are not satisfying. We have both had failed relationships as well. No relationship I have ever been in compares to the one I have with this man. He's successful and buries himself in his work. Even though he never says it, I know in my heart he has hidden feelings toward me as well.

This man has held my heart my entire life. I never stopped loving him. Do I finally tell him how I feel and risk possibly losing him forever, or should I remain silent and enjoy the encounters we have when they happen? -- WANTS IT ALL IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WANTS IT ALL: I think you should finally let this man know how you feel about him. If you do, it will either enable him to tell you he feels the same as you do, or stop you from fantasizing about a relationship that will never happen. If he is satisfied with the status quo, it doesn't necessarily mean these encounters will end, but at least you will know them for what they are.

DEAR ABBY: My moth-

er has no faith in me, mostly because I have a disability. Even though it's not that bad, she still doesn't think I can do anything hard. Although I'm almost 40, she still tells me what to do and criticizes me in any way she can, including my parenting. I can't spend a day with her without wanting to come home and take a bat to the walls.

I have a lot of anger inside, and I don't trust her because she tends to tell her friends or family things I would rather were kept private. What can I do about this? -- IRRITATED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR IRRITATED: If this is any comfort, I receive letters with the same complaint as yours from readers who don't have disabilities. If your children are healthy and doing well and your mother's criticisms are baseless, my advice is to tune your probably well-meaning but overbearing mother out. Because she discusses things you confide in her with others, quit telling her anything you don't want broadcast. It's easier than trying to muzzle her. You might also consider seeing your mother less often, which could save your walls and the wear and tear on the bat you're tempted to use after those encounters.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to propose a new word for general use. It's "was-



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

band." Definition: male to whom I am no longer married. Reason: "Ex" seems a pejorative term. I didn't want to add that burden to the baggage our kids may have picked up.

I have used it since the mid-1990s. I began to think of a new term when I was in a social situation with my wasband, his wife and mutual friends. I bumped into a colleague and wasn't quick enough to think of a polite term for my former husband, so I could only introduce him as "the father of my children." I think "wasband" is a less awkward term. What do you think, Abby? -- LOVER OF LANGUAGE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR L.O.L.: I think it is clever. The term is listed in the Urban Dictionary, and because you started using it so early shows you are one smart cookie.



# Lifestyle

## VMX sates the need for speed

MOSCA — The Valley Motocross Raceway held an event with classes Hobby Stock, Mods, Dwarfs, and Hornet all competing. winning racers recognized below.



Richard Quintana, left, and Saul Gillespie, right, present Justin O'Brien a first place plaque for his finish in the Hobby Stock Class.



Chistine Ratzlaff, center, accepts the first place plaque for the Mods Class, from Richard Quintana and Saul Gillespie, right.



Joe Esquibel earned first place in the Dwarfs class. Pictured with Richard Quintana and Saul Gillespie he accepts his first place plaque.



Pictured with Saul Gillespie and Richard Quintana, left and right, Marcus Gillespie accepts his plaque for first place in the Hornets class

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