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July 4 Trash Schedule

ALAMOSA—Holiday trash schedule adjustments are as follows:

Commercial Routes Friday, July 3 route will be picked up on Thursday, July 2.

Residential Routes Friday, July 3 route will be picked up on Monday, July 6.

Yard Waste Route Remains the same.

Recycling Center is closed Saturday July 4 and will reopen July 5.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (719) 589-6631

Courier closed

ALAMOSA—The Valley Courier offices will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Our Friday edition will be distributed as usual, but we will not publish on Saturday, July 4 due to the holiday and no mail service.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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## Results coming back from primaries

STAFF REPORT

Tuesday night primary elections took place all over the state. In Alamosa Jan Vigil led Helen Sigmond on the Commissioner's Board, also in Alamosa Lori Laske led Rusty Johnson.

Districts one and three in Alamosa County saw races for the Board of County Commissioners. According to preliminary results, Lori Laske led Rusty Johnson for Republican County Commissioner District 1 holding 53 percent of 1,948 votes tallied, Democrat Trudi Kretzinger ran unopposed.

District 3 Democrat Jan Vigil led party mate Helen Sigmond 57 to 42 percent unofficially, Republican Vern Heersink ran unopposed.

Elsewhere in the county, Nicole Jaramillo held a 63-36 percent lead over Mario Linares for Democratic County Clerk and Recorder, Republican Jaelyn Hurst ran unopposed.

Rio Grande County saw action in elections for Republicans in Districts 1 and 3 of the Board of County Commissioners. Scott Deacon held 62 percent of the vote over opponent Suzanne Bothell in District 1. Gene Glover also looked strong according to preliminary results

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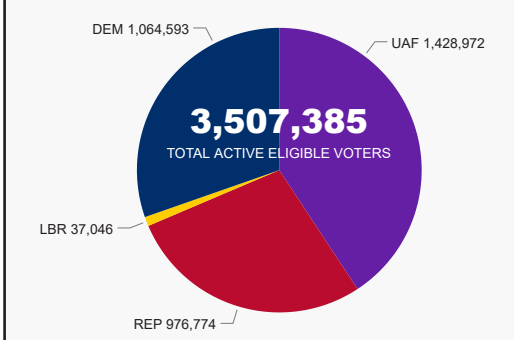
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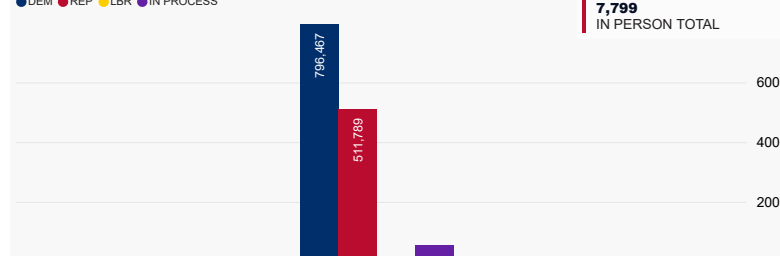
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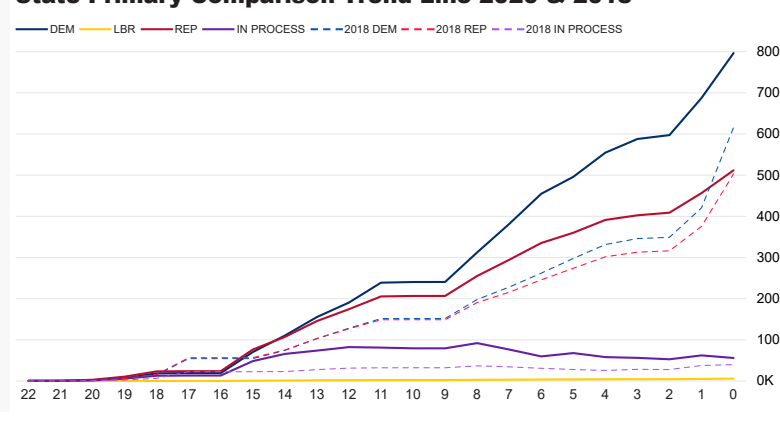


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leading opponent Fedele Paccione Jr. 1,399 to 774 Tuesday night.

In Conejos County, Democrat Placido Erwin Romero defeated Democrat Rick Espinoza for Conejos County Commissioner District 1, 983 votes to 412 votes. Carlos Garcia, the Republican candidate, was unchallenged in the primary and will face Romero in the general election in November.

For District 3, Republican Dwight Martin defeated Republican Lucas

Moroni Larson 614 votes to 492 votes. Martin will face Democrat Joseph Baroz in the general election.

The Costilla County Commissioner District 1 race was threefold, and Robert Espinoza owned 52 percent of the vote to lead opponents Lawrence Rael and Joe Sanchez Tuesday night.

In Saguache County, the unofficial results point to Thomas McCracken holding a lead in a three-candidate race taking 539 of 1,270 counted votes as of press

time. McCracken led opponents Justin van Wart and Lisa Cyriacks for Democratic Saguache County Commissioner of District 1. Republican Richard Pascoe ran unopposed.

District 2's County Commissioner race was led by Lynne Thompson as of press time. Thompson led Charles McClure holding 74 percent of

the vote.

For the district, according to unofficial results, Alonzo Christopher Payne held a commanding lead over Robert S. Willett for the position of District Attorney in the 12th District leading in 5 of 6 counties for an overall 61 to 38 percent lead as of press time.

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## Suspicious package sends law enforcement agencies to Del Norte

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — Law enforcement agencies from around the Valley and beyond were dispatched to the Lowes Valley Market in Del Norte at 11:40 a.m. Tuesday, June 30, due to the report of a suspicious package left on top of the propane rack containing multiple 20-pound propane tanks at the entrance to the store.

Del Norte Police Chief Frank Archuleta evacuated the store shortly after arriving on scene and put the neighboring Casa De Rio Grande apartments, residential homes and River Valley Inn Nursing Home on a shelter in place order while requesting interagency assistance from the Rio Grande Coun-



The Pueblo Bomb Squad was dispatched to the scene and by 4 p.m. Tuesday had issued the "all clear" to law enforcement personnel.

ty Sheriff Department, HAZMAT, Pueblo Bomb Squad, CDOT and the Rio Grande Emergency Manager Art Wittner.

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## Friends of the Library invites submissions for twelfth edition of Messages from the Hidden Lake

ALAMOSA — The Friends of the Alamosa Public Library is pleased to invite submissions for the twelfth edition of its literary and art collection, Messages from the Hidden Lake. Creative writers and photographers of all ages may submit pieces for the volume, to be published in this winter. Submission deadline is November 1, 2020.

Genre categories include poetry, short creative fiction and non-fiction, and black and white photography. There is a special category for full-color cover photography. Cash prizes will be awarded. Submission guidelines and entry forms are available online at: www.alamosalibrary.org. For more info, call 589-6592.

## Goose Creek Fire could make a run

CREEDE— Wind gusts in excess of 35 miles an hour could fan the flames of the Goose Creek Fire burning south of Creede Tuesday. A Red Flag Warning for high winds and low relative humidity is in effect.

Additional firefighting resources arrived Monday and are developing plans to protect property along Goose Creek, if the fire should move and begin to pose a threat.

Initially reported on Sunday, June 28th, the lightning caused fire is burning in the Weminuche Wilderness Area near Lake Humphreys and is estimated at 149 acres in size. The fire continued to burn actively into the night last night but is bounded by healthy aspen groves, rock bands and an

area previously burned during the West Fork Complex in 2013. Containment is reported at 10%.

Approximately 90 firefighters have staged at the Humphreys Ranch, including a hot shot crew, a 20-person hand crew and half a dozen fire engines. No structures are in immediate danger.

An incident-specific web page on this fire is on Inciweb at: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6812/

Fire danger remains very high across the Rio Grande National Forest and Stage 2 fire restrictions remain in place.

For additional information follow the Rio Grande National Forest on Face book at: https://www.facebook.com/USF-SRGNF/and Twitter @ RioGrandeUSFS



The Goose Creek Fire was reported at approximately 1:15 Sunday, June 28.

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Patricia "Patty" Joe Gabaldon

ALAMOSA — Patricia "Patty" Joe Gabaldon, 76, passed away on June 28, 2020. She was born on May 2, 1944, in Nelsonville, Ohio to Max and Geneva (Hysell) Jansen. She married Richard Gabaldon in Belen, New Mexico on December 4, 1993.

Patty enjoyed traveling, scrapbooking, going to the casinos and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Gabaldon, children, John (Ariel) Ruvolo, Launa



(Wade) Boynton, Patrick (Laurel) Heimstra, Ronald (Annette) Gabaldon and Ricky (Michelle) Gabaldon

as well as grandchildren, Justin Sena, Denise Harden, Juel Ruvolo, Nykia Ruvolo, Taylor Boynton, Kyndall Boynton, Tiffany Ruvolo, Giancarlo Ruvolo and a great-grandchild, Lillie Ruvolo as well as numerous other family members.

Cremation was selected and a Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later time. To express condolences, please visit [www.rogersfunerals.com](http://www.rogersfunerals.com)

Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

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This charge affects funeral homes, as well as family or other representatives, that directly place obituaries. All paid obituaries are published on our web site, [www.alamosanews.com](http://www.alamosanews.com), for no additional fee.

In the event the newspaper errors in publishing an obit, corrections will be made and the obit will be rerun. If the errors are on the part of the submitting party, an additional fee will be assessed.

## Boots on the Ground Awards

The San Luis Valley Joint Interagency Oversight Group (SLV Joint IOG) is pleased to honor partner agency staff members with the "Boots on the Ground" award in recognition of employees who exemplify the spirit of cross-systems collaboration.

The award recipients for this fiscal year are Lisa Powers, Mountain Valley School District, Perfilia Vigil, Alamosa County Department of Human Services, Rita Wilcox, Alamosa County Department of Human Services, and Amy Raya, SLV BOCES.

"Lisa brings positive energy, enthusiasm, and professionalism to Mountain Valley School each and every day. Mrs. Powers is a trusted counselor who works with students, staff, and families to build positive and supportive relationships that encompass the whole child. She works diligently with each to provide emotional support and teach healthy social and interpersonal skills. As a K-12 school counselor, Lisa wears many hats within the district and with each new assignment, she puts forth her best efforts to improve and guide students to become successful. She strives to meet the needs of all members of our school community, and she puts in many extra hours of time outside of the normal school day to enhance her skills and support our school. Lisa attends professional development opportunities and returns to train our staff to better serve our students. She also arranges college tours, works to build support for our gifted and talented students, and provides students with opportunities to engage in positive student groups. Lisa leads our "No Place for Hate" coalition, as well as our bully and suicide prevention efforts. Lisa truly is a vital member of our school and the Saguache community. She is truly deserving of the Boots on the Ground Award, and we appreciate all the great things Lisa does for Mountain Valley School every day!"

"Rita and Perfilia are

a true definition of team. They prioritize attending the ISST's and genuinely have each and every family's best interest at the forefront of their input. These two individuals collaborate well with the team being mindful of the 10 guiding principles and brainstorming all alternative options available. Rita and Perfilia are very valuable to this process as they communicate well with the ISST Coordinator and assure they are reachable at all times to be a resource. The knowledge base that these two carry regarding what is available through their agency is truly amazing. They are also very aware of cost sharing opportunities where assistance is needed outside of DHS. Having Boots on the Ground are a great title for both of these wonderful people as they push the pavement to help everyone they contact."

"Amy Ray is the Coordinator for the School to Work Alliance Program. The purpose of SWAP is to provide successful employment outcomes, increased community linkages, and new patterns of service for youth with a barrier to employment. The SWAP program serves the 14 school districts of the San Luis Valley.

What is so special about Amy is not her title but her enthusiasm for her work and community as well as how she goes above and beyond to connect with families. Some examples of Amy going above and beyond is her willingness to keep the clothing closet open for people in need at the San Luis Valley BOCES. Without her dedication and commitment to support this effort the clothing closet would not still be available. Amy is also a huge asset to the ISST. Amy is also the lead person on the BOCES activities committee. This really helps pull people together so we have a professional working community that feels appreciated. Another area in which she is active is the TIGERS group. BOCES was also recognized for outstanding support for the Marine

Toys for Tots Program due to Amy's work. Amy also made sure that when support was needed to get free books out into the schools she was there to make sure this happened.

I could go on forever about Amy's ability to support her position, colleagues and community. Simply put Amy is an incredible asset to us all."

Established in 2008 and funded through Colorado State House Bill 1451, the SLV Joint IOG currently includes Alamosa and Saguache Counties. Over twenty agencies participate including the 12th Judicial District, Probation Department, the Colorado Youth Detention Continuum program, Alamosa County Department of Human Services, Alamosa County Public Health Department, Alamosa School District, Center for Restorative Programs, Colorado Division of Youth Services, Colorado Health Partnerships, Crossroads' Turning Points, San Luis Valley Early Childhood Council, San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group, San Luis Valley BOCES, Signal Behavioral Health Network, Beacon Health Options, Saguache County Department of Social Services, Saguache County Public Health Department, Center School District, Mofat Consolidated School District, Mountain Valley School District, Tu Casa, and Teri Sisneros, Family Representative for the SLV Joint IOG.

The goal of the SLV Joint IOG is to develop collaborative approaches for the provision of individualized, strength-based, family-centered, and culturally sensitive services to children, youth, and families. The SLV Joint IOG works to increase the quality and appropriateness of services while encouraging cost sharing and reducing service duplication and fragmentation.

For more information about the SLV Joint IOG, please contact Carrie Heltzel, Director, at [carrieheltzel@gmail.com](mailto:carrieheltzel@gmail.com).

## BIRTHS

### Emersyn Kate Lancaster

BLANCA — Emersyn Kate Lancaster was born June 19, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Health Center of Alamosa to Katie and Shane Lancaster of Blanca. Emersyn weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 18 and one half inches long. Emersyn joins sister Olivia. Maternal grandparents are Matt and Terri Husmann of Blanca. Paternal grandparents are Rhonda Lancaster of Castle Rock and Pat and Tuesday Lancaster of Broomfield. Great-grandparents are Rodger and Jane Wakasugi of Blanca; Esther Cook of Mesa, Ariz.; Nancy Lancaster of Boise, Idaho and Marie Mott of Mountain Home, Idaho.

#### San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

If you have information about an unreported or unsolved crime in the San Luis Valley, Crimestoppers pays for information that leads to the arrest of criminal offenders. Citizens may report crimes anonymously and remain eligible for rewards.

Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

## 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)

ALAMOSA — The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. at the Alamosa Public Library, 300 Hunt Ave. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-544-5720, ext. 304.

ALAMOSA — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a non-profit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the College Heights Baptist Church at 2035 Church Avenue in Alamosa. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. with an informative meeting at 6:15. Anyone interested in having weight loss support is welcome to attend a free meeting or call Doris at 589-6396 for more information.

ALAMOSA — Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday at the Alamosa County Sheriff Office, 1315 17th St., at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome. Call Suzi at 719-588-9236.

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Photog-

raphy Club meets the first Wednesday at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at 379-0001 or [slvphotostephen@gmail.com](mailto:slvphotostephen@gmail.com)

ALAMOSA — Families Healing Families is a community-based organization that provides support and resources for families affected by the impact of substance abuse. They meet on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center at 92 Rio Grande Ave. (on the north end of Cole Park) in Alamosa.

ALAMOSA — Peace Meditation at the Campus Ministry Office, Adam State University, Alamosa, is held on Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Candace Knowlan 805-886-6959.

ALAMOSA — American Legion Auxiliary Unit #113, Alamosa, holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday at the American Legion Building at 514 Fourth Street, Alamosa. Call Evelyn Espinola at 719-313-1466 or Alice Robinson at 589-0543.

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Kriya, Meditation & Lamplighting School. Contact Martin at 575-758-5876 or [talentolocal@live.com](mailto:talentolocal@live.com)

ALAMOSA — Youngsters are invited to the Alamosa Public Library Story Room every Friday morning to sing, color, dance, read, enjoy adventures, share with friends and giggle. Babies and toddlers are welcome at 9:30 a.m. and preschoolers at 11 a.m.

ALAMOSA — Free breastfeeding classes are offered in Alamosa at the San Luis Valley Health Education and Conference Center on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 3-4 p.m.

MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild — VFA is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, .Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or [wcouzenssmith@gmail.com](mailto:wcouzenssmith@gmail.com)

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Masonic Lodge meetings are every first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (except June, July and August) at the Alamosa Masonic Lodge, Main and San Juan.

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Toastmasters meets on Mondays at noon at The Bridge in Alamosa at 3407 Carroll Street. Participants will find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows them to achieve their goals at their own pace. Call (719) 588-5127.

ALAMOSA — The GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club of Alamosa meets on the second Friday at noon from September through May at First United Methodist Church, NW door, 2005 Mullins Ave. For more information, please email: [womancitizenshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:womancitizenshipclub@gmail.com).

ALAMOSA — Made up of community members who write in many different genres, the Sophia Circle meets weekly to provide support for writers and their writing projects in the downstairs conference room at the Colorado Welcome Center at Alamosa, 6th and State on Sundays from 1-3 p.m.. Writers may drop in on any meeting. Bring copies of the work you want to share. Call Holly at 719-588-7066.

CENTER — The Center Kiwanis meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Kiwanis Hall in Center. Contact Dick Ramstetter at 719-580-3329.

ALAMOSA — Silver Linings, an open and free positivity group, meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Nestle Toll House Café in downtown Alamosa.

ALAMOSA — Groups are held for women who have experienced domestic violence every second Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Grizzly Training Center, Alamosa. There will be refreshments and childcare provided. Contact Jennifer McCoy-Hanna at Tu Casa, Inc. 719-589-2465.

ALAMOSA — Grief support group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Alamosa 1st United Methodist Church from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call Liz Hood, 580-3697.

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# Valley News

## Stay aware, stay safe

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — Five new cases were reported in the SLV on Tuesday: 3 from Alamosa County, and 1 each for Costilla and Rio Grande counties. As of Tuesday night the total number of cumulative cases was 425 and 83 known active cases. At press time there were thirty-one total people who had been hospitalized, and 334 who had completed isolation. There had been 8 fatalities of individuals with COVID-19. Numbers are updated weekdays at [slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/](http://slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/).

While the SLV is a prime tourist destination, and more travelers are arriving every day, Public Health and providers have noted the recent increase in cases is primarily among local residents and may be attributed to

individuals experiencing increased contact with others in the community due to attending events and gatherings.

It is imperative for individuals who are waiting on COVID-19 test results to stay home and away from other people until results come back. Even if you have no symptoms at the time, you can still transmit the infection to others you come in contact with.

The State has developed a helpful COVID Symptom Support Tool for individuals who contract COVID-19. This tool allows you to get daily check-ins, easily find testing information, find telehealth services, and get connected to mental health assistance. It also allows you to share your symptoms with Public Health, who use the

information to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in Colorado. Find more info on the Symptom Support Tool here: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid19-symptoms>

Asymptomatic testing is not available in the SLV unless the individual has had close contact with a confirmed positive case.

For questions about testing or for medical advice, please contact your primary care doctor or call one of the numbers below to start the screening process:

For 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)

Upcoming testing clinics (you must call ahead for an appointment):  
Center, Wednesday, 7/1, 3-4 pm, 719-587-2888.  
Saguache, TBD

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

This is a difficult time for many people. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, please don't hesitate to ask for support:  
SLV Behavioral Health Group: 719-589-3671  
24/7 Crisis Hotline: 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255), or text TALK to 38255  
Online: [www.colorado.gov/ruralmentalhealth](http://www.colorado.gov/ruralmentalhealth), [www.slvbhg.org](http://www.slvbhg.org)

### SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 2:00 p.m. on June 30, 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>425</b>	<b>SLV POSITIVE CASES</b> <small>(New cases: 5 since 6/29)</small>
	Alamosa County - 199 (+3) Conejos County - 17 Costilla County - 21 (+1) Mineral County - 7 Rio Grande County - 78 (+1) Saguache County - 103
<b>83</b>	<b>ACTIVE CASES</b> <small>(Under isolation guidance)</small>
<b>31</b>	<b>HOSPITALIZED</b>
<b>334</b>	<b>ISOLATION COMPLETED</b> <small>(+ 20 since 6/29)</small>
	These are SLV positive cases that have completed their isolation period and have been free of symptoms for more than 72 hours.
<b>8</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>

## Conejos Meadows awarded fishing grant

DENVER— Colorado Parks and Wildlife has awarded \$650,000 to eight Fishing is Fun (FIF) projects including one in the San Luis Valley, all geared to improve angling opportunities in the state of Colorado.

The approved projects include improved angling access, habitat improvement, and trail and boat access. Funding recipients include projects in the San Luis Valley, on the Yampa and Crystal rivers, and in the northern Front Range in Denver and Mead.

"The angling opportunities that Colorado waters provide are part of what makes this state so special," said Dan Prenzlow, Director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "Not only does the Fishing is Fun program help revitalize aquatic ecosystems across the state, it also ensures that residents and visitors will continue to have improved angling access for years to come."

Among the projects approved for funding are: Conejos Meadows in the San Luis Valley

In-stream habitat improvements will occur on 1.75 miles of the Cone-

jos River downstream from Platoro Reservoir in the San Luis Valley. The project will address low-flow conditions during droughts and winter reservoir operations and will protect conditions for the existing self-sustaining brown trout population.

"The Conejos Meadows Resilient Habitat project is a model for projects that benefit fish habitat and wild self-maintaining trout populations, while also providing benefits to irrigation water users below a working reservoir," said Kevin Terry, Rio Grande Basin Project Manager for Trout Unlimited.

"Partnerships on the Conejos River between Trout Unlimited, CPW, and the Conejos Water Conservancy District ensure that each project identifies and maximizes benefits for the entire water community and the environment at the same time."

Fishing alone contributes \$2.4 billion dollars in economic output per year, supporting over 17,000 jobs in Colorado according to CPW's 2017 economic study.

For over 30 years, FIF has supported more than



Courtesy photo

**In-stream habitat improvements for brown trout on this section of the Conejos River in the San Luis Valley will occur thanks to this year's Fishing is Fun grants. This is one of eight projects providing funds to improve angling opportunities in Colorado.**

375 projects in nearly every county in the state, improving stream and river habitats, easing public access to angling waters, developing new angling opportunities for youth and seniors and more.

The program typically provides up to \$400,000 annually from the Federal Sport Fish Restoration Program (SFR). This year the program awarded an additional \$250,000 from revenue generated through the

wildlife sporting license plate.

"Sportsmen and women who have signed up for the license plate have helped make more projects possible. That is a big boost to making angling accessible to many more people," said Guthrie.

The \$650,000 total was met with more than \$2 million in local support for the eight projects approved in 2020 (matching funds are required for the program).

## King involved in car accident

SOUTH FORK — On June 26, 2020 at 3:18 p.m. the Colorado State Patrol Alamosa Regional Communication Center received a call of a one vehicle rollover crash on Highway 160 approximately 2 miles west of South Fork within Rio Grande County. The driver had been ejected from the vehicle and was pulled from the river by an eye witness.

The investigation revealed that 20 year old Christian King of South Fork was traveling westbound on Highway 160 when he failed to negotiate a left curve. The vehicle, a 2008 Mazda 3, traveled off the west-

bound paved edge of the highway before veering across the road due to overcorrection. The vehicle continued off the eastbound edge of the road, rotating one quarter time. It rolled down a steep embankment, rotating another quarter turn before coming to rest on its right side facing north.

Alcohol and excessive speed are still being investigated as factors in the crash. King was not wearing a seatbelt. He was flown from a local hospital to another facility due to critical injuries. As of Sunday King was reported to still be in serious but stable condition.

## Lowes

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Once on scene, all responding agencies worked to clear Highway 160 from County Road 5 North to the Highway 160 and Highway 112 intersection in town. After traffic was redirected, it came down to a waiting game as law enforcement officials tried to piece together the incident. "We received surveillance footage from Lowes Valley Market but the image of the individual who left the package was rainy and hard to identify," said Archuleta. "Although specific traits about clothing and other features were easy to identify."

Valley Publishing received a call at 1:38 p.m. from Rio Grande Victim's Advocate Courtney Arthur who asked for a reporter to come to the scene. After passing through the checkpoint near County Road 5 North, the reporter witnessed a male individual dressed in a white

T-shirt, dark-colored pants and a backpack who jumped to the vacant highway and began walking east.

The reporter mentioned the individual to law enforcement who immediately responded and picked up the person of interest. Further details were unavailable as of Tuesday afternoon and will remain unavailable until a full investigation is completed.

The Pueblo Bomb Squad came on scene at 3:50 p.m. and within 10 minutes, issued the "all-clear" to law enforcement officials. It was confirmed that the suspicious package was a box full of circuit boards.

More details pertaining to the incident will be reported as they become available. A huge thanks goes out to all law enforcement and emergency personnel who work to keep the San Luis Valley communities safe.



Courtesy photo

**Rio Grande County Sheriff Don McDonald talks with other law enforcement officials while monitoring the situation that unfolded in Del Norte on Tuesday.**

## Vote

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In the statewide elections, for the Senate, John Hickenlooper had a strong lead over Andrew Romanoff 59 to 40 percent, Hickenlooper accepted Romanoff's concession stating "I just spoke to Andrew Romanoff. I know this has been a hard week for Andrew, and I admire his strength and the strength of his beliefs. At this difficult time for him, he offered me his full support. Which I am honored to accept." Republican Cory Gardner ran unopposed. Gaylon Kent took the Libertarian nomination holding 83 percent of the

vote over opponent Raymon Doane according to preliminary results.

In the 117th Congress primaries, James Iacino ceded the Democratic District 3 nomination to Diane E. Mitsch Bush stating "I'm proud to stand with Diane Mitsch Bush... I know she will fight for what is right and bring a real voice back to the 3rd district." The District 3 Republican nomination went to Lauren Boebert who led incumbent Scott Tipton 54-45 percent prompting Tipton to concede with the statement, "3rd District Republicans have decided

who they want to run against the Democrats this November. I want to congratulate Lauren Boebert and wish her and her supporters well."

The San Luis Valley had two House Representative elections, Donald Valdez led Matthew Martinez for the District 62 Democratic nomination holding every county except Saguache to lead 59-40 percent as of press time. The District 62 Republican nomination looks to be going to Logan Taggart who held a 68-31 percent lead over Steven Rodriguez.

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# Opinion

## If I were to plant a drought-tolerant garden – part 1

Our drought continues. In Alamosa, we've had less than 1 inch of precipitation this year – average for this time is about 2.8 inches and we often had good snowpack on the ground the first part of the year. I've seen many predictions of continued drought conditions in our part of the world in the upcoming years. As I wandered our garden this morning, I thought about what I might plant if I were starting a new garden and wanted to focus on drought-tolerant plants.

Please be aware that even when a plant is considered drought tolerant you need to water it regularly in the San Luis Valley (SLV) – especially in drought years. It just means you don't need to water them as much as you do plants that prefer moist soil such as perennial tall delphiniums, most showy roses, and sweet William. For this article, I viewed our flower beds that get limited water; that is, not as much as some of the lush flower beds that grow near the house.

Based on what is doing well in our yard right now I would include the plants discussed below in my new garden.

**Rocky Mountain penstemon** (*Penstemon strictus*): This lovely Colorado native is blue to purple in color and blooms in late spring and summer.

It often re-blooms if deadheaded. It does spread some but is a reliable 1 – 2 ft. tall plant each year.

Sometimes I do divide it and replant in other beds, but I haven't had to buy any ones in many years. You often see it along roadsides, even in the San Luis Valley.

**Yarrow** – pink & red (*Achillea 'Paprika'*), yellow (such as *A. filipendulina*), and not white (*A. millefolium*): Yarrow has feathery foliage. Our paprika plants are 1 – 2 ft. tall and have been blooming since the middle of May and are still looking good. Over the years I've discovered they need less water than I originally thought and only spread gently.

Our taller yellow yarrow blooms later in the year and doesn't spread at all. I avoid native white yarrow as it does a great job of taking over a flower bed. I've always loved it in the mountains and acquired some many years ago. It quickly took over the bed and I spent many long hours digging it out. Great tap roots and runners that are hard to totally remove – beware!

**Sedum** (*Sedum* species), especially yellow groundcover varieties: The types I have bloom in late spring and early summer. They are succulents so store more water than many plants so need infrequent, but deeper water. They have lovely foliage all summer long and are an easy ground cover to maintain.

**Blanket flower** (*Gaillardia x Grandiflora* species): There are more than two dozen species of blanket flower, most of which are native to the Rocky Mountain area. I don't know which ones I planted many years ago, but I have a lot in the garden and they do tend to blanket a garden! However, if you have too many, they are very easy to pull. We have a variety of color mixes include that include red, orange, and yellow hues. They are long-blooming, especially if deadheaded.

**Golden rod** – short (*Solidago*): Indeed, golden rod is golden in color.

The low type I have grows 4 – 6 in. high. It does well, even in some drier parts of our garden. In well-watered locations, it will spread profusely. Ours has been blooming since early June and looks good to continue through July.

I will discuss the following flowers next time. I'm just listing them here in case you plan to plant this summer. It's time to plant! **Baby's breath** (creeping - *Gypsophila repens* & regular *Gypsophila paniculata*), **corn flower** - perennial knapweed (*Centaurea hypoleuca*),

**hens and chicks** – cold-hardy ones (*Sempervivum*), and **wormwood** – hardy ones (*Artemisia*).

Somewhat drought-tolerant flowers that do well in our garden due to deep taproots include **columbine** (*Aquilegia* species) and **mallow** - poppy (*Callirhoe involucrata*).

Shrubs that are drought tolerant include **rabbitbrush** or **chamisa** (*Chrysothamnus nauseosus*), **potentilla** or **cinquefoil** (*Potentilla nevadensis*), **currant** – tall golden (*Grossulariaceae*), and **fernbush** (*Chamaebatiaria millefolium*).

You can find out more about all of these plants and see photos from our Alamosa garden at [AlamosaFlowers.net](http://AlamosaFlowers.net). I noticed as I was doing research for this column, that some of my online info, especially as it to bloom times, needs to be updated. I first entered the data when the plants were new and now have a longer track record of when they actually bloom in Alamosa. I will update in the next week or so!

Stay safe and take care for you and others.

"Flowers are like friends; They bring color to your world." – Unknown

### Alamosa Landscapes



Marilyn Loser



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### LETTERS

## Protesting the Parade/Protest

Dear Editor, and Residents of the San Luis Valley:

The mayor and our city council in Alamosa decided, in consideration of the worldwide pandemic and surging infections of Covid-19 here in the San Luis Valley, to cancel the annual Independence Day Parade. This decision was not made because the members of the city council are not patriotic, on the contrary; they are demonstrating their patriotism by taking measures to protect the public health. In the June 26th edition of the Valley Courier, we were told in the article entitled "Fourth of July Parade/Protest," that there is a group of "patriots" that are holding a parade/protest in defiance of the wishes of our local government, without seeking a permit. These are self-described patriots, and I question their patriotism.

The pandemic is real. The numbers of infected persons in our valley increases every day - twenty-one new cases during the last four days. This isn't a hoax. The numbers aren't being manipulated for

a political purpose. The truly patriotic things we can do are to stay away from large gatherings, wear a mask in public places, and social distance. We can celebrate Independence Day in a different way this year.

The idea that canceling a parade, or requiring our people to wear masks in public is tyranny, or trampling on our civil rights is just plain silly. None of our rights are absolute. Freedom doesn't mean that we can do anything we want anytime we want. That is not only a selfish definition of freedom, it is a childish way to look at freedom. With all of our freedoms come responsibility, and it is not unreasonable to ask our citizens to avoid large crowds or to wear a mask. It is the right and prudent thing to do.

Patriotism does not mean big trucks and big flags. It means actually caring about your fellow citizens and all who live here. It's not about making a spectacle. For those of you who claim to be Christians, does the apostle Paul's

admonitions in Romans 13 only apply when you agree with the elected officials in power? The answer is no.

Paul writes, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever, therefore, resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

These words could not be any more relevant than now. We are experiencing a public health crisis unlike anything we have ever experienced.

I would also add that any elected official in our state legislature that participates in this clearly illegal activity should be disciplined.

Please. Stay home, stay safe, and do what is right to protect your fellow humans, and to not participate in this so-called "patriotic protest"

Mike Marchildon  
Alamosa

## River-based recreation

As we head into another hot summer, many of us in the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado have water on our minds. For over a century, water from the Rio Grande and Conejos Rivers and their tributaries has been the lynch pin to the farming and ranching economies of the San Luis Valley.

More recently, river-based recreation has arisen as a major economic driver for our valley and for Colorado as a whole.

A recent study by Business for Water Stewardship (BWS) and Southwick Associates found that in 2019, river-related recreation generated \$477 million in expenditures and supported over 3000 jobs in the San Luis Valley and generated over \$18 billion in economic impact across the state, confirming the importance of flowing rivers to our agricultural, recreation, and economic interests in Colorado.

Just as rivers support diverse interests in Colorado, diverse interest groups are working together to support rivers in our state. In the San Luis Valley, Trout Unlimited, a fisheries conservation organization, has partnered with water users and water agencies – including the Conejos Water Conservancy District and the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District – to restore stream flows in the Rio Grande and Conejos Rivers and their tributaries.

Our innovative partnership improves fishery habitat and recreational fishing opportunities, generates benefits for the farming and ranching community, and thus helps to drive the local economy.

We often hear that "we are all in this together." In the San Luis Valley, the saying rings true.

As families and friends look this summer for reprieve from the stresses of the past few months, we invite you to experience the Rio Grande and Conejos Rivers. We are proud of our partnership and look forward to sharing the benefits of it with you.

Kevin Terry, Rio Grande Basin Project Manager, Trout Unlimited and Recreation Representative, Rio Grande Basin Roundtable

Heather Dutton, Manager, San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District and CWCB Director, Rio Grande Basin

Nathan Coombs, Manager, Conejos Water Conservancy District and Chair, Rio Grande Basin Roundtable

## SLV Medical Leaders Offer Tips to Help Keep the COVID-19 Surge Down

Dear Elected Officials of the San Luis Valley,

As medical professional leaders of the SLV, we are strongly encouraging the following three things to help prevent further community spread of COVID-19 across the valley. Let's keep our businesses open and not go back to a "shut down" situation. We are calling for quick action and 100% compliance from all residents and visitors. The number of positive cases, hospitalized patients, and deaths have increased over the past two weeks in the valley, and it is not because we are testing more people. Due to the wide community spread of the disease, the most vulnerable among us are suffering from compromised health conditions where several have had extended hospital stays.

As we approach our holiday weekend and warmer weather, please join us in showing respect for others by taking the following actions, based on science, research, and best practices:

Wear a mask while in public places. Science shows this virus is spread via respiratory droplets released when we talk, cough and sneeze. Wearing a face-covering while in public will reduce the spread of the illness. A person with no symptoms may be spreading the disease by singing, sneezing, talking, coughing, or sweating. Please make sure your mask covers your mouth and nose and watch your hand-face contact. You can infect yourself by adjusting the mask too much and repeatedly touching your face.

Avoid crowded spaces and continue to physically distance. Try to visit your friends and family outdoors and continue to keep six feet apart.

Wash your hands, even if they are not dirty. Wash with soap and water to rid your hands of germs. "I immediately wash

my hands when I walk into my house. If I just left a store or public place, I use hand sanitizer that is in my car before touching my steering wheel," commented Dr. Kris Steinberg.

We understand that you and your family are exhausted from distancing, you miss your loved ones, and you want to get back to your support groups, church and events. Please keep your mask up do not let your guard down! The data can be confusing, and we will continue to work with our local public health officials to communicate when there is a decline in local cases and less pressure on our patient care situation. Until then, as elected officials and leaders, please continue to encourage and request 100% compliance!

Sincerely,  
Carmelo Hernandez, MD, SLV Health Chief Medical Officer

Emelin Martinez, FNP-BC, Valley-Wide Health Systems Chief Medical Officer

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# Lifestyle

## Caring for Wildlife and People

Sometimes someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race and changes you forever . . . we call these people Game Wardens.

**ALAMOSA** — San Luis Valley residents who hunted or fished in the Upper Rio Grande in the 1960s through the 1980s most likely were contacted by Glen Hinshaw the District Wildlife Manager (Game Warden). In 1988 he moved on to be what was then called the Division of Wildlife's Southwest Regional Information and Education Coordinator. That position morphed into his being the Education Coordinator for all of Western Colorado, including the San Luis Valley.

After retiring from his 34 wildlife career, Glen turned to writing. He wrote *Crusaders for Wildlife* 2nd edition, and his autobiography *Echoes from the Mountains: The Life and Adventures of a Colorado Wildlife Officer*.

Even before Glen retired he was a caregiver for his mother and later his wife. Both had Alzheimer's disease. He decided it was time to come out of nowhere and share his caregiving experiences to help other caregivers. He wrote about those 36 years in his book *Caregiver: My Tempestuous Jour-*

ney" to share what it was like being a caregiver.

Glen had an exciting life as a wildlife officer, but being available to listen and help caregivers has been the most rewarding. He became a caregiver coach to other struggling caregivers.

All these experiences brought Glen and another caregiver, Laird Landon to write a different kind of caregiver book. They witnessed how caregivers in support groups were getting the emotional support they needed to take better care of their loved ones and themselves.

They asked caregivers from across the country who were in various phases of their journey to write their stories. They compiled those stories about how they coped with caring for a loved one who had terminal neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, stroke or some other dementias. They broke each story into six phrases starting with the suspicion that something is going wrong and thinking they can handle caregiving. They find that the caregiving burden was getting too heavy and they reach out for help. Their stories progress from early onset to life at the end of the caregiver journey - the "New

Horizon."

The caregivers who wrote this book are real people who shared how they are surviving and for some who have finished the caregiver journey. Some describe what it was like dealing with dysfunctional families, while others had very loving support. They wrote about the loneliness and how caregiving grief is so different than grieving death. They reflected back to what they wished they would have sought help and did financial planning sooner. They made mistakes, but live with no

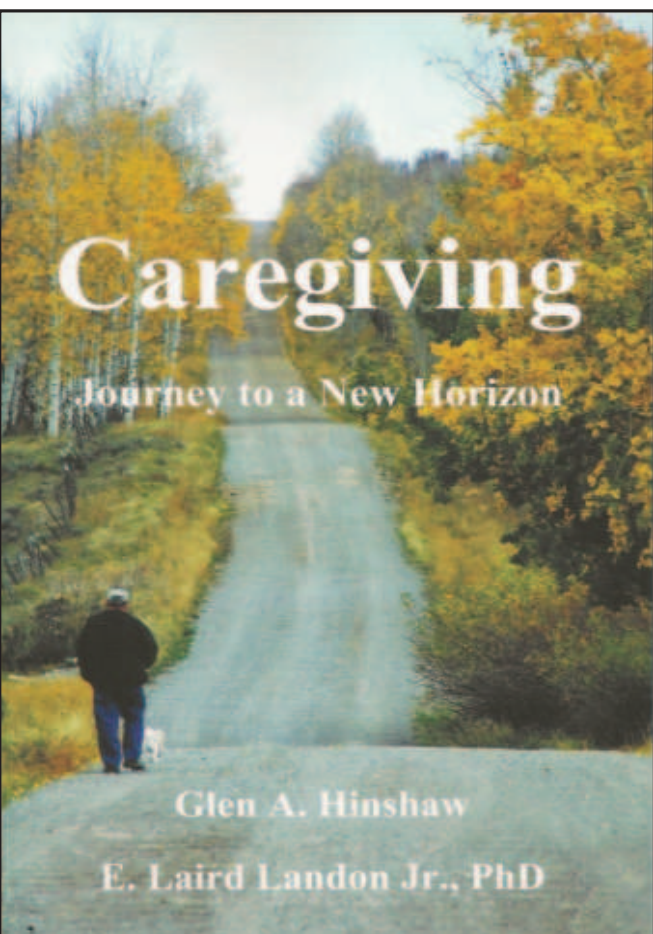
regrets. They gave it their best and feel they are a better person in many ways.

Reading *Caregiving, Journey to a New Horizon* is similar to being in a support group. You will glean ideas about caregiving that will answer some of your questions, but mostly you will be comforted by knowing that others have survived and you will too.

If you are or know a caregiver, this book will be helpful. Some buy the book to give to their adult children so that they might better understand the role

if they should become their caregivers. Adult children might want parents to read this in order to facilitate family conversations about late-in-life planning.

*Caregiving Journey to a New Horizon* is available locally at the Narrow Gauge Book Coop in Alamosa and in Creede at the Kentucky Belle Market and Freeman's Store. It is available as paperback and eBook from Amazon.com. Follow Glen and Laird at Facebook.com/caregivingphases or Email: CaregiverSupportdt@iCloud.com



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Glen Hinshaw's (right) new book *Caregiving* is available at the Narrow Gauge Bookstand in Alamosa, the Kentucky Belle Market and Freeman's Store in Creede as well as from Amazon.com.



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# Lifestyle

## Truck donation eases food deliveries



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ALAMOSA— In April, SLV Rural Electric Co-operative donated a 2007 Ford F-150 to La Puente to use for outreach services; however, the timing of the donation changed the purpose and took the truck on a new path.

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## Young farmer Jesse Marchildon discusses 'Farming for Social and Environmental Justice'

SOIL Sangre De Cristo's Community Talk scheduled for Thursday, July 2, at 7 pm.

ALAMOSA — Jesse Marchildon, a young farmer based in Alamosa, Colorado, will share his experiences with permaculture and regenerative agriculture through the lens of social and ecological justice, 7 p.m., Thursday, July 2, on Zoom as part of SOIL Sangre de Cristo's monthly community meeting.

"Justice cannot exist when we depend on Kroger for our food," Jesse says. Jesse worked as a field hand for Agriburbia, an innovative group farming in yards and fields across the greater Denver area, then spent three years working and learning on farms in New York, Colorado, California, and Hawai'i before returning to his hometown of Alamosa to manage the Rio Grande Farm Park (RGFP). During his three seasons at the RGFP he planned potential systems for poultry-centered permaculture in the San Luis Valley. He now works in local food distribution at the Valley Roots Food Hub while he builds Dancing Badger Farm with his fiancée Marlena Antonucci.

You can join the conversation through our website, [www.SOILsangredecristo.org](http://www.SOILsangredecristo.org) or directly through ZOOM:

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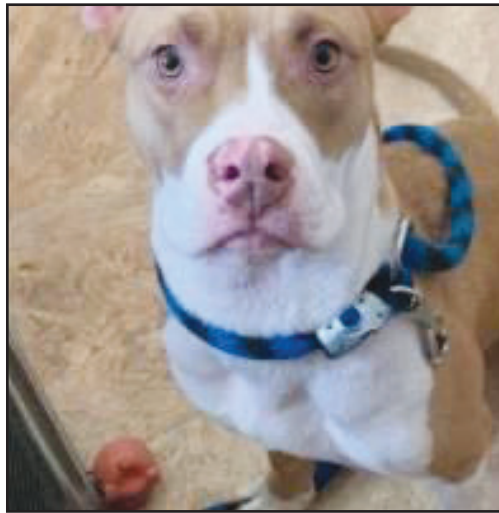
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This is Elvis, he is a male pitbull mix around 3 years old. He is hyper at times, but is very friendly with people and is friendly with some dogs.



This is Rosie, she is female Pitbull mix around 2 years old. She is friendly with people and some dogs.



This is Waffles, she is a 1 year old Pitbull mix. She is very friendly, but can have a lot of energy sometimes. She does well with some dogs but not all dogs.



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This is Joey, he is a male pitbull mix around 2 years old. He is friendly with people and has a lot of energy, he would need to be the only dog in the house.

MONTE VISTA — Conour Animal Shelter would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who have contributed to the success of the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society by contributions, donations, volunteering and general support at Conour Animal Shelter. To adopt or reclaim any of these pets, contact Conour Animal Shelter at 852-3366 or 2825 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Also, see [www.slvanimalshelter.com](http://www.slvanimalshelter.com).

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## Public Notices

"San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) will be conducting a record and file update this summer. We will be destroying all special education records of students whose files have been closed since July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. This affects students from Alamosa, Centennial, Center Creede, Del Norte, Mofat, Monte Vista, Mountain Valley, North Conejos, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sargent, Sierra Grande and South Conejos school districts. If any students or guardians want their complete file you can request it from the SLV BOCES office at 719 589-5851 on or before July 2nd, 2020".

Please include students Name, date of birth and your relationship to the student. Identification will be required.

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**DISTRICT COURT, ALAMOSA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**  
Civil Action No. 2020 CV 030023, Division No. C  
SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)  
CARL DEAL and FRANCES DEAL,  
Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
WARREN H. DEAL aka WARREN HARRISON DEAL,  
and all other persons who claim as heirs, devisees, creditors or otherwise under said defendants, and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action,  
Defendants.  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within thirty days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.  
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice to you.  
This is an action to quiet title to the following described property situated in the County of Alamosa and State of Colorado, to-wit: The SW1/4NW7SW7 of Section 23, Township 38 North, Range 11 East, N.M.P.M.,  
(the "Property"), free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.  
DATED: June 9, 2020.  
MOTZ LAW FIRM, LLC  
By /s/ Jeffrey E. Motz  
Paul E. Motz, Reg. No. 7740  
Jeffrey E. Motz, Reg. No. 35972  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
410 San Juan Avenue  
P. O. Box 779  
Alamosa, Colorado 81101  
Telephone: (719) 589-6676  
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**District Court**  
Alamosa County, Colorado  
Court Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101  
In the Matter of the Estate of Joaquin Cantu Jr.  
Deceased  
Case Number 2020PR4  
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address)  
Angelina Nincehelsner  
5385 South Valdaí Way  
Aurora, CO 80015  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 15-12-801, C.R.S.  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Estate of Joaquin Cantu Jr., Deceased  
Case Number 2020PR4  
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Alamosa County, Colorado on or before October 17, 2020(date), or the claims may be forever barred.  
Angelina Nincehelsner  
5385 South Valdaí Way  
Aurora, CO 80015  
No. 1493  
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The Town of Sanford is accepting bids to complete a roofing project for two well houses. For more information please contact Tim Crowther at SanfordPW@outlook.com.  
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Published in the Valley Courier on June 24, 26, 27, 30, July 1, and 3, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to;  
1) Harold E. Wells, whose last known address was 100 NE 58th Ave, Portland, OR 97213-3804.  
THE 1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST N.M.P.M. COUNTY OF CONEJOS AND STATE OF COLORADO. THERE IS RESERVED ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY 20 FEET FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES.  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 14th day of November A.D. 2012, the then County Treasurer of the County of Conejos, in the State of Colorado, offered for sale at a public tax lien sale the above described real estate situated in the County of Conejos, State of Colorado, to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2011.  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Harold E. Wells, for the said year 2011.  
That at said sale, said real estate was struck off to Conejos County; whose address is P.O. Box 97, Conejos, CO 81129 and the Treasurer's Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to Conejos County. And whereas, the said Conejos County whose address is PO Box 97, town of Conejos, County of Conejos and State of Colorado, did on the 27th day of May A.D. 2020 duly assign the certificate of sale of the tax lien on said property aforesaid and all his rights, title and interest in said property to Eilegment, LLC, whose address is 5680 Highway 6, Suite 214, Town of Missouri City, County of Fort Bend, State of Texas; and as present holder of the certificate he has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for deeds to said real estate.  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Eilegment, LLC at 3:00 P.M. on the 21st day of October A.D. 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.  
Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of July A.D. 2020.  
Mack M. Crowther  
Conejos County Treasurer  
No. 1511  
Published in the Valley Courier on July 1, 8, and 15, 2020.

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To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to;  
1) Brodie Tyler and Lindsey Tyler, whose last known address was 634 W Ramsbrook St, Meridian, ID 83646-6241.  
THE N1/2 SW1/4 NE1/4, SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST OF THE N.M.P.M., COUNTY OF CONEJOS, STATE OF COLORADO.  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 20th day of November A.D. 2013, the then County Treasurer of the County of Conejos, in the State of Colorado, offered for sale at a public tax lien sale the above described real estate situated in the County of Conejos, State of Colorado, to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2012.  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Brodie Tyler and Lindsey Tyler, for the said year 2012.  
That at said sale, said real estate was struck off to Conejos County; whose address is P.O. Box 97, Conejos, CO 81129 and the Treasurer's Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to Conejos County. And whereas, the said Conejos County whose address is PO Box 97, town of Conejos, County of Conejos and State of Colorado, did on the 27th day of May A.D. 2020 duly assign the certificate of sale of the tax lien on said property aforesaid and all his rights, title and interest in said property to Eilegment, LLC, whose address is 5680 Highway 6, Suite 214, Town of Missouri City, County of Fort Bend, State of Texas; and as present holder of the certificate he has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for deeds to said real estate.  
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Mack M. Crowther  
Conejos County Treasurer  
No. 1512  
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**099 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WHIMSPIRE**  
Foster Parents Needed.  
WhimSpire Child Placement Agency licenses foster and adoptive homes across the state of Colorado. WhimSpire provides excellent training and support and competitive reimbursement. Please contact Lynnette McKinney at (970) 769-6249 for more information.

**221 HELP WANTED**

**LOOKING FOR A** career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st Southwest Bank is hiring a Senior Credit Analyst, offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to <https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/> for more details & to apply.(7/11)

**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for the following position: Technology Support Technician. Identify, analyze, troubleshoot and resolve technical service requests. Provide assistance on usability and functionality of software and hardware products. Identify, analyze, troubleshoot and resolve network connectivity issues. An AA degree or certification in Computer Science, MIS or Engineering, and at least 1-year related work experience preferred. Candidate must pass a background check, have reliable transportation and valid driver's license. Full time position, salary depending on experience \$17,00-\$18,00 per hour and full single health coverage included. 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.(7/11)

**FIREWORKS FOR SALE**, Chama, NM. All of the good stuff. Aerials, firecrackers. Noon - 9p.m. through July 4. 505-927-4064.(7/3)

**163 LOST & FOUND**

**LOST FEMALE CAT** around Lane 104 N and 5 N, Mosca area. Black stripes, light brown, white belly, black spot on back right foot. If found call 719-992-4676. REWARD. (7/11)

**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)

**173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**ACUPUNCTURIST SEEKS PUBLISHED** medical author to help pen a "DIY Boost the Immune System using Acupressure" article. Help me get the word out about a fun and easy to perform COVID prevention health care treatment that can be done at home. Call 360-821-9006.(7/7)

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**LOOKING FOR A** 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 <https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/> for more details & to apply.(7/22)

**221 HELP WANTED**

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS** now hiring - breakfast attendant - room attendants and laundry. Apply in person.(7/11)

**FARM HELP NEEDED.** \$20/hr. Must have experience with hay equipment. Call 719-588-0207(TFN-6/27)

**LOCAL PORTABLE BUILDING** dealer looking for dealers in Alamosa. Good income potential. No buy in required. Must have existing business or own independent source lot or property. Training provided. Call 970-946-4230.(7/8)

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL** District 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 <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>, by July 8, 2020, or until the positions are filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(7/21)

**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](http://www.sanfordschools.org). Position open until filled. Sanford Schools is an EOE & E.(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. NCSO offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. 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](http://www.northconejos.com). Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE.(7/7)

**CONEJOS COUNTY SHERIFF'S** Office is seeking a Patrol Deputy. Duties include: Enforces Colorado laws & ordinances, report writing, investigates, apprehends and arrests suspects. Patrols entire county. Must be 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license and be Colorado Post Certified. Must be eligible to carry a firearm. Must pass background check and drug screen. 2 years' relevant law enforcement experience preferred. Starting salary is \$35,360. County Application Required. Deadline Ongoing. Applications available at the Conejos County Human Resources Office or via email upon request at [cricci@co.conejos.co.us](mailto:cricci@co.conejos.co.us). Inquiries call 719-376-6799 or 719-376-2196.(7/7)

**221 HELP WANTED**

**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.(7/7)

**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for the following position at Alamosa High School for the 2020-2021 school year: Science Teacher Must possess a Colorado Teacher License and an endorsement in Secondary Science. Applications are available 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.(7/15)

**THE SIERRA GRANDE** School District is accepting applications for an Elementary Pre-School Paraprofessional. Applicants should submit a completed application form, resume, copy of transcript to Mr. Manuel Montano, Elementary Principal, Sierra Grande School District, 17523 Hwy. 160, Blanca, CO 81123. Applications can be found on the District's website: [www.sierragrandeschool.net](http://www.sierragrandeschool.net). For more information please contact Mr. Manuel Montano, Elementary Principal at 719-379-3257 or 719-289-6111. Position open until filled. EOE.(7/3)

**SLV BREWERY & ROAST CAFÉ** hiring kitchen, server, barista, and host positions. Call or email Scott: 719-580-1922; [scott@slvbrewco.com](mailto:scott@slvbrewco.com).(7/3)

**LOCAL FOODS LOCAL PLACES** initiative seeks a part-time, seasonal mobile kitchen "MOKI" Coordinator. See full job description and how to apply at [www.slvlocalfoods.org](http://www.slvlocalfoods.org).(7/3)

**THE TOWN OF Sanford** is accepting applications for a Police Officer. Candidates must be Colorado POST certified and willing to submit to psychological, background, and criminal history checks. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, applications may be picked up at Sanford Town Hall, 390 Greenleaf Street on Mondays & Tuesdays.(7/3)

**THE BRIDGE AT Alamosa** has a personal care provider position and Server position available. We provide exceptional training. Please apply at [WWW.centurya.hshiring.com](http://WWW.centurya.hshiring.com).(7/3)

**221 HELP WANTED**

**COME BE PART** of something incredible-join the team at Centennial School District R-1! We are currently seeking community-minded, student-centered educators for the following positions: High School Social Studies and K-12 Music. We also have exciting grant-funded positions for a work-based learning coordinator/alternative education teacher, Friday School/Family Engagement Coordinator, and a Restorative Justice Coach. You can also join our athletics department as a High School Boys Basketball Coach, High School Cheer Coach, Wrestling Coach, Track Coach, or Cross-Country Coach. To apply for one of these positions visit <https://www.centennial.k12.co.us/o/centennial-r1/page/teaching-certified-staff-positions> or send resume, cover letter, unofficial transcripts, three current letters of reference, and a copy of any appropriate licenses to [tmelster@centennialsschool.net](mailto:tmelster@centennialsschool.net). It's a great time to become a Ram!(7/15)

**THE SAN LUIS Valley** Board of Cooperative Educational Services has positions for full time behavior interventionists and/or counselors for the 2020-2021 school year. Interested applicants should hold a valid Colorado Special Service Provider License or Teacher License. Successful experience with working with students with behavioral needs preferred. Application is available at the BOCES office or on-line [www.slvbooces.org](http://www.slvbooces.org). Process requires application, letter of interest, and three current letters of reference. Send completed application process to Nita McAuliffe, Director of Exceptional Student Services, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101 or [nmcauliffe@slvbooces.org](mailto:nmcauliffe@slvbooces.org). Application deadline is July 6, 2020 or until positions are filled.(7/3)

**SAN LUIS VALLEY Health** is seeking qualified candidate to fill a Plant Engineer role. The Plant Engineer primarily maintains and operate Electrical and HVAC systems, but has a wide variety of duties relating to maintenance, repair and installation. Please visit [www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/careers/](http://www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/careers/) for a full job summary.(7/3)

**CDL DRIVERS AND Heavy Equipment Operators** wanted. CDL Minimum 1 yr driving experience. Knowledge of Forestry Equipment helpful, must pass drug test. No Overnight driving. Send resume to: [pagosaland@pagosa.net](mailto:pagosaland@pagosa.net).(7/10)

**LOOKING TO HIRE** year round hire man for large potato and grain farm. Must have experience. Call 719-850-2137.(7/22)

**CONSTRUCTION HELPERS NEEDED.** Full / Part time. Must be reliable and dependable. Call Ztec Construction 719-992-13-96.(7/3)

**221 HELP WANTED**

**SALES POSITION AVAILABLE.** Must have own transportation. Call Ztec Construction 719-992-1396.(7/3)

**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.(7/3)

**CLEANERS NEEDED! FULL** and part time positions available. Must have own transportation and drug screening. Call between 8am-5pm 719-587-2222.(7/3)

**MOFFAT SCHOOLS** accepting applications for the following positions: Pre-K Director/Teacher, Kindergarten Teacher, Middle School Social Studies or Science Teacher, 7th-12th Grade Math Teacher. For a complete job description and application instructions please visit [www.moffatschools.org](http://www.moffatschools.org).(7/3)

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting application for a Junior High Football coach. Applications can be downloaded at [www.sanfordschools.org](http://www.sanfordschools.org). Sanford School is an EOE&E.(7/3)

**CONSTRUCTION HELPER NEEDED.** Pay dependent on experience. Call 719-849-1796.(7/11)

**SANFORD SCHOOL IS** accepting applications for a highly motivated high school business teacher to work with our talented students who are our future. Applicants must hold a Colorado Teacher's License and be willing to become vocational certified. Don't miss this opportunity to join our team and become a part of a great educational culture. Applications can be downloaded from the our website, [www.sanfordschools.org](http://www.sanfordschools.org). Position is opened until filled. Sanford School is an EOE & E.(7/14)

**RIVER VALLEY INN** Nursing home is looking for RN's for a Day shift Charge Nurse Position. We Would Love for you to Come join our team! Must have a current license and CPR. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th st in Del Norte Co or call 719-657-1105 Ask for Susan or Chelcy. (RVI is EOE).(7/1)

**RIVER VALLEY INN** Nursing home in Del Norte Co is seeking a Director of Nursing must have a current Colorado license and in good standing. We offer insurance and competitive wages if interested please stop in @ 1335 6th st to apply or if you have any questions please feel free to contact us @ 719-657-1105 ask for Susan.(RVI is EOE).(7/1)

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# Classifieds

## 221 HELP WANTED

**COSTILLA COUNTY** IS seeking a full-time personal care provider. Care case manager who will primarily work in Conejos County and some travel to Costilla County. Responsibilities include: Intake/screening/referral and assessment of client's needs, development of care plans, management of a caseload and interviewing clients including conducting home visits. To meet deadlines in a fast-paced work environment a must. Bachelor's Degree in a human services field (Sociology/Psychology or Humanities preferred). Bi-lingual skills a plus. Experience as a case manager with the long term care client population may substitute for the required education on a year by year basis. Background check and pre-employment drug screening are required. Position is open until filled. Costilla County Public Health Agency is an equal opportunity employer. Costilla County Public Health Agency has the right to refuse any and all applications. Applications are available on the Costilla County website at <https://colorado.gov/pacific/costillacounty> under the Jobs tab or call 719-672-3332.(7/18)

**ALAMOSA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT** Opportunities, Job Descriptions, and Applications are available on the County's website [\(7/10\)](http://www.alamosacounty.org)

**MEL'S CUSTOM MEAT** Processing looking for reliable and dependable person. No experience needed. Apply in person after 5:30pm. 602 2nd Ave, Romeo.(7/8)

**NEED A SECOND INCOME?** child support? Car Repairs? Taxes Due? Earn up to \$800/month delivering the Valley Courier. Contact Keith at 589-2553. (2/26-TFN)

## 267 WORK WANTED

**AVAILABLE: EXPERIENCED PRIVATE** personal care provider. Light housework, baths, toileting, dressing, meals, geriatric exercises. 719-587-9442.(7/1)

## 324 - FEED & SEED

**GRASSHAY 2019.** 500 small bales \$5.00 each. Call 719-588-2553.(7/1)

**NATIVE GRASS HAY** for sale. Small bales, horse hay quality. Come cow hay. Certified USDA. Call Ed 719-852-3069.(7/14)

**HORSE AND COW HAY:** grass, grass/alfalfa, alfalfa. 3x3 and 4x4 bales, various quality and pricing. 719-850-8917 (7-13-TFN)

## 341 - GARAGE SALES

**7 FAMILY GARAGE** sale at Worth The Drive Family Bakery, 5115 County Road 9 S., Monte Vista. July 2, 3, 4 8am-5pm.(7/3)

## 351 LIVESTOCK

**SALE REGISTERED BLACK** Angus Bulls and semen sales Brink Livestock Services admin@brinklivesock.net www.brinklivesock.net 88-641-3750 / 719-480-3932.(7/15)

**HERITAGE BREED TURKEY** POULTS - Bourbon Reds from free range parents. \$20 each or \$35 for 2. Limited number available. Ready to butcher at 28 weeks (toms average 30 lbs, hens 15 lbs.) Straight run only. 719-850-2832. (TFN-E)

**PIGS FOR SALE** \$1.00 lb. live weight. 570-395-0184 (TFN)

## 360 - MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

**SPANISH ROOF TILES.** Ezload large lot. 720-201-3857.(7/13)

## 360 - MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

**ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS.** Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN)

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

**VALLEY DOG TRAINING,** obedience classes, Social Distancing. Starting July 22nd. 6 weeks \$50. 719-379-4157 information.(7/21)

**ALL DOGS ADOPTED** FROM THE VALLEY HUMANE LEAGUE HAVE TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED BEFORE GOING TO THEIR NEW HOME. (TFN)

**OOPS! GOT PUPPIES** who need a home? San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society is a nonprofit animal rescue dedicated to stopping the euthanasia of healthy adoptable pets. Having pets altered is the number one way to stop pet overpopulation. If your pet has had puppies contact us. We will take the puppies into our rescue and spay the mama dog for free after the puppies are weaned. If needed we will also provide dog food & gas money to get the dogs to us to help in this situation. Spay/neuter is one of the greatest gifts you can provide your pet, your family and your community. We have found good responsible homes for over 8,000 animals. Contact 719-587-9663 (WOOF); email: woof@slvaws.org. (TFN)

**NEED CATS FOR MOUSERS?** Want to adopt kittens? Help trap/neuter/release efforts? Donate food/litter/supplies? Low cost spay/neuter clinic for cats. <http://www.catsaliveslv.com> 719-298-7028. (TFN)

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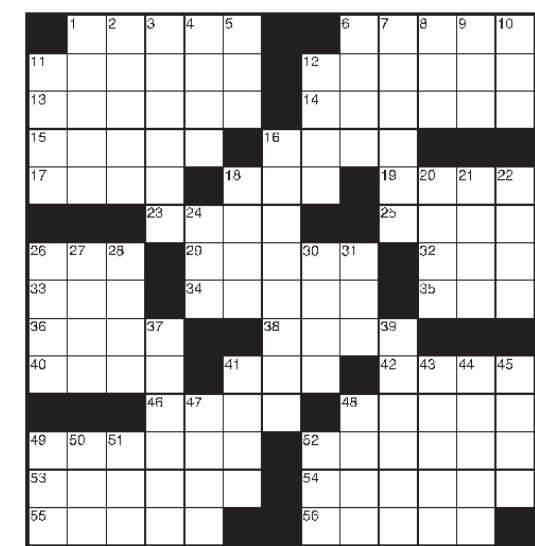
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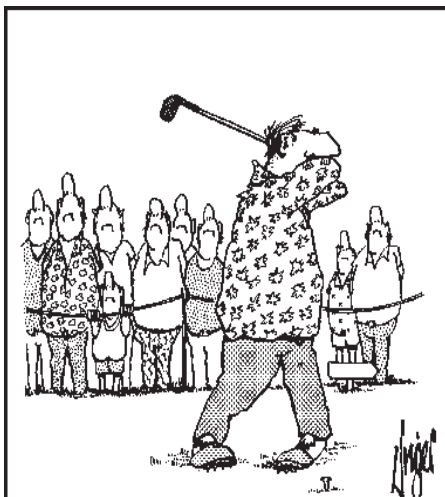
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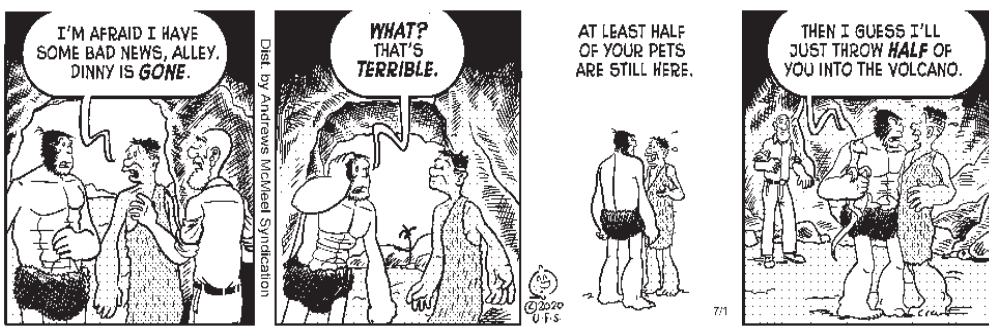
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## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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TODAY'S CLUE: A sjenbe 1

Previous Solution: “If you do build a great experience, customers tell each other about that. Word of mouth is very powerful.” — Jeff Bezos

## Man's attraction to bartender causes town tongues to wag

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 43 years, an alcoholic, has started going to the local grill/bar in our small town. He spends three to four hours there, six days a week. He would go more often if they were open on Sundays.

People who know us tell me things that have been going on between a single bartender and him. This bartender has given him gifts, and I heard he overtips her. I have also been told there's more going on than the outward flirting, and my husband has been saying bad things about me.

The bartender is not a young woman, and she tells anyone who will listen that she's looking for a man. I have asked my husband nicely to stop going there, and he does for a few days, until her calls and posts on Facebook start about me “keeping him from going to the bar.” When he gets home, he continues drinking until he passes out.

I have told him that if he gets a DUI and goes to jail, I won't bail him out. He doesn't really care, and I don't know what to do. Help! — DISASTER IN GEORGIA

DEAR DISASTER: Your signature is correct. Your marriage IS a disaster. As long as your husband continues to drink, nothing will improve. Keep

uppermost in your mind that, as much as you might want to, you cannot change him.

Contact a divorce lawyer and find out what you need to do to protect yourself financially. And join an Al-Anon group. There may be more than one near you. When you do, you may find not only some much-needed emotional support but also perspective. I am sorry for what you are experiencing, but once you attend a meeting, you will find you are not alone and that there is a way out.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single 30-year-old female who is child-free. (I never wanted kids, ever!) My personal stance and views on the subject are well-known by my co-workers, all of whom have children.

I share an office with “Elise,” who's about 18 years older than I am. Over the years, she has made remarks such as, “You have no right to be tired. You don't have kids!” or “You don't count because you don't have kids!” or “You're not a real adult because you don't have the responsibility of having kids” (my favorite).

How do I deal with her, or what do I say to counter her remarks? When she makes them, it hurts my feelings. I don't react because I know if I do it will hurt her feelings and cause



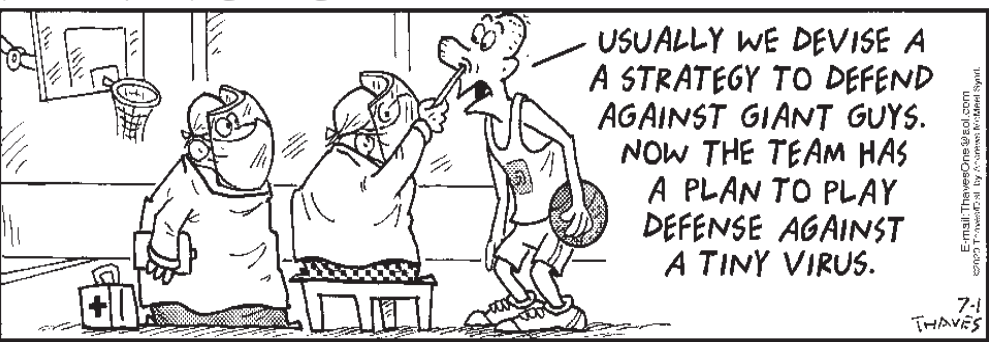
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friction in the office, which I don't need. But I'm sick to death of people like her who have children saying those things about people like me. — FREE FOREVER

DEAR FREE: Your co-worker appears to be voicing her frustrations about the responsibilities of parenthood and somewhat jealous that you are free of them. The next time she hurts your feelings, it would not be overreacting to tell her that she has and ask her for an apology.

If she's doing it hoping to get a rise out of you, ignore her. But if it persists, as a last resort, talk to your boss or human resources about it because she's creating a hostile work environment. (It's the truth.) She should be talking with you about work, not her personal opinions about you.

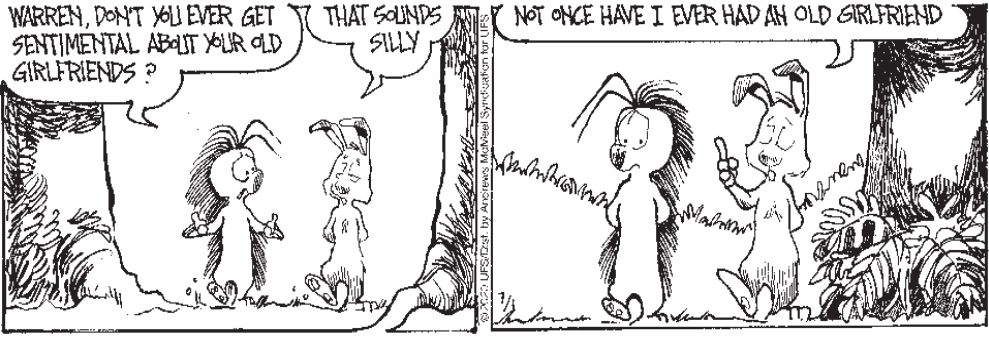
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