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## Adams State Nielsen Library receives historical map of San Luis Valley

Photo by Linda Relyea

ALAMOSA – Pictured, left to right, Ethel Dixon, Del Norte, Colo.; Mel Knapp, Eagle River, Alaska; Peggy Dalby, Center, Colo.; Alice Burch, Alamosa, Colo.: fulfilled their father's, Donald Knapp, wish and donated a historical map of the San Luis Valley to the Adams State University Nielsen Library on July 7. At age 98, Donald Knapp remembered seeing an early map the San Luis Park (San Luis Valley). The family discovered History Colorado had a copy of the original, which was published in the Daily Denver News on January 24, 1859. Unfortunately, Donald Knapp passed away on January 28, 2020, before the map was received, framed, and donated. He lived his entire life in the San Luis Valley and was a WWII veteran. "Our father was exceptional authority on the history and geology of the Valley," Burch said. "He was also a strong Adams State supporter, as he and all four of his children attended classes here."



## COVID Questions

SAN LUIS VALLEY — One new case for the SLV was reported since Thursday, from Alamosa County. The total case numbers for Rio Grande and Saguache counties each changed by one because a case was moved between them. The total number of cumulative cases was 463 as of Friday. There were 24 known active cases in our region. Numbers are also available at <http://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/>.

SLV Emergency is in the process of changing the way they report data, in order to make it more complete and in better alignment with some of the State's measures for COVID response. There will be an interruption in local data reporting for a few days next week.

Friday FAQs:

Q: If I get an antibody test, and it comes back positive, does that mean

I'm immune to COVID-19?

A: Because much is still unknown about how long immunity may last following COVID-19 infection, these tests may give a false sense of safety to patients. We do not yet know whether having antibodies to COVID-19 means that you can't get sick again. Antibody tests are sometimes referred to as serological tests. For more information, see <https://covid19.colorado.gov/are-you-sick/testing-for-covid-19>

Q: Are we still testing at the same rates?

A: There have been fewer people in our region seeking testing in July than there were in June. In the San Luis Valley, we have more than sufficient capacity to keep up with current public demand for testing in accordance with statewide testing standards.

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## Ol' Moosey to grace Craft Water Tower



Courtesy photo

Artist's depiction of a possible outcome, Alamosa City Council and Alamosa School District have entered an agreement to repaint the Craft Water Tower.

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — At Wednesday's City Council meeting it was approved that the Craft Water Tower is to be repainted with the Alamosa school mascot, the Mean Moose.

As part of the consent agenda in Wednesday's City Council meeting, the

city entered into an agreement with the Alamosa School District (ASD) for the project of painting the Moose on the tower.

KLM Engineering is currently being courted for the project. The initial estimate for placing a 16' by 14' Moose on the tower is \$9,000 from KLM.

Alamosa School District has agreed to foot the bill with the city agreeing to pick up any overages from the initial estimate. Both the city and ASD and the city have both expressed faith in KLM's ability to complete the project. The painting is expected to get underway this Fall.

## Changes to Maestas Dinner Fundraiser

By RON BRINK

Democratic Central Committee Chair ALAMOSA — As a result of the ongoing challenges to public safety caused by pandemic COVID-19, this year the Alamosa County Democratic Central Committee Maestas Dinner Fundraiser will adapt as well.

The goal is to collect canned food only and make these donations available to those suffering financial hardship during this disruption of all things normal.

The drop location is 185 Broadway Ave Alamosa (front entrance) available during normal business hours from July 18th to Aug 1, 2020

Web Event with keynote speakers will occur July 25th, 2020. More information to come. [www.alamosademocrats.org](http://www.alamosademocrats.org) Phone 719-480-3265

Honoring a legacy of heroism The Alamosa County Democratic Central Committee annual dinner was named in honor of the brave family that prevailed in the first school desegregation case in the country in 1912 when Alamosa County was still part of Conejos County.

As written by Sylvia Lobato, a deep blizzard had paralyzed Denver and bad weather emerged locally.

Ten-year-old Miguel Maestas was forced to walk seven blocks from his home on the north end of Ross Ave. to

the "Mexican" school building at the intersection of Ninth and Ross.

In addition, as a railroad man, his father, Francisco Maestas, knew the dangers of the railroad crossing, as well as the weather and, on Sept. 2, 1913, went to the superintendent of schools and asked to enroll his son. The request was refused and Maestas was told he had to enroll his son in the "Mexican School."

Miguel was kept out of school by his father due to an organized walkout which was part of the Mexican American parent protest against the segregated school.

Lying unnoticed from 1914 to 2016 and labeled Francisco Maestas et al vs. George H. Shone et al, the suit has been cited as a perfect example of resistance to segregation in Colorado's "Hispano Homeland," a concept made popular by historian Richard Nostrand, who contended the area was where people of Mexican descent had long been isolated and removed from Mexico, forming their own culture.

Today we are so inspired by the commitment and strength it takes to make a difference, to be a part of valley history. Thank you in advance Colorado and all the donations and volunteers that make this possible.

## 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.

**463 SLV POSITIVE CASES**  
(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)

**24 ACTIVE CASES**  
(Under isolation guidance)

**45 HOSPITALIZED**

**428 COMPLETED ISOLATION**  
(+ 1 since 7/17)

**11 DEATHS**

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# Record

## The "Move Over" law just added a little more to it

By Master Trooper Gary Cutler



On November 26th, 20016 my friend Trooper Cody Donahue was killed by a truck that failed to move over while he was investigating a crash. This is a story we hear all too often.

Prior to that crash, there was a Move Over law already in effect. So why didn't it work in that situation or countless others? I believe there are several reasons for that. Fully knowing the law is one of them; the other is not paying attention to your surroundings.

The Move Over law is set up to assist law enforcement, fire and ambulance crews, maintenance workers and tow truck operators to be able to be safer when they are performing their duties on the side of the road.

I have always been a huge advocate of not just looking out for emergency workers, but including anyone you see on the side of the road. Whether they are changing a tire, taking a break, or just making a call, (thank you for that by the way.)

When are you required to move over? Anytime you see any in that first list of people. The move over law requires drivers

to either move over or slow down. Simply put, Move Over requires the driver to move one lane away, giving a buffer lane between you and emergency workers on the shoulder or roadway.

When moving over is not available as an option, then you are required to slow down when going by emergency workers. One problem with that has been drivers not understanding what speed they should go when in these situations. New legislation this year added a defined speed which I think will help curb this problem. The new addition to the law simply states if you are going 45 MPH or faster you should lower your speed by 20 MPH. If the speed limit is less than 45 MPH, then you are required to slow to

25 MPH.

With an actual speed listed for these situations, it should take that guess work out of what to do and hopefully, make it much safer for everyone involved. These speeds also need to take into consideration any other factors that may require the speed to be even lower.

In a lot of rural areas you won't have two lanes going in the same direction very often, so it will come down to complying by lowering your speed.

I also want to touch on the subject of being prepared when you get to an emergency worker on the side of the road. A lot of people wait until the last moment to either move over, or slow down. If this isn't done far enough in advance, it can become a hazard within itself. Make sure you are looking beyond your hood. This means always be scanning for hazards. If you see something ahead on the shoulder, start to begin speed or moving lanes prior to getting there so it doesn't have to be a quick brake, or lane change. This will give others behind you a chance to react and less of a chance of a secondary crash.

As always, safe travels!

## ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

- Robert Steffens 77 Alamosa Failed To Yield Right Of Way When Proceeding From A Stop
- Daniel Wood 48 Alamosa Following Too Closely
- Tasha Jacquez 28 Alamosa Seatbelts Required
- Taylor Schmelz 31 Denver, CO Shoplifting
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- Alexander Jones 30 Alamosa Seatbelts Required
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- Daniel Mascarenas 44 Denver, CO Weaving, Operated Unregistered Vehicle, Operated An Uninsured Motor Vehicle On A Public Roadway, Displayed Fictitious Plate, Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia, Unlawful Possession Of A Controlled Substance, DUI-Drugs, Driving While Under Restraint/Suspended/Revoked As A Habitual
- Aaron Abachiche 41 Alamosa Violations Of Restraining Order, Violation Of Restraining Order
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- Pedro Montejo 15 Alamosa Drove Vehicle Without Valid Drivers License, Drove Vehicle When Seatbelt Not In Use, Drove Vehicle When Front Seat Passenger Not Secured By Seatbelt, Child Restraint System 4-7 Years Of Age
- Patrick Gurule 58 Alamosa Drove Vehicle When Seatbelt Not In Use, Driving While Under Restraint/Suspended/Revoked As A Habitual
- Stanley Chappell 17 Alamosa Failed To Notify Police Of Accident
- Linda Medina 58 Alamosa Operated Unregistered Vehicle, Displayed Expired Number Plates, Operated An Uninsured Motor Vehicle On A Public Roadway, Driving Under Restraint/Revoked
- Ryan Garcia 52 Alamosa DUI, DUI Per Se, Driving While Under Restraint/Suspended/Revoked As A Habitual, Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request, Failed To Use Turn Signals
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## OBITUARIES

### Paige Marie Hall

ALAMOSA — Infant Paige Marie Hall was born on July 13th 2020 and passed away July 15th, 2020 in Colorado Springs. She is survived by her parents Aaron and Casandra Hall of Alamosa; her paternal grandparents Richard and Jeannette Hall of Alamosa, her maternal grandparents a David and Violet Bisson of Hudson, Co and Kendal and Jessica Adolph of Moffat, Co. Her aunts and uncles are as follows: Katelyn and Robert Muth of Sanford

Co, Mark and Samantha Bisson of Campbellville Ky, Kendra Adolph of Moffat, Co and Maddie and Sam Smith of Eunice, Louisiana.

She is preceded in death by her great grandparents Elaine Hall and John Baxter.

A private family service will be held through Rogers Family Mortuary. To leave online condolences and words of strength for Paiges family please visit [www.rogersfunerals.com](http://www.rogersfunerals.com)

### 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.

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## 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 Resource 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

6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis  
7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca  
7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.  
8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

**THURSDAY**  
12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa  
12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone  
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede  
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.  
7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

**FRIDAY**  
7 p.m. Sacred Heart School at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa.

**SATURDAY**  
5:30 pm. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito.  
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

For schedule changes, please contact your group service representative (GSR)

### AL-ANON

**TUESDAY**  
8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista  
**WEDNESDAY**  
5:30 p.m. SLV Behavioral Health Group at 8745

CR 9S., Alamosa

**THURSDAY**  
5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st St., Alamosa  
7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thursdays)

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NarcAnon)**

**TUESDAY**  
7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607 4th St., Alamosa  
7:30 p.m. Baca Grande Library at Road T, Crestone

**THURSDAY**  
7 p.m. SDA Church at 313 Craft Drive, Alamosa

**SATURDAY**  
9 a.m. Little Shepherd Episcopal Chapel at Alder St., Crestone  
7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607 4th St., Alamosa

**School Menu**  
--- Monday ---  
July 20, 2020

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## Additional 13 weeks now available for exhausted unemployment claims

### \$600 weekly unemployment benefit ending July 25

DENVER — Today the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment announced the availability of an additional 13 weeks of federal unemployment benefits called Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) for those who have exhausted their regular benefits. PEUC benefits are not automatic, and as claimants near the expiration of their regular unemployment, they will be notified by mail regarding next steps to file for the additional benefits.

In addition, the Department reminded claimants of the looming expiration of the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program, which has been providing those receiving regular unemployment benefits with an additional \$600 benefit each week.

Unless Congress acts to extend the FPUC program, it will end on July 31. States do not have the ability to extend the FPUC program. Per Federal rules, CDLE cannot pay FPUC benefits for incomplete weeks. Since July 31 is a Friday, the last week for which the additional \$600 FPUC benefit will be paid is the week ending on Saturday, July 25, 2020. Regular weekly unemployment benefit

payments will not be affected, and claimants should continue to request payment as scheduled.

"We understand that these are challenging times for many Coloradans, but please know that there are many resources available to help," said Joe Barela, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. "While the future of the additional \$600/week FPUC benefit is uncertain, there are a number of support services available to those impacted including reemployment help from local Workforce Centers," he said.

Numerous resources are available to help Coloradans affected by the loss of these additional federal unemployment benefits. A variety of jobseeker services are available throughout Colorado at local Workforce Centers, including job search assistance, career guidance, training, workshops and more. In addition, ConnectingColorado.com, the state's job bank, has more than 54,000 job openings including thousands of "location-neutral" jobs. More information on rental, food, and medical assistance, as well as other resources, can be found at [OnwardCO.org](http://OnwardCO.org) or [ColoradoUI.gov](http://ColoradoUI.gov).

The federally-funded FPUC benefits have been paid in addition to regular unemployment benefits since March 29. More than \$1.9 billion in FPUC has been paid to date.

# Valley News

## Conejos County Weed Control District offers noxious weed cost share program

Though the valley is having a dry spring and summer so far, the weeds are definitely starting to flourish. There are over 400 different weed species in the state of Colorado of which 74 are considered noxious. A noxious weed is one that is not native to the area. Some are very invasive and take over an area, preventing natural plants from growing. Noxious weeds need water and nutrients to grow and, therefore, leave little nourishment for natural plants. Weeds can contribute to wildfires which destroy natural habitat for local animals, birds, insects and personal property. Many noxious weeds are poisonous to animals as well as humans. Some weeds may contain certain food value to animals but can also prevent grass and other crops from flourishing. If we and our neighbors do not make an effort to control the noxious weeds on our property, then who will?

To help with noxious weed control, the Conejos County Weed Control District is offering to cost

share with landowners in the unincorporated areas of Conejos County. Landowners who own property within the Weed District may be assisted at a rate of 75% paid by the Weed District and 25% paid by the landowner. The District will assist up to a maximum of \$400.00 per landowner. Those people owning property outside of the Weed District may be assisted at a rate of 35% paid by the Weed District and 65% paid by the landowner. Again, the assistance will be up to a maximum of \$400.00 per landowner.

The Conejos County Weed Control District also has three 50-gallon weed sprayers and two backpack sprayers available for personal use. A small deposit will be required at the time of check out. The deposit will be returned to the landowner when the sprayers are returned in good working condition. To sign up for the cost share program or to use one of these sprayers, please contact Myron Price at 719-588-2005. Let's work together to beautify our county.



Perennial Pepperweed

Courier photos

## Lights back on at the "Hungry Logger"

By TREY SPAULDING

**SOUTH FORK** – During a time when restaurants nationwide are struggling, applying for Payroll Protection Program grants and just trying to keep the lights on; one local restaurateur is not deterred.

If you live in South Fork, you may have noticed the parking lot being painted and the lights on inside the old Hungry Logger restaurant. For seven years the Hungry Logger has been shuttered. On July 2, Del Norte native Dallas King and her silent partner opened the Ranch House Grill & Saloon which the restaurant is now called. King worked as a waitress at the Hungry Logger before it closed. They had hoped to have the restaurant open be-

fore the tourist season, but for the past three and a half months they have been repairing and renovating seven years of shuttered neglect inside and outside of the restaurant.

Currently only the restaurant is open in the 7,000 plus square foot space. The saloon, which seats 200 people and has a stage, dance floor, pool tables and a 40-foot L-shaped bar is closed due to bars in Colorado being closed per Governor Polis' order and the state is not processing liquor licenses. King says that she hopes to have the saloon open in September and the plan is to have live music each weekend. But King does not plan to stop there.

She plans to expand and construct a banquet room for large groups and holiday parties.



Photo by Trey Spaulding

Debbie King welcomes diners to her new restaurant the Ranch House Grill & Saloon.

The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days per week and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. For breakfast you can order a classic breakfast with eggs, hash browns and toast; or biscuits and gravy, breakfast burritos, or French

toast. For lunch and dinner, you can order a BLT, cheeseburger, chicken-fried steak or a New York, T-Bone, or ribeye steak cooked to order.

In case you do not know, the restaurant is located at 11 Vista Street in South Fork.

## URGED hears about Rio Grande Hospital housing project

By LYNDIE FERRELL  
**DEL NORTE** — Upper Rio Grande Economic Development members met for their monthly meeting via Zoom Tuesday, July 14, to hear a presentation about a potential housing project from Rio Grande Hospital CEO Arlene Harms.

Harms began her presentation stating that when she was invited to speak to the group she considered spending the time to update URGED about COVID-19 from a hospital perspective but decided to give an update on the project that came to a halt when COVID-19 hit the Valley.

Harms explained that the hospital is in need of housing for not only patients recovering or healing from illness or injuries but for visiting doctors and students as well. The project began to gain speed right around the time that the first COVID case was reported in the Valley and has since been placed on the back burner. "I was actually really excited to revisit this topic and it gives me hope that we can accomplish it in the near future," said Harms.

The project would include four homes and a communal building that could be accessed by the public for many different reasons. The homes would be placed on a portion of land near the hospital that was donated by the Off family and would be used to house individuals in need of temporary homes while dealing



with the hospital either as a patient, a student or as a medical professional.

"The homes will be universal, meaning that they could be used by a disabled person just as easily as a doctor that comes here to assist," stated Harms. The homes are estimated to be about 600 square feet and will feature a kitchen, dining area/living room, bathroom, bedroom and anyone who stays there will have access to the communal building that will also be on-site.

According to Harms, the communal building will have a large meeting space, communal area where the public can come to enjoy having coffee with friends,

books to read and have a relaxing, calming atmosphere that promotes health and wellness.

"One of our main goals is to promote health and wellness. We want room to offer education to the community on how to live a healthy lifestyle, learn to cook good food and offer a place to do things like yoga and other healthy activities."

Though the project is still in the planning phase it is in the hospital and community's future. Harms and a group of about 20 people, with help from Colorado State University, began planning for the project just before the COVID-19 pandemic stopped their planning.

## CSFP announces dates

**ALAMOSA** — The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) works to improve the health of low income persons at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods. Individuals must be at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

Food packages include a variety of foods, such as nonfat dry milk, UHT 1% low fat milk, juice, farina, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, peanut

butter, dry beans, canned meat, poultry, or fish, and canned fruits and vegetables.

This food box is free to those who meet the income guidelines.

Costilla County Commodity Program will be in Alamosa on Tuesday, July 28th, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1112 8th Street, Alamosa.

Please bring a picture ID. Remain in your vehicles. The food package will be delivered to your vehicle.

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## COVID

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For testing of symptomatic individuals only, call:

- Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990
- SLVHealth 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 clinics:

- Tuesday, July 21 from 8-11 at Mountain Valley School parking lot in Saguache. Call on Monday to make an appointment: 719-587-2901.

Antibody testing is now being offered by SLV Health. Call 719-274-6021 or 719-587-1226.

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

# Opinion

## Valley Stuff

It's been a good week, I think! I was able to go out and see the Peyton Sanchez family on Thursday evening. Such an honor. Thank you to all who stopped by Peyton's lemonade stand on the Fourth of July.

The total Peyton has raised is over \$1400.00, with donations still coming in. What amazes me most about Peyton is.....everything! For a young man who has lost his ability to walk and even stand, and who is almost totally blind and who's speaking becomes more and more difficult every week—he sure wants to give as much as he can.

Sometimes he just sits in his chair and you can almost see his mind working, wondering about this cause and that cause—who should he help next? (We are thinking something for the Labor Day weekend). These gatherings of friends and relatives also give Peyton something to look forward to. He constantly has to think about staying strong so he can do another event. He so loves, loves, loves people!

We are finally to a point in Mom's Garden where I would love to give anyone a walkthrough and identify plants. I finished setting up the drip irrigation on both ends and only have the middle left, so I can also show you what I did there. I almost forgot how wonderful drip irrigation is, until I had a zone finished.

Henry and Danielle continue to be wonderful helpers!!

Can't stress that enough! This week we planted more lilies, Russian Sage, Diablo Ninebark, Lead Plant, Barberry, Basket of Gold Alyssum, Sedums, Euphorbia's, etc. My thinking this time of year is to totally planting for next year. You have to know which perennial is going to bloom next spring.

You have to give the new lilies some room, because they will spread out. You cut back the Penstemon and Flax so that they don't spread too much—and the Gaillardia too. It's all such a process. As I slow down a little bit, I am now willing to meet with you all if you have questions about...pretty much anything.

Do you want to know where to pinch petunias, or how to spray weeds? Do you want to know how to plant Iris? Maybe you have questions on soil, or bug sprays. Give me a call at 719-580-7838 to set up a time. Needs to be about 8 am in the morning when my brain is freshest.

Again, now is the time to start planning for next year.

When I look at Mom's Garden and see how beautiful it is, I naturally have to think of the gardens that have been destroyed in the past (by the City). I truly believe that we as citizens and taxpayers, in Alamosa deserve more than we are getting. If the city had enough money to hire a person (me) 30 years ago to beautify Alamosa, why don't we have that money now? Where has it gone?

I drive around Alamosa and I see weeds and more weeds. I see no pride. I see dirt in the parking lots that haven't been swept in over 2 years—ever since we had the Operation Pride Gang Club. OPGC was a group of folks from Blue Peaks who volunteered every Tuesday and Thursday and swept parking lots, and sidewalks, and picked up trash, etc. My granddaughter and I worked with them. And then we went to Rubi Slipper for free lemonade. I am hoping to get this group going again next summer, only we will only work on flowers and not cleaning up city property (no one else cares—why should we?).

I was hinting at a lawn last week, and it is the lawn in front of the police station. There have been some spots that have been getting drier and drier—for about 3 weeks or more. The clover and weeds are taking over. I attribute this to mowing the lawn too short, not spraying the weeds properly and not fertilizing properly. Jeremy (truly a great employee) is getting after it this week. Adjusting the sprinkler heads. And raising the height of the mower. The question is....why don't our Parks and Recreation employees get enough time to take a look around every single week, because this lawn should never look this bad. And if you walk, actually walk Cole Park, and Olympian Park, you will see the same problems with the grass. We deserve better, in my humble opinion. And...I hear on the street...that crews are now spending 6-8 hours to address trash issues from our homeless visitors, when it used to be 2 hours—that's what the streets tell me?? Is that why there isn't enough time?

Meanwhile, one of my friends, who actually cared about Alamosa and how we appear to visitors, gave up the effort to help beautify Alamosa. He had been weed eating areas and spraying, picking up trash, etc. Thanks, Kenny for carrying but when you aren't appreciated by City officials, why even try? Sad! We just have to do better as a town—in my humble opinion! (I have a lot of humble opinions, huh).

**Ruthie Brown**  
**Valley Stuff**



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## Rainbows and mirror neurons

Maya Angelou once said, "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

Because I often stop to capture that rainbow across the road or field, I have felt moved by these words. My choice to reiterate the importance of wearing a mask is rooted also in this thought.

Although a rainbow comes about when sunshine flickers through the amplifying droplets of water cascading to earth, it is a reminder, too, that we are all connected. Earth, water, air and fire. We earthlings are connected to the ground we walk or ride upon, the air we breathe, the water in the air and in our nature, and the combustion of energy that drives us through our processes.

We cannot escape our connectedness in faith, either. Faith flows across the electromagnetic atmosphere all around us whether or not we are Christian, Muslim, Jew, Atheist, Agnostic, Hindu, Buddhist, or other-worldly Alienist. At birth, we are looking upward at our mother's face and continue to look beyond ourselves as we move

in the world. As that first smile erupts across our cheeks, our brain embraces new expressions and new ideas. Sometimes, yes, we get stuck looking at our own needs, so we find egoists along the way. Sometimes our minds are warped

due to physical trauma and injury. It's then we stumble and must extend our arms upward asking for help from others that we reach-out to in faith. We know somehow that human kindness and faith will pull us through.

Governor Jared Polis has now mandated masks be worn throughout our state and I see that order as another indicator of our connectedness. Where one droplet of water refracts a rainbow spectrum, one mask on a face can refract the Corona Virus from one body. By encouraging masks, masks proliferate in use and bump the virus off others and others and so on. With our mirror neurons acting in unison where we replicate one another's actions, we can push that virus back from having a tiny entry into our heart pumping bodies, into our own rainbows

and promises of life anew.

Mirror neurons help us to be that rainbow in someone else's life. Mirror neurons are part of the brain's motor and our development as human beings. It's the energy behind why we smile when someone else smiles. In a November 6, 2012, of Scientific American, inventor and blogger Ben Thomas writes, "Some scientists propose that mirror neurons might be involved in feelings of empathy, while others think these cells may play central roles in human abilities like speech."

Mirror neurons are involved in our goal setting and goal achieving and, in our collaborations, and in our recognizing how masks can be the medicine we need to thwart this pandemic and to be fully open to our lives. Mirror neurons are involved in our embrace of Maya Angelou's words about being a "rainbow" in someone else's life.

So it seems, we can be that "rainbow in someone else's cloud" by wearing an easy-peasy mask now and preventing that deadly virus from further footholds on the one's we love and miss like those of 137,000 families in the U.S. mourning their relative as of this writing. Mirror life. Wear a mask.

### Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

### LETTERS

## Stop cowering in your homes

The United States government was formed as a nation of the people, by the people and for the people. We are getting a taste of socialism by a few governors that are ordering you about.

Liberal Governors are allowing Antifa, gangsters, mobsters and thugs to run the streets, rioting and destroying small businesses, churches, and anything else, such as burning police cars – and getting away with it! Our Governors are allowing these people to come into our states and infiltrate the peaceful protests of our citizens. Yes, changes should be made where corruption has gained a foothold. But the current destruction of our country is far and beyond the death of one person. This is not about racism, this is about destroying the freedoms of the United States of America - formed as one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Colorado has a Governor who "allows" churches to open at 50% capacity, and then in the next breath he states that "no more than 50 people" may be in

attendance at any one time! Our freedom is being destroyed, but gangsters, rioters, Antifa are free to run by the thousands and cause fear and destruction. There are police arresting those in churches - Pastors who know how to protect their congregations, as well as congregations who know how to protect each other.

Now, Colorado Governor Polis is mandating that we MUST wear masks whenever we are in public!

DON'T let a FEW dictators order you about. We have many good Governors who are leading well. They know their job is to lead and govern as we, the citizens, direct. These elected leaders are our servants, elected to carry out our orders and wishes, and directives. At this time, too many elected leaders are cowed into bowing to the destructive directives that are tearing apart our nation. This government of the United States of America was founded as a government of the people, by the people and for the people. Speak up for what is Good, and True,

and Right while we still have a voice.

Citizens: Get a backbone and do what is right and good by safely getting back to running our government, our churches, our small businesses - the American way! We will again see the great ingenuity of the American people. We will again make America great.

- James Land

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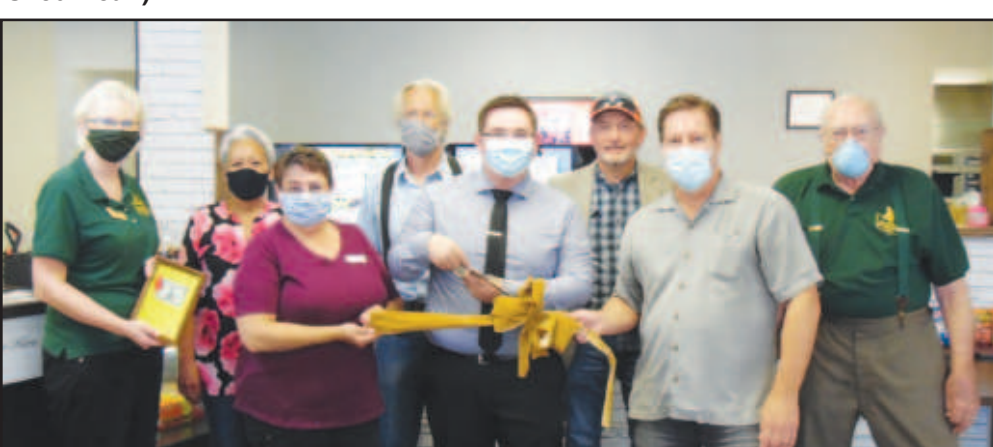
# Lifestyle

## Two new businesses open in Monte Vista



Photo by Chelsea McNeerney-Martinez

Monte Vista Conquistadors, along with representatives from the City of Monte Vista and the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Polished Bean to the business community Thursday, July 9. The Polished Bean is located in the Polished Edge, 1935 Grand Ave., in Monte Vista. They serve breakfast and lunch and a variety of coffees, pastries, smoothies and more throughout the day and have a convenient drive-thru and a happy hour from 2-4p.m. The Pacheco family, including Owners James Pacheco (not pictured), Rhonda Pacheco, Garrett Pacheco and Faith Pacheco, along with their staff Luke Porter, Erika Medina, Payton Cooper and Bret Niemeyer are excited to be serving the community in a whole new way. Also pictured are Conquistadores Denise Temple and Charlie Spielman, Chamber Director Ken Hamko and Adam Lock as well as City Clerk Unita Vance and Mayor Dale Becker (enjoying a signature drink from the Polished Bean).



The Monte Vista Conquistadors, along with representatives from the City of Monte Vista and the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce welcomed Soup and Sandwich Co. to the business community Thursday, July 9. Soup and Sandwich Co. is located in the front of the Monte Villa Inn, 925 First Ave. They serve lunch and dinner daily (closed Wednesdays), accept online orders at their website, [www.soupandsandwichcompany.com](http://www.soupandsandwichcompany.com), and offer free, contactless delivery within a seven-mile radius. Owner Steven Valdez was a 2018 graduate of Monte Vista High School and is glad to be a part of the growing local economy. Pictured from left are Conquistador Chelsea McNeerney-Martinez, Chamber Manager Leo Wilde, City Clerk Unita Vance, Chamber Director Adam Lock, Valdez, Mayor Dale Becker, Chamber Director, Ken Hamko and Conquistador Charlie Spielman. Not pictured is General Manager Lynda Espinosa.

## Center K-9 ready for duty this week

**CENTER** — Center Police Chief Dale (Gene) Meek released an email update last week on the progress of multiple projects in the town, reporting that the narcotics K9 has been training daily and will be up for certification sooner than expected.

“I believed it would take two to three months to reach the level needed for the dog/handler to certify but K-9 Maverick is excelling and most likely will be ready by the end of the week,” Meek announced.

Also in training is Officer Deanna Lopez, out on the streets in-field training with Officer Williams. Officer Lopez will be provided additional training after 12 weeks of field training as she will be the Center Police Department’s School Resource Officer. She will be responsible for school safety and law enforcement within the schools. Officer A.J. Fresquez injured herself and will be recuperating prior to entering (FTO) field training.

Meek is requesting assistance with speeding and racing in Center. The first five months of this year, Center Police received 11 total complaints of speeding, he noted, with the month of June racking up 11 complaints by itself. “This is an issue that needs to be addressed before someone gets seriously hurt,” Meek said. “I would request that you call our dispatch with the location and description of vehicles speeding and racing on our streets,” he advised citizens.

“The more calls we receive, the higher the likelihood that we can locate these offenders. These calls can be made anonymously but an officer must see the speeding or get a reporting party to sign a complaint before we can cite a violator.” He asked Center residents to please spread the word to friends,

family and neighbors to help with this problem before someone gets injured.

Coffee with the Chief will be coming at the end of this month (maybe Saturday, July 25). Meek says he has been missing this monthly meeting and wants to get back to speaking with the community about issues affecting public safety and their lives. “I am wanting to set up the meeting within our CoVid restrictions so it will be in a public area or large meeting room for safety,” he said. “I will let you know more once final plans are made.”

Meek ended his email with “an excellent job done” by Officer Mike Ruybal. Officer Ruybal responded to some suspicious activity, a male acting unusual, in the area of Fullenwider. Officer Ruybal did not locate the person initially but by speaking with some residents, he was told that the male was hiding guns in nearby bushes. The guns were located and linked to a burglary. Also stolen was a bag of old coins in a Crown Royal bag.

Officer Ruybal began searching for the suspicious male again and located him walking through the Community Park, with a Crown Royal bag he was trying to hide on his person. He was able to arrest the subject for burglary. Further information about the incident will be released once Ruybal finishes his supplemental reports on the incident.

One Center resident commented that “speeders are just antagonizing us all” and expressed fears a child on a bicycle or out will be hit.

Another resident agreed, saying s/he hears this activity every night, with the majority of the speeders taking off around the intersection of Broadway and Highway 112.

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# Sports

## Adams State hires Bruce DelTondo new Head Baseball Coach

By **JORDAN MELLOTT**

*Interim Sports Information Director*

**ALAMOSA** — Earlier this week Co-Athletic Directors Katelyn Smith and Justin Boyd announced the hiring of an ASU Alum, Bruce DelTondo, as the head baseball coach at Adams State, only the 2nd head coach since bringing the sport back in 2012-2013.

"We are extremely fortunate and excited to have Bruce move into this role," said athletic director Katelyn Smith. "He brings experience and is absolutely the right person for leading this team. He is a leader within the campus community and will continue to establish a culture of excellence. We are thrilled, and look forward to watching our Baseball program flourish under his leadership."

DelTondo is no stranger to the diamond here at Adams State, he has been here from the beginning as an assistant when ASU brought the sport back in 2012-2013. As the program grew, so did

his responsibilities. From 2014-2018 he served as the Head JV Coach in addition to being an assistant coach and in 2019 he was named as the head assistant coach for the program.

"I am very excited about this opportunity God has provided and honored to be the next leader of the baseball program at Adams State University," Said DelTondo. "Adams State is a special place and one I'm glad to continue being a part of. I would like to thank the ASU Administration and Athletic Directors Mr. Larry Mortensen and Ms. Katelyn Smith for their endorsement and confidence in moving the program forward. I would also like to thank my family, coaches, and former players who have been an influential part of my journey in preparation for this opportunity. I look forward to the challenge of instilling leadership, service, excellence, and team as our guiding principles."

As an assistant, DelTondo was an integral part of the success that the program has seen over the past eight years. He

helped guide the Grizzlies to two trips to the RMAC Tournament 2015-2016, coached 11 players that received All-RMAC honors, and coached 3 Golden Glove recipients. Former head coach James Capra could not be more excited for his right-hand man over the past eight years.

"I'm thrilled Bruce DelTondo was hired as the head coach. We have coached together since day one. Bruce is passionate about Adams State, baseball, and the student-athletes, he will do a great job," said Capra.

Before joining the Grizzlies in 2012, DelTondo had 17 years of head coaching experience at the High School, American Legion, and Club levels.

DelTondo received his undergrad in Business Administration and Master of Arts in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation from Adams State University.

As another ASU alum takes over the baseball program the future for the program looks bright and continues to be filled with tradition.



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Adams State's Bruce Del Tondo has been promoted to the head coaching position for the Baseball team.

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 Personal Representative  
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### 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.  
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### Request for Proposals City of Alamosa

Master Utility Plan for Sanitary Sewer Collection System  
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 The City of Alamosa is seeking proposals from qualified engineering firms to prepare a  
 Master Utility Plan (MUP) of its sanitary sewer collection system. The MUP will act as the  
 City's 20-year planning document that is to be based on a prioritization schedule of capital improvement projects (CIP) that address the following: current and future regulatory requirements through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE); system deficiencies, needs and problem area(s); provide the ability to incorporate collected data into the City's GIS System; position the City for future growth both from infilling and growth beyond its current boundary. For questions please contact Harry Reynolds in the Public Works office at 719-589-6631. For complete project requirements and to see the full RFP, please visit the City of Alamosa website at www.cityofalamosa.org. Deadline for proposals is July 29, 2020 at 4:00 PM.  
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The next regularly scheduled Board of Director's meeting of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board of Directors is July 21, 2020, and will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Rio Grande Water Conservation District offices are currently closed to the public because of preventive measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, therefore, this meeting will be held by Zoom teleconference. The public may participate and listen in to the meeting by dialing in to the Zoom Webinar/teleconference. To join please call either number: 1-346-248-7799 or 1-669-900-6833, enter the Webinar Id: 817 9794 4321##, and wait for the meeting to begin. There is no charge for this call. This meeting is open to the public.  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Ordinance No. 17-2020

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 17-2020, an Ordinance amending the established pay plan for City Officers and Employees in accordance with Article III, Section 11 of the Charter and referred to in Section 15-2 of the Code of Ordinances, concerning personnel rules and regulations and pay plan for City Officers and Employees.

This ordinance was accepted on first reading on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado.

Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk.

Alamosa City Council  
 Holly C. Martinez,  
 City Clerk  
 No. 1546  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HOTEL & RESTAURANT CHANGE OF LOCATION LICENSE APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that June 19, 2020, Juanito's Mexican Kitchen, LLC d/b/a Juanito's Mexican Kitchen, LLC applied to the City of Alamosa to grant a Change of Location for their Hotel/Restaurant License at 1019 6th Street to 2069 1st Street. Applicant is owned by Juan Rangel, 2069 1st Street, Alamosa, CO 81101.

The City Council of Alamosa, which is the Local Licensing Authority for the City of Alamosa, accepted the application and set a public hearing to be held:

Wednesday, August 5, 2020  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Alamosa City Council Chambers  
 300 Hunt Avenue  
 Alamosa, CO 81101  
 -OR-

If the City Council meeting is held virtually, the hearing will be conducted via Zoom Webinars. Information on attending the meeting can be found on the city website:

https://cityofalamosa.org/virtual-meeting/  
 At the hearing time and place, any party in interest may be allowed to present evidence and to cross-examine witnesses, in accordance with the procedures of said hearing.

Any petitions and remonstrances pertaining to the granting or denial of said application may be filed at the Office of the City Clerk, Municipal Building, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101 during office hours, in advance of said hearing, or may be presented to the City Council at said hearing.

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### 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 turnoff 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.  
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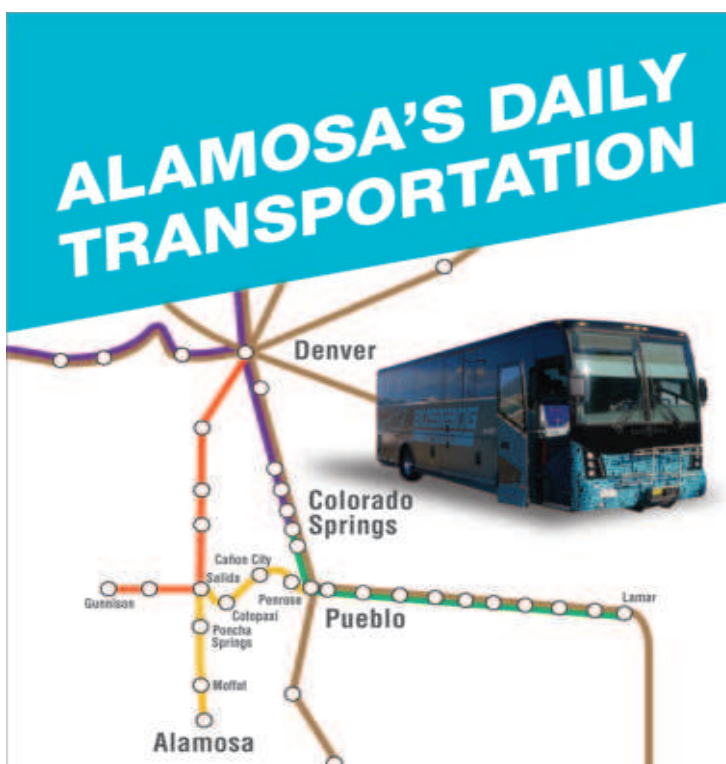
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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

1 Seance invitee  
 6 Civilian clothes  
 11 Wet thoroughly  
 12 Fancy confection  
 13 "Hotel California" group  
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 15 Rain hard  
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 17 Hairy humanoid  
 19 Tykes  
 23 Qt. fractions  
 26 In fine fettle  
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 34 More quickly  
 35 Zoologist's eggs  
 36 Cooking direction  
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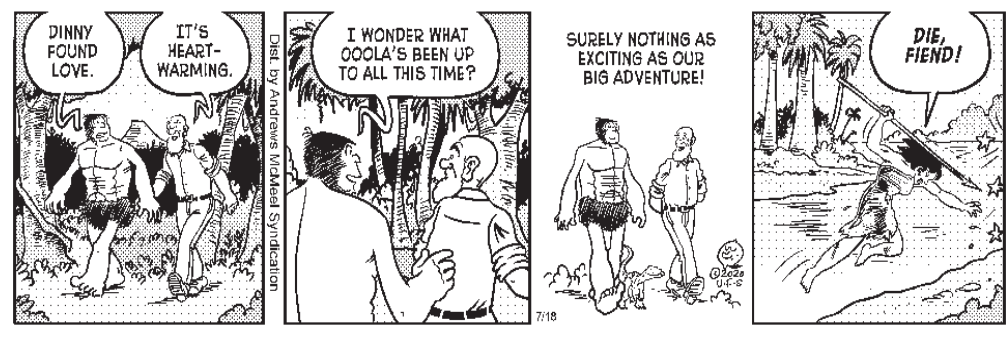
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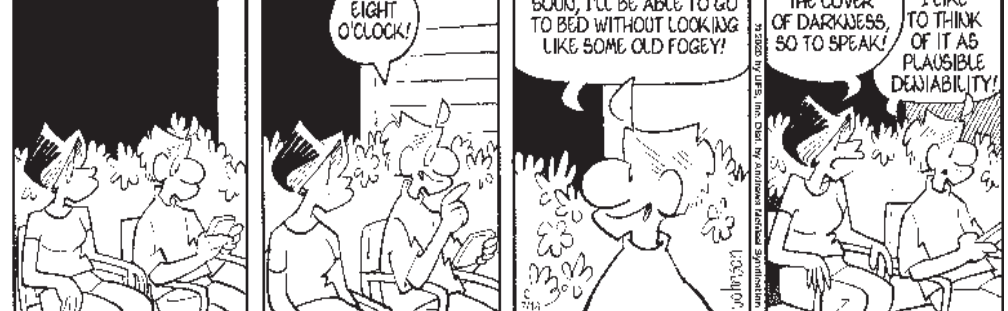
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 25 Have dinner  
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 30 Sound at the movies  
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 47 West Coast sch.  
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 49 Bed support  
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## BIG NATE



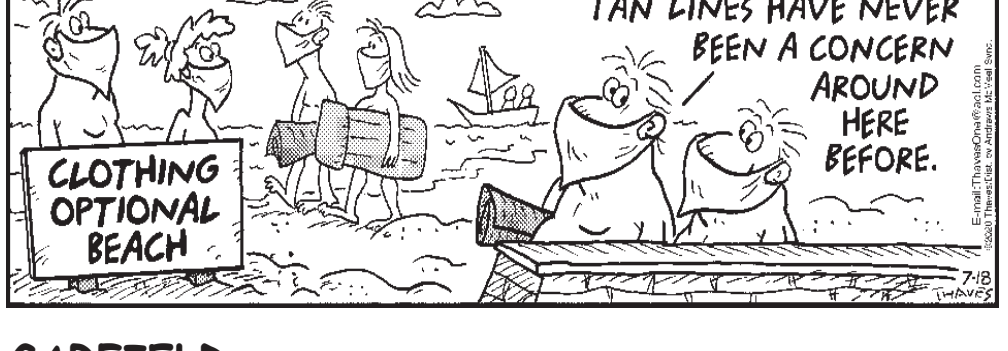
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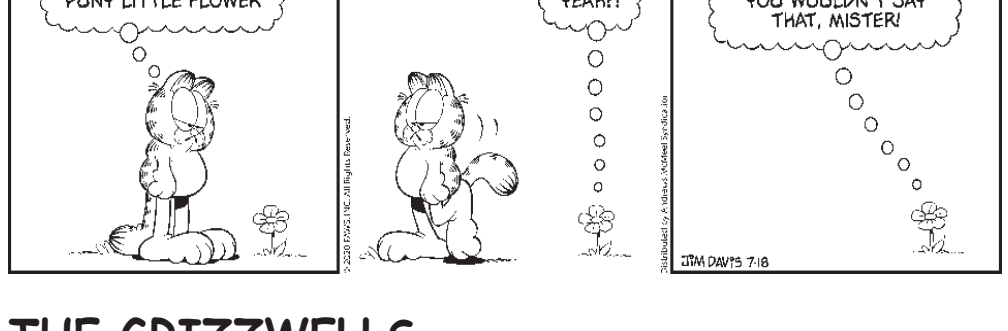
## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



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## THE GRIZZWELLS



## PEANUTS



## HERMAN



"It's been six days. Has he reported me missing yet?"

## 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.

" M K F L J M V X P B E J X Z H C B X N S F V  
 J M L R X P , L F N C B X N S F V C K N F P .  
 M C T T Z M X V B X N S F V C K N M L R N F  
 J M L R M L R . " — N F L E G X L L X N N

TODAY'S CLUE: 8 5tenba 0

Previous Solution: "The person you are is a thousand times more interesting than the best actor you could ever hope to be." — C. Stanislavski

## Neighbor sues neighbor over botched bathroom renovation

DEAR ABBY: We were friendly with our next-door neighbor, who owned a contracting company, and we hired him to renovate our bathroom. At the time, we thought he did a wonderful job. It looked beautiful. Unfortunately, he didn't set the tub correctly, and a slow leak was happening underneath it. Three years later, our kitchen ceiling came down. We had to pay \$10,000 to repair the damage, and the entire tub and shower had to be removed and redone.

We talked with our neighbor about it, and he seemed apologetic, but after speaking with his wife, who is a lawyer, he told us our options are to "eat it" or sue him. We did sue him.

The case was dismissed prior to trial on a technicality, and the judge suggested we refile with a lawyer. We had tried to represent ourselves in small claims court, and the judge said it's difficult to do when the opposing side has a lawyer. I have so much anger and resentment toward them that when I see them my heart pounds.

Our other neighbors are on our side. They all say the couple will move, but if they don't, can you give us any advice on how to deal with this if we choose not to refile a lawsuit? He knows he completed this part of the job wrong, but his wife won't let him do the right thing. I'm



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

is, but my sister isn't perfect, and I don't like that Mom wishes me to be what the rest of my siblings couldn't be. Also I can tell the idea of my being bisexual makes her queasy. She is still in denial.

What can I do when she says things like she can't wait until I have a husband or a kid of my own, or when she makes the same irritating face whenever anything about anyone's sexual orientation is mentioned? --LIKES IT SOLO IN TEXAS

DEAR LIKES IT: Because you have told your mother repeatedly that marriage and parenthood aren't what you want, when she brings it up, change the subject. Do not allow her to make you feel guilty for wanting to live your life the way you see fit. It is YOUR life, not hers, and you were not put on this earth to fulfill her fantasy or make up for your sister's deficits.

DEAR ABBY: I feel like I do better on my own. I don't want kids, I don't want a husband, and I don't want commitment. I have accepted that I'm better by myself, but my mother, who is religious, is still convinced that I will want a kid one day. She feels she "knows" this, even though I have told her many times that I wouldn't be able to handle a husband or children. I have done my best to grin and bear it, but I feel guilty for disappointing her by not fulfilling her fantasy about my having a breadwinner husband and being a trophy wife with perfect kids.

It's not that she won't get to be a grandmother. She already

ics from people we regarded as friends. They have now cut ties with the entire circle of friends in our neighborhood over this. -- THE RIGHT THING IN THE EAST

DEAR THE RIGHT THING: Do not blame only the wife for what happened; her husband is her willing partner. They are equally ethically challenged, not to mention shameless, so don't count on them moving any time soon.

Because you are reluctant to incur the expense of hiring a lawyer to represent you in court, consider reporting the husband to the Better Business Bureau and the state contracting license board. If you do, it may save another family from experiencing the frustration and monetary loss you have.

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