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Firehouse BBQ

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

Rolling Deep Car Show

ALAMOSA — The Rolling Deep Car Show will renew it's tradition for 2020 hosting it's 25th annual show on Sunday July 26 at Cole Park. The Show will take place from 12-5 p.m.



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Postcards arriving before Census takers visit homes

ALAMOSA—The U.S. Census Bureau is sending reminder postcards this week to an estimated 34.3 million households, including homes in the San Luis Valley. This will be the final mailing before census takers begin visiting nonresponding households across the nation in mid-August. Responding now minimizes the need for census takers to visit homes to collect responses in person.

According to the Census Bureau, more than 92 million households in the country (or 62.3 percent of households) have already responded online, by phone or by mail.

In the San Luis Valley, response rates vary by county. Alamosa County has the highest response

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rate with 52.5 percent of households having responded to the 2020 Census. Mineral County has the lowest response rate with 22.8 percent, however the large number of second or vacation homes in the county may skew the rate lower. The response rates from other counties in the Valley are Conejos County 40.4 percent, Costilla County 25.6 percent, Rio Grande County 48.2 percent, and Saguache County 37.7 percent. The statewide response rate for Colorado is 65.5 percent.

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the nationwide start of census taker visits from mid-May to mid-August, giving the Census Bureau the chance to send one more

reminder to households encouraging them to respond on their own. The postcard is one reminder in a series of reminders that the Census Bureau has mailed to nonresponding households since mid-March urging them to respond.

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Endangered equine



Courier photo by Mea Colwell

ALAMOSA — On June 24, it was brought to the City of Alamosa's attention that two mares and one colt were being kept on Alamosa Fairgrounds. City Manager, Heather Brooks said: "At this point, we began working to figure out who the horses belonged to and ensure the owner took the appropriate steps to obtain these accommodations." The horses were found to be owned by a Ms. Linda Carter, who eventually obtained a permit from the City of Alamosa. The permit is good through July 30.

Before June 24, it is unclear just how long the horses have been kept on the fairgrounds. However, many community members took note of the horses' poor - suggesting they have been there for quite some time. All three were who have had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 emaciated and exuding colored mucus. Thankfully, the horses have received food and attention and seem to be on the road to recovery.

ext. 9 For symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals

Valley keeps

COVID in decline

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Since Wednesday, Costilla

County reported 1 new COVID-19 case. There were

21 known active cases in our region as of Thursday.

For more information about COVID-19 in Colorado,

see the Colorado Covid-19 website at https://covid19.

For testing of symptomatic individuals only, call:

SLVHealth Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511

Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990

positive individual, call Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9 (M-F), 719-589-2562 (Sa/Su)

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

SLV COVID-19

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

463 SLV POSITIVE CASES

(New cases: 1 since 7/16)

Alamosa County - 211 Conejos County - 24 Costilla County - 22

Mineral County - 17 Rio Grande County - 83 (-1)

Saguache County - 106

24 ACTIVE CASES (Under isolation guidance)

HOSPITALIZED

COMPLETED ISOLATION

(+ 1 since 7/17)

DEATHS

Alamosa BOE rolls out restart plan for 2020-21

STAFF REPORT

The Alamosa Board of Education met on July 22 at 6 p.m. to introduce the fall 20-21 Restart plan for schools.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Colorado Department of Education (CDE), and Governor's Office have worked together, to develop guidance for Local Public Health agencies and districts as they make plans to reopen. This guidance is what the Alamosa School Board has used to develop their Re-start plan.

Due to the ongoing research surrounding COVID, guidance is ever-changing. Thus, Superintendent Rob Alejo and Assistant Superintendent, Marsha Cody, stressed the re-start plan is a "living document," which will be revisited and revised appropriately. The Courier will report updates as they become available.

For the 20-21 school year, the Colorado Department of Education has provided districts with flexibility regarding instruction and attendance. In order to quell concerns of reopening during this pandemic, the CDE has updated policies regarding the prevention of disease, school closings and cancellations, workplace health and safety protection, staff health, student absences and excuses, and visitors to schools. The CDE will host a Special Policy Update webinar on Mon. July 27, at 3 p.m.; where Colorado Association of School Board's legal staff will review these policies and answer questions. To sign up, visit https:// www.casb.org/index.php?option=com_ content&view=article&id=498:casb-



webinars&catid=26:news-information&Itemid=199.

The Re-Start plan includes the education options available, outlined procedures for each of those options, and information surrounding a critical family interview.

For grades K-12, the Alamosa school district will offer either in-person or remote learning options.

In-Person learning

In-person health precautions include screening all students before entering school. There was some conflict surrounding who has the screening responsibility: parents or teachers? Many teachers did not feel comfortable leaving screening responsibilities up to parents. However, Ms. Cody admitted the district does not currently have enough thermometers for each teacher. "Right now we only have one thermometer for every two teachers." Cody will look into obtaining more thermometers and the issue will be revisited during the next BOE meeting.

Once students pass the symptom screening, they will go to their homerooms and have breakfast.

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Record

OBITUARIES

Dawn Michelle Baiotto

ALAMOSA — Dawn Michelle Baiotto, 52, passed away on July 18, 2020. She was born on January 28, 1968, in Yankton, South Dakota to Dwayne and Suzy (Kludt) Friedel. Dawn was a carefree animal lover who had an open heart to anyone she came into contact with. She was the type of person who would give you the coat off of her back. She enjoyed laughing and socializing. Her giggle was contagious and she had the ability to find humor in all situations. She definitely was a social butterfly. Above

Debra L. Neal born

Debra L. Horton on Janu-

ary 24, 1954, to Ralph and

Alice Horton, left us for a

higher calling on July 21,

2020. She was an excep-

tional wife, mother and

grandmother. She will be

She is survived by her

husband of 46 years John

Neal, her children Darrel

(Sarah), Jacob, Jedidiah

(Ami), Patricia (Ryan) and

Alice (Bobby), her grand-

children, Kaci, Tristan,

greatly missed.

all else, she enjoyed

spending time with the people and the animals she loved.

Especially her new puppy Rocky II.

Debra L. Neal

as well as her sister,

Wanda as well as numer-

ous nieces, nephews and

Debra was preceded in

Cremation was selected,

in lieu of flowers, contribu-

tions are suggested to the

donor's favorite charity

and may be made in care

of the funeral home office.

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please visit www.Rogers-

Funerals.com

death by her parents, two

brothers and one sister.

extended family.

She loved to cook, camp

and travel.

She is survived by her husband Kenny Garmaker of Alamosa, her children, Jesse James Baiotto, Tabatha Amber Baiotto and Brittany Sterling Garmaker as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, nieces and nephews.

Dawn was preceded in death by her parents and

Cremation selected and services are pending. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

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

Vinnia Lou (Eagle) Brinegar

08/04/1939 -07/20/2020

BLANCA—Vinnia Lou (Eagle) Brinegar was born in Blanca, CO August 4, 1939, where she spent most of her younger years. While she forever honored her Coloradan roots, she chose to follow the love of her life, George Lee Brinegar, to Texas after a whirlwind courtship to begin a marriage that would last 61 years.

Lou had an intense passion for learning and after earning a Master of Arts from Baylor University, she dedicated her life to spreading knowledge. She spent many years as an educator for Waco ISD, ultimately retiring as the Vice Principal at Providence Heights Elementary. She even authored several successful children's books which included multiple adventures of "Granny' and "Brillothe Armydillo" an homage to her love of the Military, sports, and her family. These were only a few of the many deeply interesting facets of the diamond that Lou was.

Lou and George Brinegar made their life together in Waco, TX raising two children and making their ranch home a welcome place for friends and family. While Lou had Colorado in her veins, she was immediately adopted as a full-fledged Texan for her quick wit and unyielding love; she never met a stranger. Lou was well known for her smile, and her kind, loving, and selfless heart which impacted many lives beyond the



She had a knack for making each person she met feel special and like they were the only ones in the world she wanted to speak to at that time. When Lou spoke, her words were always encouraging and hopeful. She refused to see the negative in life and would instead point out the blessings and lessons that could be gleaned from any situation. Whether it was sneaking shoes from her children's closets to give to her students at Providence Heights Elementary School or making each grandchild feel as though they were the favorite; the compassion and love she showed to all

Lou's faith and devotion to her Lord and Savior flowed into all aspects of her life. There is no doubt she's home with Him now. Just as she began her life; she is now soaring like an

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was unmatched.

Eagle watching over us. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bertha Mae Sartain and Omer Herbert Eagle; sisters, Thurmma Brown and Eurmma Lee Hart.

She is survived by her husband, George Lee Brinegar; sisters, Durmma Seiber and Sabrie Brown, daughter, Terri (Jon Searles); son, George A. (Christine Laffitte); grandchildren, Jeremy, Tifani (Brian McGovern), Jared, Ashley (Trevor Miller), and Jaclyn (Michael Norris); and greatgrandson, Logan. She was also a beloved aunt and cousin to her Colorado

The family would like to thank Baylor Scott & White doctors and nurses and specifically the hospital's trauma and palliative care teams.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Shriners Hospital for Children by calling 713-793-3931 or https://lovetotherescue.

Due to the current global pandemic, there will be a funeral service for family 10 AM Friday, July 24 at Lake Shore Funeral Home Chapel followed by burial at Oakwood Cemetery; however, friends are welcome to watch the service via Live Stream at www. LakeShoreFuneralHome. com/Live. A celebration of life will occur at a future

Thoughts and memories may be shared at www. LakeShoreFH.com

Rogers Family Mortu-Paul, Vorian and Ayanna **David Arthur Spangler**

ALAMOSA — David Arthur Spangler, 68, of Fernandina Beach, Florida passed away July 14, 2020, due to COVID-19.

David was a true hero and patriot, serving his country with pride and honor for 32 years as a submariner and nuclear specialist in the United States Navy. He rose to the rank of Commander before his well-deserved and well-timed retirement.

David was born in Littleton, Colorado and grew up in Alamosa, Colorado. He was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Brenau University.

Commander Spangler married Rebecca Spangler on Oct. 11, 1997. During their time in the US Navy, they resided in St. Marys, Washington D.C. and Honolulu. They spent every minute together watching sports, traveling and cooking. He adored spending time on the beach and hunting shark teeth with

Becky.

David is survived by his wife, Rebecca Spangler, and his four children - Danielle Walton of Kingsland, Georgia, Joshua Spangler (Analee) of San Diego, California, Megan Freeman (Allen) and Kelcy LópezFreeman (Ivette) of Atlanta, Georgia. David is also survived by his four grandchildren – Michael Walton of Kingsland, Georgia, Makayla Spangler, Evan Spangler and Lucas Spangler of San Diego, California.

He was predeceased by his grandson, Logan Spangler of San Diego, California. David is also survived by siblings Chris Spangler of Denver, Colorado, Diane Miller of Citrus County, Florida, and John Spangler of Pueblo, Colorado. To honor his life and

career, Commander Spangler will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Military Officers Association of America scholarship fund at moaa.org/donate.



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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 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 or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome.

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 mkmillermink@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 Photography Club meets the first Wednesday at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at 379-0001 or slv-

photostephen@gmail.com ALAMOSA — Fami-

lies Healing Families is

a community-based or-

ganization 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.

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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 Dis-

trict 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-

SUNDAY

937-5083.

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

8p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

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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.

8p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

For schedule changes, please contact your group service representative (GSR) **AL-ANON**

TUESDAY

St., Alamosa

8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista WEDNESDAY 5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior Health Group at

8745 CR 9S., Alamosa THURSDAY 5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st

7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thursdays)

on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email amanda@

ALAMOSA —The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-3499 or dean@deanswiftseed.

Valley News

New Grant and Loan Fund To Assist Small Businesses

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Development Resources Group (SLV-DRG) is partnering with Energize Colorado to administer a new hybrid grant and loan fund available to Colorado small businesses and non-profits. The Energize Colorado Gap Fund will provide over \$25 million in total funding to boost businesses impacted by

COVID-19.

Sole proprietors, businesses, and nonprofits with less than 25 full-time employees can apply for up to a \$15,000 grant and a \$20,000 loan, for a possible combined total of \$35,000 in financial

Applicants must be able to show evidence of the economic hardship their business faces due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Potential applicants are advised to gather documents such as bank records, profit and loss statements, tax filings and expense receipts, in preparation for their application.

Application for the Energize Colorado Gap Fund is scheduled to begin August

For more information, contact SLV-DRG at (719) 589-6099 or visit the Energize Colorado website at https:// energizecolorado.com/gap-fund/. Interested businesses or non-profits may also sign up for email updates at the same website in order stay up to date with program information and developments.



Meza suspected of burglary

SAN LUIS **VALLEY** — In the early morning hours of July 22, 2020, the Monte Vista Police Department responded to an alarm at Valley Gun, located on the eastside of Monte Vista. Upon arrival officers found a vehicle had been driven through the east wall, to gain access to the business. The vehicle fled prior to officers arriving on scene. After an intensive investigation, Martin Meza, 40, with a last known

address in Monte

Vista was identi-

fied as a suspect

An arrest warrant has been issued for Meza for burglary and numerous other charges. Meza should be considered armed and dangerous. If you know Meza's whereabouts, please contact the Monte Vista Police Department through dispatch at 719-589-5807 or call your local law enforcement. Attached is a photo of Meza who has ties to the San Luis Valley and Pueblo areas.

The Monte Vista Police Department was assisted by the in the burglary. Bureau of Al-



Courtesy photo

Martin Meza, 40, is wanted in connection to a smash-and-grab at Valley Gun in Monte Vista. Meza should be considered armed and dangerous

cohol, Tobacco tifying Meza as and Firearms the suspect in (ATF) in iden- this burglary.

ABOE

Students will be assigned to a class or cohort that they will remain in for most of the day. Teachers will rotate to students, to prevent intermingling.

State-issued devices will be given to all students—in case the classroom has to switch to remote learning suddenly. K-2nd will receive iPads, 3rd-8th will receive Chromebooks (beginning in the second quarter), and AHS students will receive laptops.

Transportation and Entering School

Bussing capacity has been reduced by 66%, so private transportation is highly recommended. For those who have to ride the bus, students will sit one per seat, in a zig-zag manner.to achieve social distancing guidelines.

Regarding entering the school, the Board has proposed a schedule in which students will enter at an assigned time (based on grade level) and through an assigned entrance (based on classroom).

-7:30 a.m.: 2nd grade, 5th grade, 8th grade and seniors

-7:45 a.m.: 1st grade, 4th grade, 7th grade, and juniors/ sophomore

-8:00 a.m.: Kindergarten, 3rd grade, 6th grade, and sophomores/ fresh-

School meals will be staggered and in a grabn-go format. Classes will past the front office.

For all in-person learning families, an interview must be scheduled. Each teacher will reach out to families in his/ her classroom to schedule these and they can take place virtually or outside. During this interview, these items will be discussed: a screening process (including the student's classroom entrance and arrival time), health precautions, transportation plan, how to work state-issued device, and the best form of communication.

Regarding what to expect if someone tests positive for COVID

If there is 1 positive test in a classroom (23 students + teacher), the classroom will be shut down for 1-5 days and sanitized. Some students may need to quarantined, which will be determined by public health. If there are 2 positive tests in a

classroom, the classroom will be shut down for 14 days, with the same procedures taking place.

Online School/ Remote Learning

Remote learning will consists of a curriculum entirely online, administrated by a teacher or director. That teacher/ director will communicate weekly supportive messages and provide daily check-ins with students. The student will still be required to take any necessary summative tests. An online teacher will set up online orientation dates and times with students.

Orientations will discuss: zoom classroom meetings, best form of communication, how to fective plans for the fall.

work state-issued device, and how to meet family needs. Additionally, K-2 students will need to identify a "coach," who will be an in-home support to the student's online learning.

Families and schools are entering a school year unlike any other. There will be lots of unknowns and adjustments. Parents should attend the virtual listening tour during the week of Aug. 3-Aug. 7, with any questions. Parents should also see the family interview as a critical opportunity to solidify a plan for the fall semester. The school board and staff are working tirelessly to develop comprehensive and ef-

Water main line break



ALAMOSA—There was a water main line break on first street due to construction. The water will be brown in the all of the surrounding areas until the line is fixed. Crews are working to get these repairs fixed immediately. We will keep everyone updated as soon as we have more information.

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then take their meals donations socially distanced in the gym, cafeteria, or atrium. Recess will be staggered. Students will use their AMOSA COLLA own school supplies. No visitors will be allowed



Sheriff's office accepts

Three members of the San Luis Valley Quilt Guild presented Sheriff Robert Jackson, Victim Response Unit Director Reyna Y. Martinez, and Victim Advocate Assistant Coordinator Latoya Ocana, with 30 quilts. Those delivering the quilts were Harriet DeFreece and Cynthia Moore, co-chairman of the guild's Helping Hands Committee and Charlene Fonk, member. One quilt was given to Shield 10-78 for a fund-raiser in order to support first responders in the San Luis Valley. Six more quilts will be delivered to the Saguache County Victim's Response Unit.

Count

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Households that have already responded may disregard the reminder postcard if they receive it. A small number of households that have already responded will receive a census taker visit as part of 2020 Census quality checks. Census takers will begin

interviewing households in the San Luis Valley and southern Colorado on August 11. Households can continue to respond on their own until these The Census Bureau

visits conclude on October 31, which is the deadline for self-responding to the 2020 Census.

strongly encourages the public to respond online at www.2020census.gov. Households can also respond by phone at 844 330-2020, or by mail using the paper questionnaire mailed in April to most nonresponding addresses. Census takers can be easily identified by a valid

government ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge. They are required to wear a mask while conducting their work and they will follow CDC and local public health guidelines when they visit.









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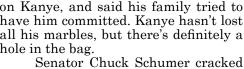
The White House press conference Wednesday opened with some welcome and long hoped-for news from the pharmaceutical industry. We knew it had to happen eventually. Baby Boomers at Pfizer Lab finally invented the vaccine for Covid-19, after giving up trying to figure out how to go on Zoom.

The Wall Street Journal reported the U.S. faces a population decline as the number of babies now born in the U.S. isn't enough to replace the previous generation. It was reported Friday that Kentucky's birth rate just hit an all-time low. Apparently Covid-19 has put an end to family reunions.

Harvard University proceeded with plans to hold classes online while still charging students' families fifty thousand dollars tuition this fall. I can't think of

a more demoralizing college-age experience. The homecoming party consists of going to the refrigerator and drinking your dad's beer. Kanve West

tweeted out a campaign statement Wednesday that was pure Kanye. He referred to his motherin-law as Kris Jung Un, he accused his wife Kim of cheating



Argus

Hamilton

the whip Thursday to try to get Republicans and Democrats to extend the Covid emergency relief bill before it expires next week. We took a big chance sending these guys to Congress. What's the point of the Gambler's Hot Line if they won't give you any money? Secretary of State Mike Pompeo shut

down China's consulate in Houston as a nest of spies on Wednesday. In other news about U.S. policy in Asia, the president learned about President Trump's secret plan to destroy North Korea. It involves removing Kim Jung Un and installing

the Mayor of Portland.

President Trump acknowledged Tuesday that relations with China were tense over spying allegations lodged by the U.S., Britain and Canada. We're all safe for now. According to the rules of engagement, Trump cannot start World War III until after we have finished fighting the Civil War.

President Trump began hosting daily press conferences updating the nation on the progress of the virus response Tuesday, including news on the imminentrelease of vaccines. The same day, Joe Biden spoke to reporters. He maintained that Trump has responded too slowly to the polio epidemic.

President Trump disclosed a market-

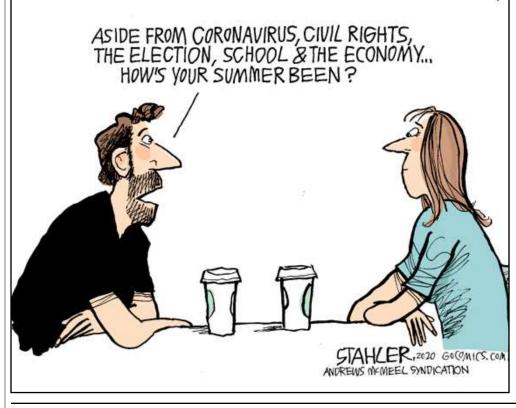
cornering deal with Pfizer to provide one hundred million doses of Covid vaccine to the U.S. They also make Viagra. Twenty years ago Trump cornered the market on Viagra, and nobody was able to date a super-model for five years until his contract ran out. Joe Biden called President Trump

America's first racist president. That's one way of vouching for the early presidential slave owners. Trump responded by comparing himself to Lincoln, which reminded the Secret Service to tell Trump ${
m NEVER}$ go to the theater and sit in front of Robert de Niro.

The Hollywood Reporter reported that adult film star Ron Jeremy last week pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles Superior Court to charges that he sexually assaulted four women. They try hard to give celebrities a fair trial in L.A. If the trial winds up with a hung jury at least

it will be a jury of his peers. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

braced for a new shutdown order from the governor Tuesday yet asked Trump for federal help with the city's homeless. Just remember this about Los Angeles. When the Apocalypse happens and Zombies roam the face of the earth, we were WAY ahead of you.



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LETTERS

Water in Agriculture:

My whole life I have been involved with agriculture in one way or another. I believe, like many of you, that water is the lifeblood of our communities and our farms. Here in the San Luis Valley we have the first water right of 1852 in the State of Colorado; the People's Ditch was the first irrigation ditch in Colorado and is still in operation today. In addition, the acequia's irrigation system was put in to place in Costilla and Conejos counties early on from Spanish settlers and some of my ancestors whom we still utilize this system to water crops and surrounding land.

Based on a 1 to 4 scale, 4 being the worst. We are currently in a D3 drought this year and are in a major need of moisture. The data analyzed by the US Drought monitor further identifies the need. As such, the San Luis Valley and Southern Colorado is currently suffering from the effects of this severe drought. During this time the drought has made it more difficult for agriculture farmers whom are in need of moister in order to support their crops for harvest.

Many of us farmers have relied on the surface water run off for water in past years. However, our reservoirs are low, water is scarce and we are in need of moisture to keep going. This year the river water has been depleted due to lack of snow pack in the mountains and many individuals are utilizing their irrigation wells to supply water to the crops through center pivot irrigation.

The farms in our communities are now struggling to keep crops alive.

While a lot of the state does not understand why this is important, this struggle could lead to a domino effect for the state. For example, if the farmers are unable to keep their crops alive then they would be unable to harvest and sell their produce. This could lead to not only higher prices in produce, but could stop the farmer from stimulating the local economy by buying the things needed to maintain the farm. If they are unable to buy more for their farm they cannot produce more crops and the businesses they buy from would not have the revenue they need to be

This is an ongoing cycle. The drought leads to more issues than simply not enough water. It could lead to a loss of economic development and business.

In short, the San Luis Valley and Southern Colorado are a huge agriculture area where we depend greatly on our water and need to continue to keep our water in the basin. Please join me and continue to buy local and help the local farmers in our area.

I remain committed to advocating for agriculture and for you in this important time of food insecurity and our precious resource, our water and the communities we call home!

Thank you,

State Representative Donald

Donald.Valdez.house@state.

Lopez for Senate

Dear Editor:

I was very excited when Carlos Lopez told me he was considering running for the Colorado State Senate in 2020, not only because he'll make a great Senator, but also because I know he is passionate about southern Colorado and its future. As a fellow city council member, I knew

first-hand of the many things he'd done to advance Trinidad while serving on city council for 3 ½ years. He is an advocate for our youth, having single-handedly brought the Youth Club of Trinidad to fruition. I saw him in action as the community came together to address homelessness with sustainable housing. He was in from the start for the

development of Space to Create, a huge economic opportunity for Trinidad. In fact, he has had a hand in quite a few advancements in our community. I have no doubt he will do for Southern Colorado what he has done for Trinidad.

Pat Fletcher

'Runners and Cyclists, Be smart and safe"

A few days ago, I was approaching the corner of Weber and Carroll St. Carroll has a stop sign, and Weber is a through street. Two young women (Jr. High age) were running along Carroll St. They never paused, but ran right across Weber with never a sideways glance. It was fortunate that I saw them, or I might have hit them. I have seen other runners and cyclists do the same around

town. I have also seen groups of runners spread out into the street, blocking lanes of traffic. We all want our streets to be safe for everyone who uses them, but everyone must obey the same rules. Cyclists and runners, please remember to stop at stop signs, and be aware of the traffic around you. Be smart and safe!

Nancy Mead

TSJC ready for 2020

Trinidad State is preparing for a faceto-face fall semester opening on August 17. In fact, some hands-on classes are back in session at the Valley Campus. Here, student Hunter Dyer practices his welding skills in the welding classroom

at Trinidad State's downtown campus.



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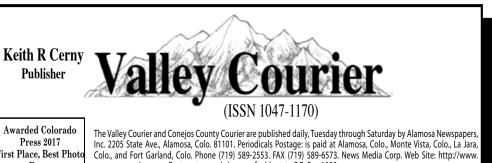
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Religion

Democrats face faith questions that will not go away

It didn't matter where Pete Buttigieg traveled in Iowa for the early Democratic Party primaries -- voters kept asking similar questions.

Yes, they asked about his status as the first openly gay major-party can-

didate to seek the presidency. But they also wanted to know how his faith journey into the Episcopal Church affected his life and his take on politics. "Those who are on

my side of the aisle, those who view themselves as more progressive, are sometimes allergic to talking about faith in a way that I'm afraid has made it feel as if God really did have one political party, said Buttigieg, addressing a webinar for clergy and laypeople in his denomination's House of Deputies.

"It was very important to me to assert otherwise, but also to talk about the political implications of the commandments to concern ourselves with the well-being of the most marginalized and the most vulnerable and the idea that salvation has to do with standing with and for those who are cast out in society. ... That energy carried the campaign in ways that I never would have guessed.'

However, highly motivated religious believers are, of course, often divided by conflicts about doctrine that then spill over into politics.

Buttigieg waded into one such controversy during the campaign when candidate Beto O'Rourke said congregations and religious institutions that

reject same-sex marriage should lose their tax-exempt status.

"If we want to talk about antidiscrimination law for a school or an organization, absolutely. They should not be able to discriminate," said But-

tigieg, on CNN's "State of the Union" broadcast. "But going after the tax exemption of churches, Islamic centers or other religious facilities in this country, I think that's just going to deepen the divisions we are already experiencing.'

Other Democrats face similar hot-button issues. Former Vice President Joe Biden, during his fight over the "soul of the nation" with President Donald Trump, is sure to hear questions about his Catholic faith and his evolving beliefs on moral and political issues.

Biden backed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in 1993 and the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996. His views changed while serving with President Barack Obama.

A key moment came in 2016, when Biden performed a same-sex marriage rite. At that point, three prominent bishops -- including the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops -- posted a message online stating that this act would cause confusion about Catholic doctrines on marriage and the "corresponding moral obligations of Catholics. What we see is a counter witness, instead of a faithful one founded in the truth.'

Catholic voters who are active in

church life, to one degree or another, are often pivotal swing voters in American elections. Trump's success with Catholics was crucial in 2016, especially in Rust

However, strategists now have to recognize the clout of a very different group of Americans -- the rapidly growing number of religiously unaffiliated voters. Combined with atheists and agnostics, these "nones" have become the Democratic Party's largest religionlinked group.

The Biden team is hiring specialists to work with a variety of faith groups -- even evangelical Protestants. But that is not enough in 2020.

"It's always good when candidates reach out to religious groups, noted political scientist Ryan P. Burge of Eastern Illinois University, co-founder of the Religion in Public website. "But if I had Biden's ear, I would say that he needs to find a way to reach out to

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'nothing in particulars.' They are 20% of the population, aren't super motivated to vote and have trended away" from Democrats since 2008.

The bottom line, said Buttigieg, is that political leaders cannot ignore the fact that religious faith affects how millions of Americans approach pivotal issues in American life -- from race to health care, from climate change to economic justice. This remains true, he said, even though this is "no longer a time in which religious institutions hold a monopoly on trust and truth. I believe that to be a good thing.'

regain some shared sense of "trust amongst people -- in one another, not just in our institutions," he explained. "If no one has the authority or credibility of being a trusted source, then, perversely, people will trust some of the most untrustworthy places and

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On Religion

Terry Mattingly

Friday, July 24, 2020 "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." (1 Timothy 1:17 AKJV)

God is on the throne and one day all will know it without a doubt.

Saturday, July 25, 2020

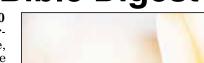
"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." (1 Timothy 2:1-

Pray for our leaders. We live in difficult days.

Sunday, July 26, 2020 "Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for your eyes are open on all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings: (Jeremiah 32:19 AKJV)

God sees all and knows all. Is He pleased in what He sees in us?

Monday, July 27, 2020





"For there is one God. and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" (1 Timothy 2:5 AKJV)

No one can take the place of Jesus. He is the only way to Heaven.

Tuesday, July 28, 'And they have turned

to me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction." (Jeremiah 32:33 AKJV)

Have you turned your back on God? That is a terrible and costly mistake. Repent before it is too late.

Wednesday, July 29,

"Charge them that are all things to enjoy;"

We must our confidence in tne Lora.

Thursday, July 30,

Bible Digest



Timothy 6:17 AKJV) Riches can come and go.

heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: (Jeremiah 32:39 AKJV)

God is gracious and patient. Let's pray that He would give us a heart for Him. We need Him!



Discover the Way to Live in God's Rest

=God wants us to enjoy our everyday lives. John 10:10 says that Jesus died for us so we "may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]" (AMP). But it seems so many people who say they believe in Jesus are not really enjoying their lives.

It's tragic to think that Jesus paid the price for our sins, that He suffered to make that sacrifice, and yet there are Christians who are struggling just to get by and make it through each day.

The key to having abundant life in Christ is living by God's grace through faith. Because grace is His power working in us that enables us to do whatever we need to do in life.

Don't Go It Alone

When we try to do everything in our own strength and leave God out of the equation, we just get wom-out and frustrated by our mistakes and failures. But when we lean on God, we actually enter into His rest and can enjoy our lives, no matter what our circumstances may be.

Hebrews 4:9-11 (AMP) says, "So there remains a [full and complete] Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has once entered His rest has also rested from [the weariness and pain of his human labors Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest [of God, to know and experience it for ourselves ...

Now the rest of God is not a rest from work-it's a rest in work. It's partnering with God to do what He is calling you to do by His grace and leaving the part you can't do in His hands, trusting Him to do it. Hebrews 4:3 says it this way: "For we who believe [that is, we who personally trust and confidently rely on God enter that rest "

Start by Believing When I'm trying to believe, I haven't entered God's rest. But when I do believe, I have complete rest in Him. Living by faith is not a life of struggle-it's rest. And you can enter into God's rest in every area of your

I've discovered that the stress in my life is caused by the way I approach my circumstances and the attitude I have toward them. It was a turning point for me when I realized that the world will probably never change, but I can learn how to change the way I go about handling situations that are challenging.

One key to this is knowing that as believers in Christ, we are partners with God—we have a part and He has a part in everything He calls us to do. When we don't do the part we can do and we try to do His part, that's when we live stressed-out with worry, fear, anxiety, frustration, no peace and no joy.

The reason this happens sometimes is because we think God needs our help. We meditate on the problem-rolling it over and over in our mind, worrying, trying to figure out how things should work out. It's like we're telling God, 'I kind of think You need my help, and I'm not sure You can take care of this situation, Lord."

We need to realize that worrying is useless! It's like sitting in a rocking chair, rocking all day, wearing yourself out and getting nowhere. Trusting God means we give up worrying, reasoning, and anxiety and we enter into His rest with simple childlike faith-we live by grace through faith!

Living by Grace

Ephesians 2:8-9 is a great scripture that says we're saved by grace through faith. And we walk out our relationship

with God and His plans for our lives the same way we receive salvation: by grace through faith.

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This is possible because Jesus made the perfect sacrifice for us when He gave His life, taking our guilt and condemnation and paying for our sins. Through a personal relationship with Jesus, we access God's grace so we can do what He's calling us to do.

It's so amazing to know that God is always with us, giving us His grace for everything we need to do in life. Trust God's unconditional love for you today. Do what you can do and give Him everything else. And when you find yourself getting frustrated or feeling overwhelmed, like you just can't do it anymore, remember to stop, get your focus back on Him and enter into His rest once again.

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"And I will give them one

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Lifestyles

Update regarding sports and activities in 2020-2021

C O L O R A D O — the Sports Medicine Ad-Rhonda Blanford-Green provided the following update last Thursday regarding sports and activities in 2020-21:

"Our office supports and respects the time taken at the state level to evaluate our proposed options for resuming athletics and activities for the 2020-2021 school year. Their timeline is our timeline, and we will be ready to play, with planned modifications,

Board of Directors and our students, coaches,

CHSAA commissioner visory Committee as we look to the 2020-2021 school year.

> The CHSAA staff will continue to advocate within our submitted proposals to conduct all programs within the Governor's safety guidelines, phases and requirements.

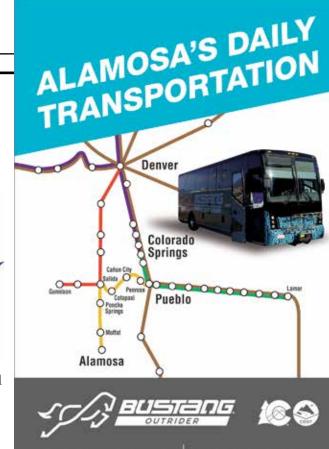
'We will keep our school communities informed and we will provide definitive answers and timelines once they are approved by the Governor's office.

'State, educational 'We are appreciative of and athletic leaders are the guidance and leader- all working together in ship from the CHSAA these fluid times to get



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Gov. Polis Provides **Update on Colorado COVID-19 Response**

Jared Polis provided an update on testing in Colorado on Thursday.

Testing continues to be a critical part of Colorado's strategy to combat this virus and I'm proud of the incredible work our state lab has done over these past few months to increase capacity. There is still a lot of work to do to ensure that every Coloradan can get tested and receive results in a timely manner and we will continue working with private partners to ensure those goals are met," said Governor Jared Polis. "I want to thank our front line health care workers across the state who are serving their communities and supporting our response to this pandemic. Coloradans can support them wearing masks when we leave the house, washing our hands, and following social distancing protocol and reducing social

Colorado remains committed to the following three goals in the approach to maintaining COVID-19:

possible

Acquiring more PPE, including masks, gloves, gowns, face shields, and testing equipment;

Expanding testing, tracking, and tracing

Ensuring hospitals and local public health agencies can meet the need if we do have another surge

The Governor announced that as a result of state lab expansion and partnerships with the private sector, Colorado has increased testing from 160 Coloradans per day back in March to administering over 10,000 tests per day on average and exceeding 12,000 tests a day in recent days. On July 19, the state lab processed an all time high of 3,803 tests. That day, Colorado also hit our overall combined high between the state lab and private labs with 12,413 tests processed. Colorado's 7-day average is 10,317 tests per day total, and more than 3,000 for the state lab. The state lab

around time low. The state has also worked to increase supplies. Since April, Colorado has purchased 300,000 tests and 450,000 swab kits through international suppliers, and is expecting 300,000 more tests plus 800,000 swab kits over the next eight weeks. Another 300,000 swabs have been pur-

chased and delivered

from United States sup-

pliers, and 500,000 kits surgeries.

has also added a third,

overnight shift to process

more tests and keep turn

DENVER— Governor are expected by the end of September.

Colorado is also working to expand and diversify testing capacity as much as possible through innovation, introducing new and more efficient testing methods. That's why the state lab has invoked the authority from the Federal Drug Administration to approve novel tests for use in Colorado. Over the next few weeks, the state will be evaluating an innovative saliva test that has the potential to significantly expand surveillance testing capabilities. Over time, academic and private lab partners will be expanding the types of samples that can be collected for testing, including working with Curative to introduce a cheek swab test in Colorado, in settings where repeated testing

is appropriate.

Contract tracing is another key element of how interactions as much as Colorado will reach its goals. Thanks to the 115 full-time COVID-19 case investigators and contact tracers Colorado's Department of Public Health & Environment, Colorado has been able to reach out to 96% of positive cases within a 48 hour window, where 72% have responded. Last month, Gov. Polis announced that the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) would be mobilizing more than 800 Ameri-Corps and Senior Corps members to support the State of Colorado's CO-VID-19 response through contact tracing and other associated work. To date, 423 contact tracers have started working, and an additional 300 Ameri-Corps NCCC members, 350 VISTA Summer Associates, and 100-200 Senior Corps volunteers will be joining them over the course of the next

> The Governor released an update to the Executive Order today requiring a cease in alcohol beverage sales to end consumers at 10:00 p.m. MDT each day. Rather than applying to all who are licensed to sell alcohol, the Executive Order has been amended to apply to only those who are licensed to sell alcohol for on-premises consumption. Alcohol may still be delivered and grocery and liquor stores may continue alcohol sales after 10:00 p.m. Last call for sales for on-premise alcohol consumption or takeout alcohol orders is at 10:00 p.m. This takes effect at 10:00 p.m. today, July 23, 2020. Gov. Polis also extended an Executive Order allowing voluntary or elective



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House and Garden

Laundry room renovations you'll love

Does it seem like your hamper is always full and the washing machine is running constantly? You may not be imagining it. Laundry Butler for You, a wash, dry and fold service, says the average household washes 50 pounds of laundry a week and 6,000 articles of clothing every year. Families with children at home are doing laundry most often, and those with pets may find there is ample laundry to wash

With so much laundry being generated, homeowners may want to consider paying extra attention to the space in the house where their clothing is being cleansed. Laundry room renovations may not top homeowners' priority lists, but it may be time to give these rooms another look.

Assess your equip-

ment If your appliances are aging, a laundry room renovation can start with an investment in new appliances. New models have large capacity loads, tend to be energy-efficient and could have innovative features that help fit with your laundry lifestyle. Purchasing frontloading models also can free up design space, as you can install a counter directly above the units,

saving room for other items like drying racks.

Figure out your room needs

A laundry room need not be limited to laundry only. Many homeowners make large laundry rooms catch-all spaces that can serve as utility or mud rooms, pantry overflows, or off-season storage areas. Consider the functions you want the room to serve and include those ideas in your designs.

Add some natural light

If possible, include a window in your laundry room. Natural light can help make the room more enjoyable. It also can help you identify stains on clothes that need to be addressed and make it easier to fold matching items like socks.

Think about a utility sink

Many washing machines drain out directly to waste pipes in the floor or wall, but you also can opt to have them empty into a utility sink. This sink also provides a convenient place to handwash items, clean tools or paintbrushes, or store items that perhaps you do not want to bring into a bathroom or kitchen sink.

Include some flair

This utilitarian space need not be boring or bereft of design elements.



Courtesy photo

Laundry room renovations may not top homeowners' priority lists, but it may be time to give these rooms another

Mirror your home's style in the laundry room, and include wall hangings, plants, accent items, and even task lighting. Play up certain features with a bold floor tile or brightly colored walls.

Updating laundry rooms can be a great way to make doing laundry more enjoyable and efficient. FH208138

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What to do to prepare your garden for winter

Gardens provide an idvllic escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. In fact, many gardening enthusiasts typically cannot wait for the spring thaw so they can spend the next several months tending to their plants under the warm sun. But a gardener's work is never truly done, and the work to make gardens stun in the spring actually begins

during the preceding fall. Preparing gardens for winter is an important step that can help homeowners ensure their gardens return to full strength in the spring. The tasks necessary to prepare gardens for winter may depend on what homeowners are planting, but the following are some general maintenance suggestions that can keep gardens safe

this winter. • Remove weeds and debris. Weeds and debris are unsightly and detrimental to plant life in spring, but they also can be harmful in the winter. Weeds and debris left to linger in gardens through the winter

provide overwintering spots for insects and can contribute to disease. So it's imperative that weeds and debris are removed before the ground hardens in winter. Don't wait until the ground hardens, as that can make it hard to remove the roots of weeds, adversely affecting the

garden as a result. • Prepare the soil. The Farmer's Almanac advises homeowners to gently till the soil in their gardens so they can expose any insects before they settle in for the winter. Once garden soil is exposed, add a layer of compost, leaves, aged manure, and, if necessary, lime, gently tilling it into the soil. According to the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, the only accurate way to determine if lawn or garden soil needs lime is to test it. Lime makes soil less acidic and reduces soil pH. Low soil pH makes it hard for certain plants to grow, but acidic soil is ideal when growing blueberries. Test the soil for lime and amend it depending on what you hope to grow in the spring so it's ready to thrive when winter ends.

Remove dead or diseased plants. Dead or diseased plants should not be left in the garden through the winter. These plants can attract insects and are vulnerable to disease, which can make it hard for the garden to

thrive in the spring. • Protect fruit trees. If you have fruit trees, install mouse guards around the base to prevent mice and voles from killing the trees over the winter. If left to their own devices over the winter, mice and voles may eat the bark of fruit trees, killing the trees as a result. The Farmer's Almanac notes that mouse guards made of fine mesh hardware cloth can effectively protect fruit trees from hungry mice and voles over the winter.

A gardener's work is never done, and the work to create beautiful spring gardens begins in the fall. FH208143



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County 2020 Fiscal Year audit. The ideal firm or individual will have extensive knowledge and experience related to conducting governmental audits in accordance with generally accepted accounting and auditing standards, and preparing financial statements that conform to all state, federal and industry guidelines. All interested parties should submit a letter of interest and a proposal

Administration office. For additional information contact Saguache County Administration at 719-655-2231 or wmaez@saguachecounty

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TOWN OF ANTONITO ANTONITO, CO WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Wastewater System Improvements will be received, by Town of Antonito, at the Antonito Town Hall, 515 River Street, Antonito, CO 81120, until 1:00 p.m. local time on August 6, 2020 , at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of constructing new mechanical wastewater treatment plant (headworks screen, moving-bed bio-film reactor system, secondary clarifiers, UV disinfection system, etc.) lift station improvements, and collection line replacement

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis, with additive alternate bid item as indicated in the

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Atencio Engineering, Inc., #1 N. Parkway, Suite B, (P.O. Box 20364) Colorado City, CO 81019. Contact Person is Clay Burleson and can be contacted (719) 676-2551 or via email cburleson@atencioengineering.com att (719) 676-2531 of via efficient confidence authorizing months at the Antonito Town Hall, 515 River Street, Antonito, CO 81120, on Mondays through Thursdays between the hours of 10:00 AM --3:00 PM. Bidding Documents may be ordered online for a non-refundable charge of \$ 75.00 , by email registration with the Issuing Office. Fol-

Documents may be downloaded from the Issuing Office's website as portable document format (PDF) files. Alternatively, printed Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office via mail, upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment for the Bidding Documents. The non-refundable cost of printed Bidding Documents is \$ 200.00 per Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents will be sent via the prospective Bidder's delivery method of choice; the shipping charge will depend on the shipping method chosen. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the prospective Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner no Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Docuints, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than

A pre-bid conference will be held at 1:00 PM local time on July 15, 2020 at the Antonito Town Hall, 515 River Street, Antonito, CO 81120. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of

2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All listed iron and teel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials. The deminimis and minor components waiver apply to this contract.

Mayor Initial Publication of Advertisement, Valley Courier July

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Call for bids

The Zapata Homeowners Association wants an independent contractor for road and infrastructure maintenance, snow plowing, culver cleaning and installation, damaged tree removal, fire mitigation and fuels reduction projects including slash removal and other projects directed by the board of directors. The contractor must have his/her own equipment. For information, contact the ZHA office at 719-589 6770 or zapatahoainfo@gmail.com. Bids should be submitted by August 7, 2020 to the email address listed No. 1536

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SECTION I ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

P.O. Box 369

South Fork, CO 81154 Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of Town of South Fork Brown Park Supply Well will be received by the Town of South Fork at mailing address of P.O. Box 369, South Fork, Colorado 81154 until 2:00 P.M. (local time) August 5th, 2020, and then opened at the South Fork Community Building, 0254 US Hwy 149, South Fork, CO and read aloud.
This project consists of the drilling a supply well,

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following

locations: Davis Engineering Service, Inc., 1314 11th Street, Alamosa CO Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the of-

fice of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at 1314 11th Street, P. O. Box 1840, Alamosa, Colorado 81101 upon payment of \$ 25.00 for full size paper copies. All inquiries can be directed to Clinton Phillips: phone number (719) 589-3004 ext. 115. No refund will be made for returned copies.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of Town of South Fork, negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid.

and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. (Davis Bacon Wages). In the event that the bidder anticipates hiring employees to work on this job, the bidder should contact the local manpower office for

qualified candidates. (Section 3)
Prior to the awarding of the Contract, the Town of South Fork, Colorado may defer its decision for a period not to exceed (30) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

Dan Hicks, Town Administrator

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The City of Alamosa is requesting bid proposals for new construction of a 30'x60' storage building and loading dock located at the Alamosa Recycling Center. Bids will be received until July 31, 2020. Specifications and invitation to bid package is available through the Public Works Office (719) 589-3361 or on the City website, www. cityofala:

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FIED NURSE AIDE COURSE: River Valley Inn Nursing Home in Del Norte Colorado is offering a free Certified Nurse Aide Class. This includes our sister Facility in La Jara. Starting Aug. 3, 2020 class will be on Mon/Tues/Weds/ 9-3 in Del Norte. Deadline for applicants is July 28, 2020. Please come in for application, 1335 6th Street, Del Norte CO 81132. 719-657-1105. (RVI is an EOE)(7/28)

> 101 **MEMORIALS**



with our loving Lord. You are missed by many. No longer by our side but always in our hearts!!! Love Mom, Dad & Brothers



esterday & days before too, I think of you in silence, I aften say your name. All I have are memories & your picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part. God has you in his arms, I have you in my beart. We miss you, Mam, Angie, Victor & Jessie Chavez

112 - BUSINESS **OPPORTUNITIES**

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163 **LOST & FOUND**

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221 **HELP WANTED**

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THE ALAMOSA **SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for the following position at Ortega Middle School: English Teacher. Must possess a Colorado Teachers License. Applications are available online at https:// dist.alamosa.k12.co.us. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(8/1) LOOKING FOR A

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Deadline extended to August 3, 2020.(7/31) THE SLV IMMI-GRANT Resource Center is accepting applications for a full-time mmigrant Advocate position. This position requires working with people from a variety of cultures and countries providing legal services surrounding immigration issues. The position also entails working with victims of domestic violence and other crimes. Candidates must possess a Bachelor's degree, must be bilingual in the English and Spanish languages, and have a flexible work schedule, including some weekends. Preferred candidates must have some knowledge and experience in immigration law and issues. Send resume and cover letter to P.O. Box 1534, Alamosa, CO 81101.(7/31)

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

HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HELP WANTED

AT least 1-year experience. Wages based on experience. Call 719-588-0996.(7/24) THE CITY OF Ala-

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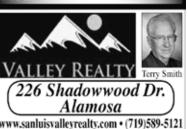
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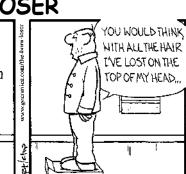


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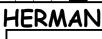




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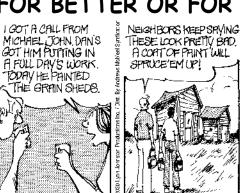
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Wife tries to coax opinions from man aiming to please

seem strange, but my husband is too nice. His late mother, a domineering woman who always got her way, trained him not to have an opinion. references indoctrination. Almost everything he says is crafted to be neutral so that nobody can possibly take issue with him.

want for dinner?" his reply is, "Whatever you want." If if you start phrasing your I ask, "What make of car questions differently. ("Do should we buy?" his reply is, "What kind would you like?" When I give him several choices, he tries to guess what I would prefer. He is a wonderful, kind, sweet man who will do

We both have profeswith his parents through college. I have been on my own longer than he. I've told him I'm not like his mother was, and it's safe for him to express his opinions. After two years of marriage, alhis opinion, not much has changed.

anything for me.

Abby, I am tired of being in charge of everything. I'm afraid I'll become like his mother and just do what I want because consulting him is a waste of time, and hearing another "whatever" answer irritates me. I feel like I'm raising a very obedient child. I wanted an equal partner in marriage. How should I handle this?

DEAR ABBY: This may guessing you have had more than one conversation with your husband about this. There is a saying, "Give me a child 'til the age of 7, and he's mine for life," which Your late mother-in-law had her son under her roof for about 25 years, so his personality traits are If I ask, "What do you pretty well cemented in. You might have better luck you want chicken or fish tonight?" "Do you want to decide or should I punch you in the nose?") But if that doesn't work, you may have to accept the man you married just the way his mother made him.

DEAR ABBY: I am cursional degrees and are in rently living with my fianour early 30s. He lived cee, "Josie." That we are a same-sex couple was hard for our families to come to terms with. (Mainly Josie's mother.)

We are now planning a small courthouse wedding with a family dinner to folthough I continue to solicit low a week later. We have made this clear to family and close friends, and nobody has taken issue with it. However, Josie's mother thinks it "isn't right" that we are inviting only parents to the ceremony and not siblings (Josie has one; I have three). She also called Josie crying because Josie and I went dress shopping

on our own (spontaneously). My mother is perfectly happy with all of our deci-- WIFE, NOT MOTHER sions and supportive with whatever we decide. How DEAR WIFE: I am



ABIGAIL Van Buren

can we get my fiancee's mother to be more supportive? -- WEDDING DRAMA IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WEDDING DRAMA: It might be helpful to recognize that while your family is more accepting, Josie's mother appears to be struggling on a couple of fronts. As many mothers do, she may have fantasized about a church wedding, helping her daughter select her bridal gown, and having a son-in-law. In a sense, she is grieving the death of her fantasy. Frankly, I feel sorry for the woman. With time, I am sure she will become more accepting and supportive.

You and Josie are about to embark on your lives together. Let your happiness be the beacon that guides her mother to acceptance, although it may not happen as quickly as you would

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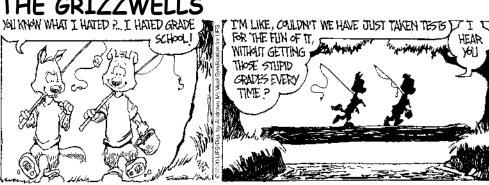
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