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BOE Meeting

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Board of Education will be holding a public meeting on Monday June 29. Due to Coronavirus the meeting will be held virtually. To attend please use tune in using Zoom meeting information: <https://zoom.us/j/5051891882>

REC Board Meeting

MONTE VISTA — The SLV Rural Electric Company announced the regular board of directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at the office located at 3625 US Highway 160 W, Monte Vista, CO 81144. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

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Triggered: How one of Colorado's smallest protests became its most violent

By **SUSAN GREENE**
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ALAMOSA — The protesters, about a dozen in all, gathered on June 4 in the intersection of State Avenue and Main Street. Like protesters across the country in the aftermath of George Floyd's killing by police, they were demanding police accountability and racial justice.

The group occupied the crosswalk during red lights, then stepped to the curb on green. Letting traffic pass, they figured, would help keep things peaceful.

Some drivers raised their fists and honked in solidarity. Others, cranky that skinny-jeaned millennials were chanting "Whose streets? Our streets" in their city's main intersection, flipped them the bird.

In the days before the protest, warnings of outside agitators coming in to make trouble prompted a posse of armed businessmen to stand post. People were on edge.

Just before 6 p.m., a man driving a Dodge Ram pickup pulled up to the red light, then accelerated into the crosswalk.

A video of the scene shows protesters lurch out of the way. It also shows one protester, a man dressed in black, pull a gun from his waistband and shoot the driver in the head.



Courier photo by Meg Colwell
James Marshall the day of the shooting.

Their June 4 run-in lasted five seconds, less than an average yawn. That's all it took for one of Colorado's sleepy protests to become its most violent.

Marshall Law

James Edward Marshall IV, the 27-year-old shooter, is facing a slew of charges, including attempted murder. He knows a thing or two about what he's up against because he is a defense lawyer.

Marshall grew up in Cincinnati's suburbs and studied political science at Ohio State University where, as he still touts years later, he was the president of the rifle and "cigar culture" clubs. He graduated in 2018 from the University of Colorado Law School. A former classmate in the student law clinic there says he would bemoan police and prosecutors' treatment of his clients more loudly and

bitterly than others.

He went to work at the public defender's office in Durango, a job he kept for only 10 months. In June 2019, he married CU grad Mariah Loraine and moved to Alamosa. She took a job as a child welfare caseworker for the county's Department of Human Services and he opened a law office at the corner where he would shoot Pruitt a year later.

He called his practice "Marshall Law."

His goal, he told people here, was to represent clients at fees they wouldn't need to sell their homes to afford.

"He thought there was a niche in this area that he could fulfill. He seemed to have the mindset of being of service and wanting to really establish himself," said Christine Canaly, director of the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council whose office is next to the one Marshall rented.

Canaly has seen tenants come and go in her two decades working in the building. He was the first to tidy up the joint restroom. He even brought a "little wicker basket to make it homey," she said. "I thought, 'Wow, this is great!'"

She found him friendly when he would pop in to say hi, but also says he seemed "stressed out" and has a "nervous temperament."

Marshall played a lot of trivia at Square Peg,



Courtesy photo
Danny Pruitt and his daughter Melody.

a downtown brewery. He also frequented Milagros Café, the popular coffee spot below his office. He sometimes met clients there, though usually grabbed a cup to go while on his cell phone. Customers say he is a loud talker. Some also say his tailored suits and matching dress shoes and belts stood out in a town more accustomed to jeans and work boots.

Over the past year, he struck up several conversations with Aaron Miltenberger, executive director of Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley. They would chat while waiting for their coffee orders.

"We'd run into each other and talk about news, politics, whatever. The conversation would often be around the current political state. He'd say 'I f---ing hate Trump,' or something like that," he said.

"James is pretty tightly wound. There's an inten-

sity you don't always see around here."

Your typical Texan

Danny Pruitt, the 49-year-old gunshot victim, spent most of the past three weeks in a coma, the bullet still lodged in his brain.

Named after his dad, he grew up in Maypearl, a town of 1,000 in Texas's cow country. He served as an electronics tech in the Army after Operation Desert Storm and fell 15 feet on the job, hurting his shoulder and back, before being discharged for disability. He has not worked since, says Tom Metier, his lawyer.

Pruitt's friends and family say he is fiercely private, unwilling to talk much about his life.

"I didn't ask, he didn't tell," said Brent Thompson, the neighbor he was with in the hours before the shooting.

Records show Pruitt made a long string of moves within Texas before heading to Colorado in 2018. He stayed for a while in a small home near a cemetery in Cañon City, then moved to an RV Park in Blanca with a view of the snow-capped 14er of the same name. The mountain, he apparently told people, reminded him there is a God.

About a year ago, he bought seven acres of cheap land at the far eastern edge of the San Luis Valley.

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City playgrounds reopen June 29

ALAMOSA—All City Playgrounds will reopen on Monday, June 29, 2020. Please be aware that you must use playgrounds at your own risk. City playgrounds will be disinfected every other business day. If playground equipment is wet and/or has a strong disinfectant smell, please wait until the equipment is dry before use. Please use playgrounds

responsibly; remind children to socially distance as best they can and use hand sanitizer; or wash your children's hands before and after use. Playgrounds are limited to 25 users at a time.

For more information, please contact Alamosa Parks and Recreation at (719) 589-2105 or visit www.alamosarec.org. Safe and Happy Recreating!



Courtesy photo

The recently built Peyton's Play Ball! Park near Lee Fields in Alamosa.

Weekend update

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Six new cases for the SLV have been reported since Thursday, 2 from Alamosa County, 1 for Costilla, and 3 for Rio Grande. The total number of cumulative cases as of Friday was 399. There are currently 117 known active cases. Thirty-one total people have been hospitalized, and 275 have completed isolation. There have been 7 fatalities of individuals with COVID-19. Numbers are updated weekdays at slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/.

This week, Public Health and regional response partners have attended meetings with the State to make a plan to ad-

dress SLV needs for support. Two lines of emphasis were identified: Assistance with slowing the spread of COVID testing, follow up, and outbreak management; and support to individuals and families, particularly as to the education of agricultural workers and employers on how to function during the pandemic while preventing transmission of the virus. Guidance from the CDC and the Department of Labor can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/community/guidance-agricultural-workers.html>.

■ See **COVID** page 3

Page 1 Corrections

ALAMOSA— Two glaring errors appeared on page 1 of Friday's Valley Courier and we apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

In Susan Greene's article about shooting victim Danny Pruitt, an editing error by the publisher misstated that he has a ".38 caliber slug in his head." The bullet is actually 9 mm.

The article concerning the SLV Regional Airport concerning 2019 enplanements misstated in the lead paragraph that there had been 100,000 enplanements when it was actually over 10,000. Later in the article the correct number was stated. COVID was also incorrectly credited for the payment's estimated arrival of 2021.



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OBITUARIES

William Gallagher



ALAMOSA—William Gallagher died the afternoon of June 22, 2020, at San Luis Valley Health in Alamosa, Colorado. The son of James Aloysius and Sophia (Birk) Gallagher, he was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 7, 1920. The family moved to San Diego, California, six months later, and Bill spent his formative years in the state, mostly in greater Los Angeles. He graduated from Alhambra High School in 1938 and then attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (now California State Polytechnic University), where he earned a degree in animal husbandry and was a member of the school's first 4-year graduating class in 1942.

Bill enlisted in the United States Navy in July 1942. Commissioned an ensign, he subsequently was promoted to lieutenant junior grade and then to lieutenant. Because he had sailing experience on his grandfather's 40-foot schooner before the war, he was given command of the USS Romain (IX-89, an 84-foot schooner) and later the USS Saluda (IX 87, an 89-foot Yawl), both of which carried out submarine patrols and other duties between Florida and New England in 1942-45. Although Bill never saw combat during the war, he did have memorable

experiences. Near Cape May, New Jersey, on the night of May 8, 1945 (the date of Nazi Germany's capitulation), a U-Boat surfaced 100 yards from the Saluda, and the two vessels exchanged messages with flashers. The next morning, the submarine was gone. Bill soon learned that a German submarine had surrendered at Cape May later May 9 and always believed it was the same one. Transferred to the Pacific Theater in the late summer of 1945, he turned down a promotion to lieutenant commander and completed active duty in February 1946. Mustered out in San Francisco, he returned to Pasadena, where his parents then lived.

On June 16, 1946, Bill married Shirley Rose Gray at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in San Gabriel, California. The couple, who would have a 73-year marriage,

soon had two sons, Timothy Newton (b. 1948) and Gary William (b. 1950). Bill farmed in Antelope Valley and the San Gabriel Valley between 1946 and 1954. He and Shirley Rose first lived in Lancaster, then in Alhambra, and in 1950 purchased a new home in San Gabriel. Increasing land prices in California led Bill to consider acquiring a farm in Nevada, but instead, he and the family relocated in the summer of 1954 to the San Luis Valley, where he and Dan Childs, an old friend from Cal Poly, managed a large landholding owned by the Chicago insurance magnate John D. MacArthur. The family lived east of Alamosa until Bill, eager to work for himself on his own farm, moved in 1957 to the Carmel District. Bill and Shirley resided in Carmel for more than 40 years, then took up residence in Alamosa in 1999.

Bill always described himself as a farmer, but he spent a great deal of his working life building things. A self-taught engineer, he oversaw the construction of lettuce-

processing plants in Alamosa (1956), Las Cruces, New Mexico (1959), and Center, Colorado (1962-63), and during the 1970s and 1980s built structures of various kinds in the San Luis Valley (including two homes for himself and Shirley). He developed a wide network of friends and always took an interest in real estate. A generous and knowledgeable mentor, Bill helped a number of young people begin businesses, followed their progress, and took pleasure in their successes. His children and grandchildren often spoke about the range of people who considered him a friend, including those of his own generation as well as many who were much younger. Energetic and actively engaged with life into his 90s, he announced, to the astonishment of the family, that at age 97 he intended to buy and "flip" a house. In typical fashion, he accomplished his goal.

Bill always loved horses and enjoyed flying

small aircraft. An accomplished rider, he bought and sold horses as a teenager in Alhambra and participated in rodeos in California and Arizona, most often in the bull riding and bareback bronc events. At Cal Poly, he was part of the team that won the Intercollegiate Rodeo championship at Victorville, California, on April 13, 1940. The silver spurs he won on that occasion remain a treasured family heirloom. He earned his pilot's license in the mid-1950s and over the next thirty years owned and flew, in succession, a Piper Tri-Pacer, a Mooney, and a Piper Comanche.

Bill made an indelible mark on his children and grandchildren. A great storyteller with an astonishing memory for details, he conveyed to them a huge number of sayings and anecdotes. The grandchildren compiled a list of what they called "Pappyisms," their favorite examples of his

often comical and down-to-earth sayings. On a more fundamental level, Bill taught them, by his own example, the value of hard work and of keeping your word. He had little patience with excuses and did not worry about things over which he had no control.

Bill leaves behind a legacy of friendship and accomplishment. He is survived by his son Tim and his wife Marsha, his son Gary and his partner Joan Waugh, his grandchildren William Paul (Yasuko) Gallagher, Angie (Jason) Rossback, Tami (Matt) Sliwowski, and Marlena (Steven) Halko, and eight great-grandchildren. Bill's ashes will be scattered at an appropriate place by members of the family in a private ceremony.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave memories and your condolences for Bill's family please visit www.Rogers-Funerals.com.

VALLEY COURIER POLICY ON OBITUARIES

The Valley Courier charges a flat fee of \$30 for each obituary published. Pending arrangements or death notices are run at no charge.

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

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

PENDING OBITUARIES

Jose Pedro Gonzales

MONTE VISTA — Jose Pedro Gonzales, 71, went to his eternal rest on June 25, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

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 Amanda Sanchez 31 Alamosa Failed To Stop At Stop Sign, Driving Under Suspension
 Heather Fisher 35 Tucson, AZ Failed To Display Valid Registration, Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following is the Sheriff's Report from 6-14 to 6-24

6-14
 Arnold Salazar, 64, of Alamosa was cited with having a dog at large on Hwy 17 S.

6-20
 Johnathan Burt-Ahern, 24, of Monte Vista was cited with limitations on backing at 300 BLK Broadway.

6-21
 Desiree Sanchez, 37, of Monte Vista was cited with speeding on CR 100 S.

6-22
 Daniel Morales, 42, of Sanford was cited with speeding on CR 100 S.

6-23
 Cody Crawford, 30, of Fort Worth was cited with speeding on Hwy 160.

6-24
 Tiffany Deluna, 19, of Alamosa was cited with speeding on Hwy 285.

6-24
 Alexis Garcia, 19, of Alamosa was cited with speeding on CR 8 S.
 Damon Garcia, 46, of Alamosa was cited with having a dog at large on Bonney Drive.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

ALAMOSA—The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email amanda@alamosastatebank.com

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.

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

SOUTH FORK — Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse in South Fork, 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 Sen-

sibly) 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 slvp-photostephen@gmail.com

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth, is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall,

607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Kriya, Meditation & Lamplighting School. Contact Martin at 575-758-5876 or talentolocal@live.com

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

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

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

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 To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

Valley News

Red Cross Offers Ways to Stay Safe

As You Look Ahead to Fun this Summer

DENVER,— Summer is just ahead—the perfect time of the year to enjoy the outdoors. But this year summer fun will be different due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The American Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming, offers safety tips you can follow.

If your community is reopening, know what precautions to take in public settings.

Keep at least 6 feet between yourself and others.

Wear cloth face coverings, especially in crowded areas. Do not place them on children under age 2.

Limit your risk by reducing the number of places you go and your exposure to other people.

Order food and other items for home delivery or curbside pickup, if possible.

Visit the grocery store and other stores in person only when necessary.

Stay at home if you are sick.

WATERSAFETY Many public pools and beaches may be closed. Follow the guidance of state and local officials. Make sure



American Red Cross

the area is designated for swimming. Once there, maintain social distancing, both in and out of the water, between you and people who don't live with you. If you don't think your child can do this, come up with another activity.

Wear face coverings on land, but not in the water as it may be difficult to breathe.

Don't share goggles, nose clips, snorkels or other personal items.

An inflatable pool can be a great way to have fun, but be sure to provide constant supervision to children in and around the water.

Take the new Red Cross free Water Safety for Parents and Caregivers online course which focuses on the risks of drowning and how to minimize those risks, especially for young children.

GRILLING SAFETY

Summer is a popular time for grilling family meals at home. Yet grilling fires spark more than 10,000 home fires on average each year. To avoid this:

Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use. Don't add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.

Never grill indoors—not in the house, camper, tent or any enclosed area.

Make sure everyone, including children and pets, stays away from the grill.

Keep the grill away from the house or anything that could catch fire.

Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill.

HELP SAVE LIVES THIS SUMMER Give blood, platelets or plasma—we're all in this together! Visit redcross-blood.org for more information or to schedule your donation.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES The Red Cross has several resources to help you prevent and respond to summer emergencies.

Learn how to save a life with the Red Cross First Aid App and training courses (redcross.org/takeaclass).

Receive customized

weather alerts and warnings with our Emergency App.

Download our Swim App and visit our new Water Safety for Kids site (redcross.org/water-safetyforkids) for videos, activities and quizzes.

Enable the Red Cross skills on Amazon Alexa-enabled devices for valuable first aid information, to schedule a blood donation, receive warnings about an approaching hurricane or make a financial donation to the Red Cross (<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps/alexa-skills.html>).

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information,

please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org.

COVID

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

For symptomatic individuals only, call:
Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990
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 testing clinics (you must call ahead for an appointment):

Antonito, Monday, 6/29, 9-11 am. 719-587-2874.
Center, Monday-Wednesday, 6/29-7/1, 3-4 pm, 719-587-2888.

Saguache, TBD

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

This is a difficult time for many people. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, please don't hesitate to ask for support:

SLV Behavioral Health Group: 719-589-3671
24/7 Crisis Hotline: 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255), or text TALK to 38255

Online: www.colorado.gov/ruralmentalhealth, www.slvbhg.org

Valley-Wide Health Systems statement on equity and justice

ALAMOSA — In 1976 a citizen's group in the San Luis Valley launched Valley-Wide Health Services when it was determined that the emergency room was the only primary care option to families who lacked health insurance.

These social justice activists became the first Valley-Wide Board of Directors and mobilized a primary health care system providing comprehensive health care to all people, especially the medically underserved, including migrants and their families. The Chicano Movement, El Movimiento, the following Farmworker Movement

led by Cesar Chavez, and the Black Power Movement laid the foundation for what is now Valley-Wide's mission. These events are all intrinsically linked to promote community empowerment and cultural identity.

The death of George Floyd has put the journey of embracing diversity, equity and inclusion in front of all of us. Valley-Wide is committed to standing with those who have been pushed down, pushed aside or overrun. We believe systemic racism has impacted the health and well-being of communities of color in our country. We honor



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those who have been treated as "less than" by providing care to all who come through our doors without question or judgment. Allowing those who have been historically oppressed and discriminated against to have a voice and a place for care is central to Valley-Wide Health Systems.

Please join us in providing space for the difficult conversations and actions

that must occur in order to change our current standards of injustice and inequity at all levels of our nation. We cannot support systems that, either through ignorance or intentionality, perpetuate intolerance, injustice and disparity. Valley-Wide Health Systems will be a part of the solution.

Valley-Wide Board of Directors and Leadership Team

SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 2:00 p.m. on June 26, 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.

399	SLV POSITIVE CASES	(New cases: 6 since 6/25)
	Alamosa County - 184	(+2)
	Conejos County - 15	
	Costilla County - 20	(+1)
	Mineral County - 5	
	Rio Grande County - 73	(+3)
	Saguache County - 102	
117	ACTIVE CASES	(Under isolation guidance)
31	HOSPITALIZED	(+2 since 6/25)
275	ISOLATION COMPLETED	(+ 6 since 6/25)
	These are SLV positive cases that have completed their isolation period and have been free of symptoms for more than 72 hours.	
7	DEATHS	

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Pancake breakfast cancelled

ALAMOSA — A staple of the Fourth of July in Alamosa, the Kiwanis's Pancake breakfast, has been cancelled. Looking out for the public well being the event was cancelled for the upcoming holiday. The following is a letter of notification:

Dear San Luis Valley residents and Kiwanis supporters,

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and after careful consideration, the Alamosa Kiwanis Club has decided it is in the best interest of our members and community to not hold our annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast. We are deeply saddened by this, as this would have been our 46th year serving you.

This annual community event is a big deal for the community, and it also was our club's biggest fundraiser. Typically, the pancake breakfast would raise enough funds to cover 75% of our service budget for the entire year. Other than selling cans of gourmet nuts during the fall, we don't ask the public for money any other time of the year.

Some of our club projects include sponsoring Key Club at Alamosa High School and Builders Club at Ortega Middle School. Sponsoring these service leadership clubs- teaching students the importance of serving those in need is by far the best thing our Kiwanis club does. Other service projects include giving books to kids at the Alamosa 3-5 Elementary, giving two \$1,500 scholarships to Alamosa High School students to attend college, we clean up a mile of highway, during Teacher Appreciations week we gave teachers massage certificates, we bring "Sweet Dream in a Bag" to Alamosa to give new bedding for kids in housing transition, we cook hamburgers and hotdogs at Ortega Middle School for the first day of school each year, we coordinate "Calls from Santa" before Christmas each year, we adopt a senior citizen to help with snow removal, and we've hosted the Character Meet and Greet and Kids Costume



Courier photo by Stephen Jiron

Patrons visit the 2019 Kiwanis's Pancake Breakfast. The 2020 rendition of the annual tradition has been cancelled.

Contest during the Rio Frio Ice Fest. To help fund our service projects for next year we are taking the fundraiser online - hosting the Alamosa Kiwanis 46th Annual (Virtual) Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. The Facebook Fundraiser can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/donate/237887120802383/?fundraiser_source=external_url. If you'd prefer to mail a donation, please mail a check to the Alamosa Kiwanis Club Foundation at PO Box 1355, Alamosa, CO 81101. Our club's foundation is a

501(c)(3) nonprofit and we are proud that 100% of the funds we raise go back to help kids in our community. Your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate \$5 or \$500, every little bit helps.

We hope you and your family stay safe this year and we sincerely hope to see everyone next year at our 47th Annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast.

Sincerely,
Ty Coleman, President
And Members of the Kiwanis Club of Alamosa



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Opinion

Lies amongst us, an opinion

Napoleon Bonaparte is believed to have said, "History is a set of lies agreed upon." It seems today, here and now, might also be a set of lies agreed upon to fool the public, rich and poor, but mostly poor and uneducated. As a US Air Force military brat, I grew up recognizing that the President of the United States was to be respected; I placed my hand across my chest on my heart at every pledge of allegiance before school, movies, assemblies and parades. My father, career military, taught me to adhere to the installation's regulations; what was said by the POTUS was true, and to understand why long-hair hippies were not regulation. But now I question the words, mostly lies, that drip out of the #notmypresident president's lop-sided mouth.

President Abraham Lincoln allegedly said: "You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time." I wonder when and where he said that. It could have been said today, right after a bigoted Trump rally.

An expert on radiation and human health, Steven Magee says, "When a presidential candidate is publicly requesting help from the Russians, you know that there is something seriously going wrong in the USA." As knowledgeable about toxic air as he is, Magee understands the wannabe dictator running hard to have a never-ending term in office. The man in the Whitehouse is toxic to education where he threatens science not to be science at all and poisonous to health where he threatens his coronavirus health team to speak what he wants to hear and when he wants to hear it. Shunning a mask, "Open the country up," is his battle cry to kill and suffer his own stand-by-me warriors. The coronavirus is alive and well, thank you, and blinded followers of the orange mane are being cruelly taken to death as the numbers of coronavirus grow and grow in the U.S.

I'm wondering what Virginia Woolf would say today.

She did say, "If you do not tell the truth about yourself you cannot tell it about other people." This notion is never clearer than it is today; the caustic tweet heading up the U.S. is nothing but a yellow-haired liar who lies to himself that he is great, incredible, and the unbelievable crowds gravitate toward his bully-based rallies. He says the COVID-19 is nothing really, and yet we have 120,000 and counting dead from this pandemic. Why is he leading his followers out into the open, packed in like sardines in a tin a can, to crank up the lethality of the virus. Virginia would surely see that he is killing his own voters.

Then as you might imagine there's Adolf Hitler who said and proved: "If you tell a big enough lie and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed." That people followed his hate-mongering of Jews during WWII is proof that his lies of Arian race superiority is fake news and is resurrected today in these last few years by the mouth in the Whitehouse inciting racism and propagating systemic hatred. Want the truth? There is only the all-inclusive human race.

"Lying is done with words, and also with silence," says Adrienne Rich, author of *Women and Honor: Some Notes on Lying*. Exploring her words for today could mean that if we are silent, if we do not vote by mail or otherwise, then we are espousing the hate of this administration.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan also says, "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not to his own facts." Facts are not opinion, though this column is an opinion.

We could take Beth Moore's religious urgings to heart: "We're going to have to let truth scream louder to our souls than the lies that have infected us."

Then again, "Convictions are more dangerous foes of truth than lies." Nietzsche said. Why would convictions be dangerous to the truth? It's like a set of detectives on Investigation Discovery who start out with a belief of who the perpetrator is and plug in facts instead of finding the facts first then proposing a theory of who perpetrated the crime.

That's why, today, I take Jeanette Winterson's quote to heart: "In the library, I felt better, words you could trust and look at till you understood them, they couldn't change halfway through a sentence like people, so it was easier to spot a lie."

Shakespeare all those years ago, wrote: "The Devil hath power/To assume a pleasing shape."

Then there's Inio Asano, Japanese writer and illustrator of Solanin whose work today captures the moment: "The world is drowning in weirdness and lies.....and here we are, so used to it that we're actually bored!"

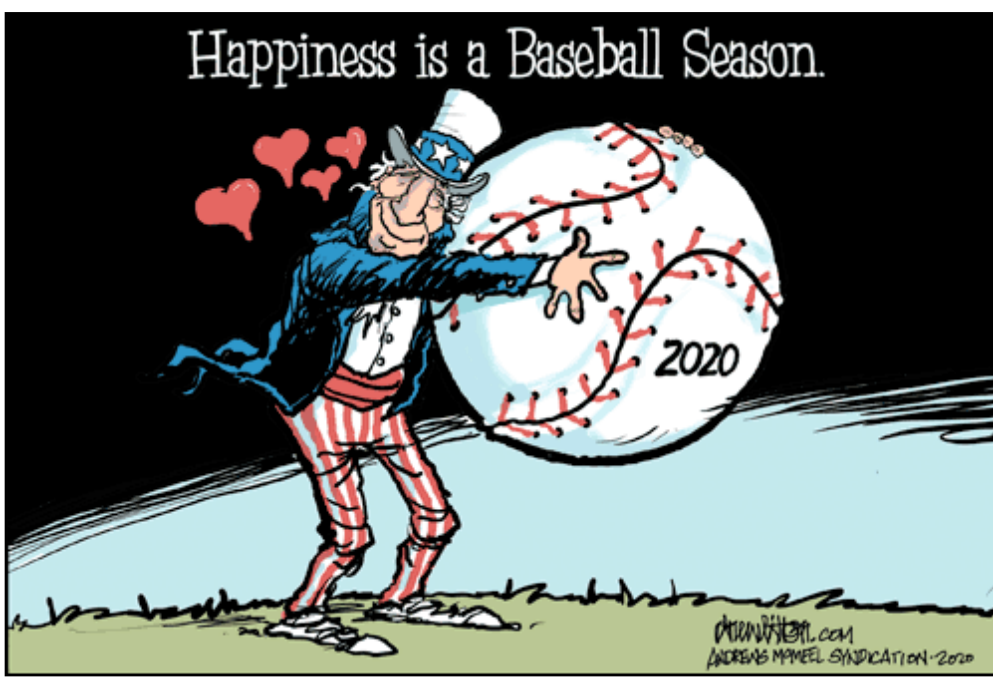
The last word of advice comes from Maya Angelou: Now, after years of observation and enough courage to admit what I have observed, I try to plant peace if I do not want discord; to plant loyalty and honesty if I want to avoid betrayal and lies.

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Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss



Triggered . . .

When two men met at a downtown Alamosa intersection on June 4, they may have had similarly spontaneous agendas, only they appear to have been opposing.

Texas native Danny Pruitt continues to recuperate with a 9-mm bullet in his head while the assailant, Robert James Marshall IV, is apparently in hiding while waiting for further action from the courts.

Today, with leadership from an experienced investigative reporter, we present an in-depth look at the backgrounds and viewpoints of the two men and what may have led to the shooting at the corner of State and Main just before 6 p.m. that evening.

"Their June 4 run-in lasted five seconds, less than an average yawn. That's all it took for one of Colorado's sleepy protests to become its most violent," our article reads.

Susan Greene, a seasoned journalist in Denver, contacted us in early June and graciously offered help on the Marshall-Pruitt story gratis. After some discussion, we accepted in these times of depleting resources.

As a writer for the Denver Post for 13 years, Greene was chief political reporter, national reporter and metro columnist. She went on to serve as editor/executive director of the nonprofit Colorado Independent for the past seven years until it merged a month ago with the Colorado Press Association and Colorado

Media Project to start a new nonprofit called the Colorado News Collaborative (COLab).

The new group is a nonprofit whose purpose is to support newspapers across the state at a time when they are strapped for reporters, especially ones experienced enough to handle especially tough stories. Greene's job, and that of her partner, Tina Griego, entails working with local papers such as the Courier on deep-dive stories those papers can't do alone. A side benefit is free training for reporters and editors.

Greene is one of the most focused journalists I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

Demanding and knowledgeable as well as a skilled writer. I was honored to be her "gopher" on many occasions and learned a lot about digging into the "weeds," even though she was often a pain in my side.

While much younger than I, Greene is the type of editor who may have kept a bottle of expensive bourbon in her desk if this was 40 years ago.

Today's story, which is longer than most of the Courier's work, took us two weeks to report. It will be shared with newspapers throughout Colorado and is an example of how, in this challenging time for our industry, news organizations can do far more working together than working alone.

With the help of Facebook friends of both

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KC at Bat



Keith R. Cerny

Artists of the San Luis Valley

Acquainting myself with the Valley's artists of today has only fueled my desire to learn more about its artistic traditions. The Southwest has experienced many migrations, with rich cultures and histories often colliding into and overlapping with one another. The subsequent art must tell these stories.

During my research, I found an oral history I'd like to share with you all today. The speaker is Eppie Archuleta and her history was recorded by a Kathryn Nelson in 1980. In 1979, Nelson began a project to document the lives and art of Hispanic women folk artists of the San Luis Valley.

She created *Los Testamentos*, a 35-minute synchronized color slide show. The show consisted of two oral histories from Eppie Archuleta, a weaver and Tiva Trujillo, a tapestry embroider. Photographs of the women and their work are layered over their speaking.

Eventually, the project evolved into an exhibit and was shown in Colorado and Wisconsin. Archuleta's history speaks to long-standing traditions in the San Luis Valley and describes the processes of weaving during her time.

Archuleta was born in 1922 in Santa Cruz, NM; but raised in the small, unincorporated town of Medanales. She moved between the San Luis Valley and Capulin for work. To support the family, Archuleta and her children worked in the potato and lettuce fields. At night, Archuleta would work on her weaving; both for pleasure and for work.

She described why: "In the daytime, they [the kids] always want to eat, want to do things. They keep coming in, hungry, so I have to go to the kitchen to cook or do something ... In the

night, everybody's asleep ... nobody bothers me. So it's better to weave at night."

Archuleta learned how to weave from her mother. "My mother always weave ... I think she learned a lot from my great-grandparents.

Then she married my daddy. He was already a professional weaver, at the time. She wanted professional work, so my daddy taught her and she got better all the time."

She described her evolved love for the task: "We had to work for the family and we made our living by weaving. They made me do it, I didn't want to. But it looks like it printed on my head pretty good. I love it now ... I just love to weave.

"We had to help our daddy so, we all had to weave. Some of them would get the wool ready and the bigger ones had to weave ... And we worked on our farm, too. We raised everything from our farm. We didn't have to go buy things from the store except our shoes. We raised all our food in the place. My mother's still doing that."

Archuleta laid out the processes of weaving: "To be a weaver, you have to have a lot of patience. If you don't have it, don't even try it. And to do a good weaving, [your] warp needs to be exact—the same thing, not one looser than the other. And the loom is supposed to be good, too ... if not the weaving will come out crooked.

"I got my wool from the San Luis Valley. I got the grey and the brown and the black. And I buy [the wool] in big quantities; so I just leave it out there in the sun and wind and God takes care of the cleaning. Then I spin, card the wool, and dye it with vegetable dye.

"I gather all the plants mostly in New Mexico

Valley Gardening

Wear red, white and blue if you can. Oh, we will be set up from 10 am to noon.

If you are so inclined, I will accept cookies—homemade or store-bought—that we will also give away.

Thank you in advance for your support! You are the BEST!

A number of folks have been asking about little tiny flies—millions of them. No one that I have talked to knows the answer as to what these are, or why this year or anything. I have heard that predators can be ordered, but that seems a little too slow for me.

I would probably recommend a hose-end sprayer that sprays, and kills a general number of insects—sometimes ants, aphids, grubs etc. are included in the mix. Hopefully, the flies are also killed. If you know more, please pass the information on to me so that I can share it.

The Miller/Moths have also numbered in the thousands at some homes, thankfully not mine. One remedy is to fill a bowl with water and a little soap. Shine a light on top of it. Hopefully, they are attracted to the shiny surface and drown.

Don't you hate it when you are reading the newspaper and the moths dive bomb you?

We have been working more in Mom's Garden.

Planted about 125 lily bulbs this week and 2 flats of wave petunias. Henry is going to help

Pruitt and Marshall we were able to piece together their mindsets before the shooting occurred. Both appear to be political and opinionated, but perhaps in opposite directions: Pruitt, a fan of President Trump and Marshall, not so much.

Facing a slew of charges including attempted murder, Marshall was described as intense and on-edge by our sources, including those on Main Street the day of the shooting. Marshall describes himself as "anti-fascist." We found it ironic that he called his law office near the scene of the shooting "Marshall Law."

Pruitt, a disabled Army veteran described as "typical Texan," led a mostly private life trying to build a home here for himself and his five-year-old daughter. He revealed his conservative political biases on Facebook.

As the investigation into the shooting continues, the biggest question remaining seems to be what color the stop light was when Pruitt advanced his truck towards protestors in the street. Marshall told investigators he acted in self-defense because he thought Pruitt was going to run over his wife.

Video captured from inside Narrow Gauge Book Cooperative appears to show none of the protestors in front of the truck just before Marshall fired his Glock into the back passenger window at Pruitt.

The best news came Thursday when we learned that Pruitt is out of the hospital and recuperating at home. This story is far from over and we will continue to follow it as best we can.

because the plants have better colors. I have already boiled the thing [the weeds] two hours. Now, I have to boil them again another two to get the color in the wool. And it takes about two hours for these weeds to get the color I want. Sometimes I don't get it, I have to go over again if I don't get the color I want."

Archuleta stressed that warp is the "most important part of weaving. It has to be straight, it has to be tight all the same." Regarding the style she used, Archuleta admitted: "My daddy was from Chimayo ... and we all learned from these Chimayo styles. So I think our designs came from there and, when we weave, we still go to these same designs a little bit."

Archuleta also learned other styles prominent in the area, highlighting the diversity of cultures within and surrounding the Valley. "We learned the Indian designs and the Spanish designs. The Chimayo. The colonials, they call em'—those striped ones. We know them all."

Eppie taught weaving to anyone who wanted to learn and passed the tradition along to her descendants. She said: "I think we've been happy. We've been married forty years already ... We're doing pretty good. We have ten children. We lost two small ones.

"They said we were supposed to have good luck, but I think we have to make our good luck. It don't come along, we have to help."

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me Saturday morning with some ornamental cabbages and maybe some Russian Sages if we have time. This garden is finally looking like what has been in my dreams for 10 years. New week 200 lily plants.

A number of you readers donated to Peyton's Wheel Chair Swing project so that you didn't have to come to my funeral. I am asking for someone to volunteer, if I pass away (many years from now—so you need to be younger than me), to make sure that this garden is never bulldozed by _____ (you know who). I would haunt many people if this ever happened—just putting that out there right now.

The flag poles for the first responder project have been ordered! I need to thank David Mize and Ron Quintana for their donations—for the second time.

This will be another great area of pride for Alamosa—in my humble opinion!

If by chance you are thinking about heading to La Garita one of these weekends but you think the old store is closed... it is open again!! The restaurant is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 6:30 am to 2 pm and the actual store stays open until 8. I keep hearing about the wonderful work that has been done on the old chapel up there, that I might head up there soon for an early breakfast!

If you are off for the next weekend—on a vacation—whatever that is, I hope you have a great Fourth of July. God Bless America and Let Freedom Ring!

Lifestyle

Triggered

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The off-grid community called Sangre de Cristo Ranches has drawn many Texans and Oklahomans, off-roaders and gun people, and at least two residents who recently were using Confederate flags as window coverings.

Pruitt spent much of the past year preparing to build a small cabin on the property where he could live with his 5-year-old daughter, Melody. He also was battling for custody with her mother in Texas until being granted primary custody in the winter.

"All he wanted was to get away and build a better life for that girl," his sister, Candace said.

Thompson, a preacher who lives down the hill from Pruitt, counseled his new friend through the rough patch. Both are veterans who share a similar "appreciation of this land, of this country," he said.

He describes Pruitt as "your typical Texan — a cowboy-hat-wearing, pickup truck-driving, downhome, morally sound kind of person" committed, above all else, to his daughter. "The very first thing he built up there is a room for her to be in, a safe place for her while he's working."

"All I know is he and the mom of his daughter got into some bad stuff and he seems to have some hard times in the past down (in) Texas. He's like a lot of people who've had bad marriages, bad lives, done things they're not necessarily proud of."

Pruitt posted a selfie on Facebook in mid-May. In it, he wore the white cowboy hat Thompson says he saves for trips into town. He was standing next to his pickup on what looks like his property, layers of foothills and the valley behind him. He looked proud. And he was smiling.

"Been here with god (a) while now. Ain't no way I'm leaving," he wrote. "I'll raise my daughter and build things back in my life. Home this is home!"

Stoking fear

The May 25th killing of George Floyd, who was Black, by a white Minneapolis police officer set off a national soul-searching, and public officials across Colorado responded. Leaders of dozens of cities, both big and small, recognized widespread frustrations about police brutality and institutional racism. They acknowledged people's pain.

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Wanting something better

Marshall and his wife, Mariah Loraine showed up for one of those first protests. They seemed to have come directly from work — he wearing a business suit and she in office attire. She was openly carrying a pistol.

"That seemed really odd,"



Courtesy photo

A roadside dedication to Danny Pruitt while he was in the hospital.

generation old-timers have learned to coexist here. In years of 4th of July and Pride parades, climate action and anti-abortion marches, there has been little turmoil.

But this spring was different. Alamosans, like all Americans, followed how protests in Minneapolis triggered others in Atlanta, Washington, DC and Los Angeles. They tracked the protests in Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo. They saw the grief and fury on marchers' faces and watched footage of fires and looting.

Alamosa Economic Development Director Kathy Rogers Woods, in an email she marked as "IMPORTANT and TIME SENSITIVE information — PLEASE READ," wrote "There have been reports that a group is planning to gather on Main Street at 11 PM TONIGHT-Monday, June 1, for what is thought to be similar activity we've been seeing in cities across the nation, of late." That group turned out to be a gaggle of high-schoolers whose plans to go downtown to spray paint buildings police easily thwarted.

But three minutes after Woods sent her email, Cathy Garcia, U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner's southern regional office director, replied all with a message reading: "Group will be in Pueblo at 6 pm tonight. Heard from Trinidad that a group will be there sometime soon and that buses would be coming from Colorado Springs."

Some in the email chain read Garcia's message to mean buses of protesters could be heading to Alamosa. And so, within a few hours, phones here were buzzing with anxious text messages about a purported caravan of radical agitators headed to bust up the town.

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said protester Jesse Marchildron. "I was like why are you carrying a gun at a peaceful protest?"

He and others say the couple protested with an intensity, even rage that stood out in the crowd of about 30. Husband and wife would lead chants, including one in Spanish. They would shake their signs and scream profanities whenever police would drive by. And they would urge fellow marchers to protect themselves against "the pigs."

One of them, Elizabeth Oxer, says Marshall was the loudest in the crowd: "But, like, not in a good way."

Miltenberger had run into Marshall at the café in the weeks and days prior. They talked longer than usual, at first about COVID, then about Floyd's killing, Black Lives Matter and police violence. He says Marshall vented about a criminal justice system he saw as broken, violent and corrupt.

"I remember feeling like whoa, James is really on edge."

Screenshots of Marshall's private Facebook page provided to the Valley Courier show him advising his Facebook friends on May 29: "How not to die while protesting." "1. Be white. 2. Carry a freedom stick," — slang for firearm — he wrote. He posted an article the next day about the National Guard and Minneapolis police forcing residents into their homes at curfew. "This isn't policing anymore. It is a hostile occupation," he wrote.

He elaborated on his views June 1. "Since being anti-fascist is about to be labeled as terrorism, I'm going to make a record: 75 years ago, our nation finished a brutal World War against fascism. 400,000 American Patriots died to protect the free world from fascism. Millions of Europeans were murdered by fascists. Millions more gave their lives to protect others from fascism's insidious ideas. Being anti-fascist is the default stance in a democracy."

"I am not an anarchist. I am not a liberal. I am not a Democrat. I am not a Republican," he wrote. "I am a human being and I want something better than this." The morning of the shooting, he posted a section of the U.S. Code about war crimes, implying National Guard members broke the law when tear-gassing and otherwise hurting protesters on U.S. soil. That afternoon, he posted a response to the argument that "Not all cops are bad." "Well, not all Germans were Nazis, but enough were," he wrote.

Four and a half hours before the shooting, he posted: "It's really hard to go to school for over 20 years, pay \$200,000, pass the bar exam and swear an oath to defend the Constitution to then watch high school bullies with badges and guns trample on civil liberties in the name of 'law and order.'"

Pruitt spent most of June 4 helping Thompson clear trees in Forbes Park, an area near their properties. Thompson offered him \$150 for his time, but he wouldn't take it. "He said, 'No, that's just what people do for people.' He's done that for me more than once, helped me out and never

asked for anything."

He says Pruitt asked if he would drive to Alamosa with him that evening for a hamburger. Thompson couldn't go because he had a 6 p.m. meeting.

"I don't think he would have gone to town if he knew people were protesting. He doesn't want nothing to do with it," Thompson said, adding that Pruitt doesn't have a TV or follow current events. "He don't care. He don't care who the president is. He wouldn't even listen if you talked about it."

But Pruitt's Facebook page shows he was following the news closely.

On May 28, he posted an article about a soldier credited with saving lives in Kansas by ramming a shooting suspect with his pickup truck. He previously had posted a picture of his own Dodge Ram 4x4, writing, "How does it go if you can't Dodge it ram it if you can't see it well hit it."

On June 1, he shared five Facebook posts related to the protests.

One was a meme picturing Black looters that read, "I don't know about you, but this doesn't look like they're grieving to me." One defended police officers, à la "not all cops are bad." One sought prayers for President Donald Trump: "He's fighting an evil we can't even imagine." One showed a T-shirt printed with an American flag and the words "You don't have to love it, but you don't have to live here either." And one was a photo of Clint Eastwood as Dirty Harry with his gun drawn, and a reference to the line, "Go ahead, make my day."

Those posts since have been scrubbed from his Facebook page.

Flashpoint

Several protesters showed up to the intersection after work. One carried a cardboard sign she had Sharpied on her lunch break. Another brought a sandwich for the intervals between red lights. They were mostly women, mostly young, and mostly white, though led by a Latina organizer.

They knew full well that their neighbors and coworkers weren't clamoring for national police reform and racial reconciliation. But they hoped that waving a sign in the middle of Main Street would make people think. They also felt like standing for something at a time when they felt powerless.

Marshall came with his wife. He wore a black T-shirt, black gloves, his signature aviator glasses and a military cap that covered his blond hair. His black face mask concealed the beard he had grown during lockdown.

He carried a sign reading "Murder is murder no matter BLUE did it." And, as he had several nights prior, he was yelling louder than the others.

Fellow protesters say he was interrupting the organizer and other young women as they led chants, recited names of Black victims of police brutality, and at one point kneeled silently on the pavement. In the video, captured by a nearby bookstore surveillance camera, you can see him marching with an exaggerated, almost militaristic gait in and out of the intersection.

The video shows a dark gray pickup approach the protesters, slow down to a near stop, then accelerate toward them. Loraine, among others, jumps out of the way.

Oxer — a 23-year-old Americorps volunteer from Iowa who identifies by the pronoun "they" — remembers thinking someone had been hit. They yelled "What the f---?" and flipped off the driver.

"Then there was the gunshot. Which was not great," they said. "At first I thought it was the guy in the truck that had done it. That was my first time ever being near a gunshot. I think I



Courier photo by Stephen Jiron

Alamosa Police recreate the crime on June 17th. Visible is the back window shot out on Danny Pruitt's Dodge Ram.

was maybe 10 feet away."

Chris Canaly heard the gunfire from up in her office. She looked down and saw women running. She said she could hear them "screaming 'Oh my god, oh my god,' at the top of their lungs."

Pruitt had been hit in the back of his head by the 9mm bullet Marshall had shot through his back window. He managed to stop his truck in the middle of the intersection. Oxer says a protester tried persuading him to get out and sit down. He said something, but they can't remember what. "And then he drove off."

Thompson was just about to start his meeting when he heard his phone ring. It rang again two more times. It was Pruitt, just shot, calling for help, he says. With each call, Thompson kept pressing the button to say he'd call back.

Pruitt drove 12 blocks toward the Adams State campus before passing out.

Marshall, in the meantime, ran from the scene with his Glock 43, phoned Randy Canney, a prominent defense lawyer in Salida, drove home to East Alamosa separately from his wife, changed his clothes and shaved off his beard, according to his arrest report.

Police arrived two hours and 40 minutes after the shooting. He told Detective John Vasquez he acted instantaneously and admitted shooting Pruitt after "he observed the truck come into contact with" his wife and feared for her safety, the report shows. The detective wrote, "As the conversation continued I told James the video footage does not show his wife as he explained and he responded the video would be wrong."

Marshall's booking shot shows him clean-shaven in a lawyerly dress shirt, head cocked back and grinning. He was facing charges of attempted 2nd-degree murder, 1st-degree assault, reckless endangerment, felony menacing, criminal mischief, illegal discharge of a firearm and prohibited use of a weapon.

Loraine bailed him out the next day on a \$60,000 bond and quit her job at the county. Canney says the couple left town almost immediately.

"They don't feel safe there."

Aftermath

Pruitt came out of his coma over the past week and was released Wednesday from UCH Health Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs. He is recovering at his sister's home in Alamosa, the bullet still lodged in his head.

He has spoken with District Attorney Robert Willett and with Alamosa police, who are still investigating the case. They took over the intersection last week to reenact the shooting. A source advising the probe says detectives have been looking into whether the traffic light was red or green when Pruitt accelerated toward the protesters, and whether any were hit. None of those we interviewed said they were.

Tom Metier, Pruitt's personal injury lawyer, says his client remembers coming to a stop at the intersection and getting shot. "He has other memories, but not that I can share right now," he said.

The city's response to the shoot has been to launch what City Manager Heather Brooks calls a "public education campaign" to keep protesters out of Alamosa's crosswalks.

In the meantime, about 3,500 people have over the past three weeks donated \$149,000 for Pruitt's and his daughter's care. "Please pray for Danny and his family, help him to keep fighting. So his little girl might, one day, have her daddy back," wrote the niece who organized the GoFundMe page.

Conservative, alt-right and fake news outlets have been playing up the story, some going so far as to report that Pruitt died of his gunshot wound. Pundits cite the shooting as proof of a national antifa uprising. Local law-and-order types speak of Pruitt as a heroic patriot with an inalienable right to drive unobstructed on his way to grab a burger.

"He has a right to get there without interference ... and defend himself in the process," said Eric Gile, who was among the locals who stood downtown earlier that week locked and loaded.

"When people are hindering (people) from getting where they need to go and blocking traffic, basically that's a small riot. ... It's destructive and, yes, a line needs to be drawn," added Larry Jack, another resident who joined the armed posse.

Whether the traffic light was red or green, Jack says he would have felt threatened by protesters standing in the intersection, even if only a dozen. He figures that he, too, would have tried to drive through them.

"It could have been me. It could have been any of us. I probably would have done the same thing," he said. "I think the country in general is sick of this, the violence, the hatred, the racism from all sides."

It is language like Jack's, implications that white folks are victimized by racism — and by protests against it — that galvanized many protesters here in the first place. But that point, several say, was lost the moment Marshall pulled the trigger. Oxer wrote in their diary the night of the shooting, "This whole thing just reinforces what detractors believe: That we all secretly just wanna set s%#@ on fire and s%#@."

They noted that Pruitt made the first provocation by driving into the protesters, and that "while he was the victim, he was also the instigator."

"But it's hard to say (that) about someone on life support."

Marshall, Oxer says, betrayed their movement, at least in Alamosa where some locals believe protesters ambushed Pruitt's truck and many more now associate them with violence.

"It sucks that someone on our side would make things a thousand times worse for us," they said.

Oxer hopes Marshall gets the "maximum punishment," and notes that the Alamosa police who questioned them did a good job. They are fully aware of that irony.

Mayor Coleman understands that "protesters didn't mean for this to happen."

"But sometimes the reality and the perception are different in people's mind," he said. "And sometimes people forget what the original purposes of the marches were all about."

Lifestyle

Weather, Water Levels & Guest Enthusiasm Drive Colorado River Outfitters Optimism For 2020 Season

DENVER – Three weeks after Gov. Jared Polis and the Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment issued guidance allowing for outdoor recreation and Colorado's 2020 rafting season to begin, outfitters across the state are increasingly optimistic that this year's season will be a success.

Ideal summer weather, inviting water temperatures and levels, and a growing demand to "get outside" are resulting in increased reservations across the state. Currently, all runs on all rivers are open to rafting, and some outfitters are operating at nearly 70% capacity, with requests for reservations picking up daily. The current snowpack levels should provide a full rafting season, with outfitters operating through mid-to-late-August (depending on the river).

"We are incredibly encouraged by the growing enthusiasm we're seeing from customers wanting to get out on the water, and enjoy a traditional Colorado summer activity," said David Costlow, CROA Executive Director. "We have defined protocols in place, and outfitters have successfully managed those protocols, ensuring that guests have the enjoyable, memorable experience they are looking for."

Members of the Colorado River Outfitters Association (CROA), offer the following insights into their businesses and expectations for the season:

Billy Marquis, Arkansas River Tours:

"Our guests' experience has been enhanced due to our new COVID procedures allowing us to provide a more personalized and private experience with our reduced trip sizes. Surprisingly, 2020 is shaping up to be one of our top seasons due to great water conditions, warm weather and demand from guests to get into the outdoors in a naturally social distancing environment."

Kevin Foley, Performance Tours:

"We're seeing a steady daily increase in reservations for both current trips and for trips throughout the summer. There seems to be a lot of pent up demand for activities in the great outdoors that combine excitement, breathtaking scenery and wide open spaces. We're very optimistic about how things are shaping up for the remainder of the summer. People are very eager to get back outside and enjoy normal summertime activities, and whitewater rafting is naturally a great option."

Gregory Cowan, Defiance Rafting:

"Our guests are dis-

covering that a couple of hours on the river provides an opportunity to disconnect from the noise and reconnect with what matters most."

The Colorado River Outfitters Association's (CROA) 2019 Economic Impact Report shows that the rafting industry hosted more than 542,400 users last year, delivering more than \$ 73.6 million in direct expenditures and resulting in more than \$188.4 million in economic impact to the state.

Bustang Service resumes Monday Most Outrider Routes begin Sunday

DENVER—Bustang and Bustang Outrider returns next week with modified schedules and a number of new protocols in place to ensure public health and safety.

"We have carefully monitored when to safely resume serving our Bustang and Outrider customers and are doing so now, with significant precautions in place that follow guidance and best practices from public health officials," said Colorado Department of Transportation Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "We ask passengers to purchase tickets in advance, to the extent possible, so that we can minimize physical interactions with drivers and maximize social distancing." Numerous measures are

being implemented to sanitize buses and keep passengers and drivers safe, including:

- Selected seats will be physically blocked to ensure proper social distancing (Bustang – 22 passengers maximum/Outrider – 16 passengers maximum)

- Face masks are required for drivers and passengers
- Drivers will be issued additional Personal Protective Equipment

- Passengers will be offered hand sanitizer wipes when boarding the bus

- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected upon completion of each route and after completion of each day's routes, including all seats, safety belt buckles,

head rests (front and back) and armrests

Additional information on the procedures being taken to maintain passenger and driver safety is available at: https://www.codot.gov/travel/bustang/assets/bustang_maintaining_public_health_safety_document.pdf

Service resumes on most Outrider routes on Sunday, June 28. Bustang begins weekday only service on Monday, June 29. Visit ridebustang.com for specific route, schedule and fare information.

Bustang and Outrider services were suspended in late March, in alignment with the Governor's statewide Stay-at-Home order.

Take your Fourth of July burgers up a notch

The year 2020 is one few people will soon forget. Life changed dramatically and perhaps forever in 2020, when the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 forced billions of people across the globe to make sacrifices in an effort to prevent the spread of the potentially deadly virus.

The sacrifices made in response to COVID-19 are perhaps most noticeable on holidays, when people accustomed to gathering with family and friends were unable to do so, or only able to do so on limited terms.

Despite those restrictions, people continued to celebrate on holidays like Easter and Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July does not figure to be any different. Fourth of July celebrations often take place in the backyard by the grill, and this year marks a perfect opportunity to expand your culinary repertoire. This recipe for "Best Burger With Blue Cheese Butter" courtesy of Eric Treuille and Birgit Erath's "Grilling" (DK Publishing) offers a new take on a backyard barbecue staple.

Best Burger With Blue Cheese Butter

Serves 4

1 pound ground chuck steak

2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon black pepper

4 1x2-inch slices blue cheese butter (see below)

4 sesame hamburger buns, halved

Combine ground steak with salt and pepper.

Divide into 4 equal-sized pieces and gently shape into 4 burgers about 1-inch-thick. Grill burgers and warm buns according to instructions below. Top burgers with butter and serve hot in sesame buns.

Outdoor cooking: Grill over hot coals for 3

minutes per side for rare, 4 minutes per side for medium rare, or 5 minutes per side for well done. Place buns cut side down on grill until warm and lightly golden, 1 minute.

Indoor cooking:

Preheat a ridged cast-iron grill pan over high heat. Cook for 3 minutes per side for rare, 4 minutes per side for medium rare, or 5 minutes per side for well done. Place buns cut side down on grill pan until warm lightly golden, 1 minute.

Blue-Cheese Butter

Makes 15 servings

16 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

4 ounces (1 cup crumbled) blue cheese

2 teaspoons black pepper

Place ingredients in a food processor or blender; pulse until well blended. Wrap in foil. Place in the freezer until hard, about 45 minutes. To serve, roll back foil and cut into 1x2-inch slices. When slicing from frozen, warm the knife under hot water first. After slicing, always tightly rewrap the unused flavored butter roll in the foil before returning to refrigerator or freezer.

Best Burger Variations

- Herbed Burger: Add 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves or 1 teaspoon dried thyme, 1 crushed garlic clove and 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion to the ground steak.

- Spicy Burger: Add 1x2 teaspoon tabasco, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce and 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard to the ground steak.

Think ahead:

Shape burgers up to 1 day in advance. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.

Cooks' Note: Overhandling the meat when shaping will result in a tough, dry burger. To guarantee a juicy burger, handle the meat as little as possible.

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Lifestyle

Kellie Veneman retiring from San Luis Valley Federal Bank



Courtesy photo
Kellie Veneman

ALAMOSA — After thirty-six years of service with San Luis Valley Federal Bank, Kellie Veneman is retiring. She has served the bank in a number of positions, beginning as the Accounting Manager, then serving as Internal Auditor, and over the last 17 years as the bank's Chief Financial

Officer. She has also been the bank's Senior Vice President since 2014. "Kellie has been a tremendous leader for the bank over her many years of service, said bank CEO Duane Bussey. The level of commitment she has shown and the quality of her work has provided a great

example for all of our staff to follow. She always put in the extra time needed to get things done in the highest-quality manner. On behalf of our entire staff and board of directors, we extend our most sincere appreciation to Kellie and wish her all the best in retirement. We will miss her financial

expertise, leadership and caring personality." Besides her service to the bank, Kellie has been involved in a number of community organizations including serving as a member of the SLV Health Operating Board and currently being a member of the Alamosa Optimist Club, serving

as club President in 2017 and 2018. She said, "I have been blessed to spend my entire career at SLV Federal. It has been a pleasure working with such an amazing staff and board of directors." Kellie will continue to reside in Alamosa with her husband Scott.

Music while you wait

ALAMOSA — The Senior Center in Alamosa sends out a great big 'thank you' goes out to DJ Mister E for providing awesome music last Wednesday, June 24th. The Rock While You Wait event was the collaboration of Efrem Ortiz, Nadine Gurule and Monica Wolfe. Since the center closed in mid-March, South-Central Colorado Seniors has continued

to provide homebound meals and grab-n-go hot meal lunch boxes for their seniors. They drive through to pick up meals at the north entrance and sometimes wait in line for quite a while. Last Wednesday, DJ Mister E set up his sound equipment outside and entertained folks from 11 am-12pm. It was a delight and everyone seemed to enjoy and appreciate it.



Courtesy photo
Seniors waiting for meals were entertained during the Rock While You Wait event.

How parents can govern screen time

Technology has transformed nearly all facets of life, including education. While desks and blackboards can still be found in the classroom, technology has become more and more influential in regard to how students learn. Many teachers now employ tablets and other devices to help students better understand their coursework. Devices can make for useful learning tools, but when does screen time cross over from useful learning tool to something that's potentially harmful to students' overall health? The American Academy of Pediatrics has produced age-specific guidelines that can help parents determine if their school-aged children are spending too much time staring at screens. Children between two and five years of age Parents should limit screen time for this age group to one hour per day of high-quality programs. The AAP advises parents to co-view with children in this age group so they can help kids understand what they're watching and how it applies to the world around them. Children ages six and older The AAP does not provide specific information regarding how many hours children ages six and older should use screen media. However, the AAP advises parents to make sure such media does not take the place of adequate sleep, physical activity and other behaviors essential to health.

In addition to following AAP recommendations about screen time as closely as possible, parents can take steps to ensure their children are not spending too much time using their devices. • Promote extracurricular activities. Urging children to participate in extracurricular activities that do not employ screen media, such as sports, music lessons and academic clubs, can be a great way to get kids to put down their devices and engage in in-person interactions with their peers. • Establish no-device hours at home. The AAP recommends that parents designate certain times of the day as media-free times for the whole family, and not just children. Parents can put down their smartphones and tablets and engage with their children without the television on. In addition, make sure devices don't make it to the dinner table, as nightly, device-free dinners together can help families build strong bonds. • Establish media-free zones. Designate certain areas of the home, such as the kitchen and dining room, as device-free zones. Keep devices out of bedrooms unless children need them to do their homework. Devices in the classroom can help young students fulfill their academic potential. Parents can govern their use outside the classroom by adhering to some simple strategies. BS208048

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Lifestyle

Lobato Anniversary

CENTER — Timothy and Vivian Lobato, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today. They were married in Center Colorado on June 27th, 1970 at St Francis Jerome Catholic Church. They both attended Center High School and met while picking potatoes in the San Luis Valley. Vivian says Timothy flirted with her by throwing rotten potatoes at her, how romantic!

Timothy is the son of Timoteo and Rose Lobato and Vivian is the daughter of Frank and Mary Arellano. Frank Arellano was one of the last Pearl Harbor Survivors in the Valley. Timothy graduated from Center High School and Vivian graduated from Coronado High School in Colorado Springs Colorado. They moved to California in 1976 where they raised their two children Adam and Rachel. Timothy's expertise as a building painter landed him a 35-year career at ROHR Industries (now BF Goodrich Aerospace) in Riverside.

Vivian organizational skills guided her through various secretarial jobs in the Inland Empire including LULAC and eventually at Chaffey Community College as an Administrative Assistant for 23 years. In 1995, Vivian was named Staff Member of the year at Chaffey. They are both active union members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and the California State Employees Association respectively.

Both Timothy and Vivian were vital contributors to their community. A born athlete, Timothy coached youth basketball at YMCA in San Bernardino and Reed Park in Riverside. A talented educator, Vivian taught Business Education classes in Redland and Fontana at Adult Schools as well as devoted her time to San Salvador Church teaching Catechism. Both Timothy and Vivian were very involved in their children's extracurricular activities. When their children danced, Vivian made costumes for Ballet Folklorico Mixquacalli while Timothy was an expert 30-second costume changer. They both assisted the Colton High School Marching Band as well as the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts of America.

Their devotion to their children allowed their children to become skilled in their own right. Adam was an Off-Broadway Performer in NYC and is now a Registered Nurse at Hospital For Special Surgery in NYC. And, Rachel is an Air Force Veteran who served during Operation Desert Watch. Both retired, Timothy competes in Century road bike races and Vivian is an artist with the needle and thread. They continue to reside in Grand Terrace California where they take care of their dogs Mugs, Matty, and Pru.



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BY: Mary L Parker
DR Specialist
No. 1459
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San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) will be conducting a record and file update this summer. We will be destroying all special education records of students whose files have been closed since July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. This effects students from Alamosa, Centennial, Center Creede, Del Norte, Mofat, Monte Vista, Mountain Valley, North Conejos, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sargent, Sierra Grande and South Conejos school districts. If any students or guardians want their complete file you can request it from the SLV BOCES office at 719 589-5851 on or before July 2nd, 2020.
Please include students Name, date of birth and your relationship to the student. Identification will be required.
No. 1469
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, and July 1, 2020.

The Town of Sanford is accepting bids to complete a roofing project for two well houses. For more information please contact Tim Crowther at SanfordPW@outlook.com.
No. 1500
Published in the Valley Courier on June 24, 26, 27, 30, July 1, and 3, 2020.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the BOE of the Sanford School District 6-J for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and has been filed in the office of superintendent where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a Special meeting of the BOE of said district at the Sanford School Library on June 30, at 6:00 P.M.
Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register objections thereto:
BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 24, 2020
Sanford School District
Marlene Crowther
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
On Ordinance No. 14-2020
NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 14-2020, an Ordinance amending Section 16-21 and adding new Sections 16-25 through 16-29 to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa to prohibit placing of snow and ice in public rights of way and on public property.
This ordinance was accepted on first reading on June 17, 2020, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, July 1, 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. 1509
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
On Ordinance No. 15-2020
NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 15-2020, an Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Alamosa County and the Town of Hooper for distribution of \$1,392,582.00 in Cares Act Funding from the State of Colorado.
This ordinance was accepted on first reading on June 17, 2020, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, July 1, 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.
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163 LOST & FOUND

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173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for two Middle School Football Coaches, a Middle School Volleyball Coach, and a Middle Schools Boys' Basketball Coach. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>, by July 8, 2020, or until the positions are filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(7/21)

221 HELP WANTED

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) Secondary Math Teacher at Centauri High School. Applicant must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be willing to work toward certification. NCSO offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Application deadline is until position is filled. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81101 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE.(7/7)

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

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

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position at Alamosa High School for the 2020-2021 school year: Science Teacher Must possess a Colorado Teacher License and an endorsement in Secondary Science. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosa.k12.co.us>. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(7/3)

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

221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

THE TOWN OF Sanford is accepting application for the Position of Town Clerk/Treasurer. Candidates must be willing to submit to background, and criminal history checks. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, applications may be picked up at Sanford Town Hall, 390 Greenleaf Street on Mondays & Tuesdays.(7/3)

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SEEKING STORE MANAGER - MUST have retail experience, extensive plant/gardening knowledge, MED Badge and be able to lift 60+ lbs. Email resume to: AlamosaGardenSupply@gmail.com.(6/30)

221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

THE TOWN OF La Jara is accepting applications for Police Officer. Must be currently Colorado POST certified; willing to submit to background and criminal history checks as well as a psychological test. Starting salary is \$36,000 with vision, dental, and medical insurance and paid holidays. Applications may be picked up at La Jara Town Hall, 221 Broadway or at Colorado Workforce Center in Alamosa.(7/3)

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

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

221 HELP WANTED

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CONSTRUCTION HELPER NEEDED. Pay dependent on experience. Call 719-849-1796.(7/1)

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

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

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

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341 - GARAGE SALES

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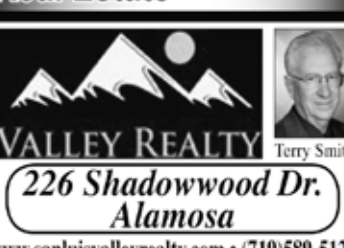


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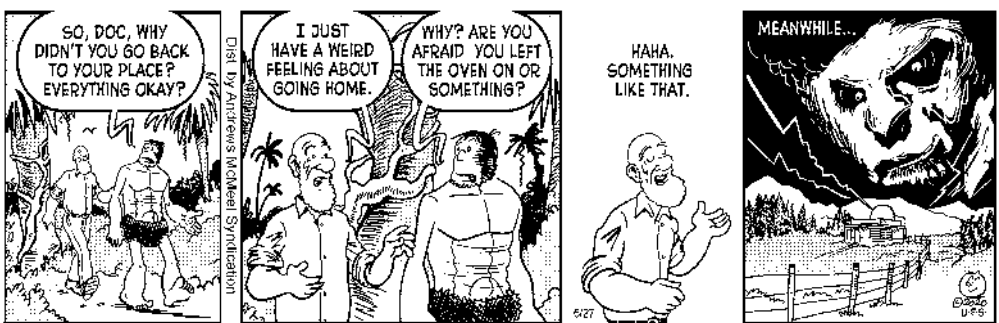
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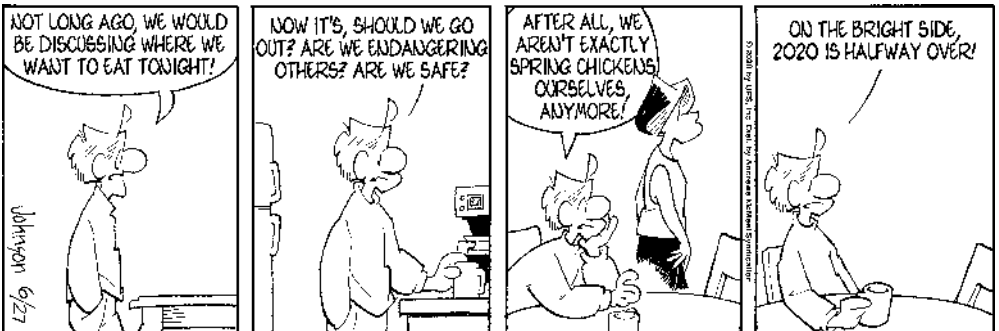
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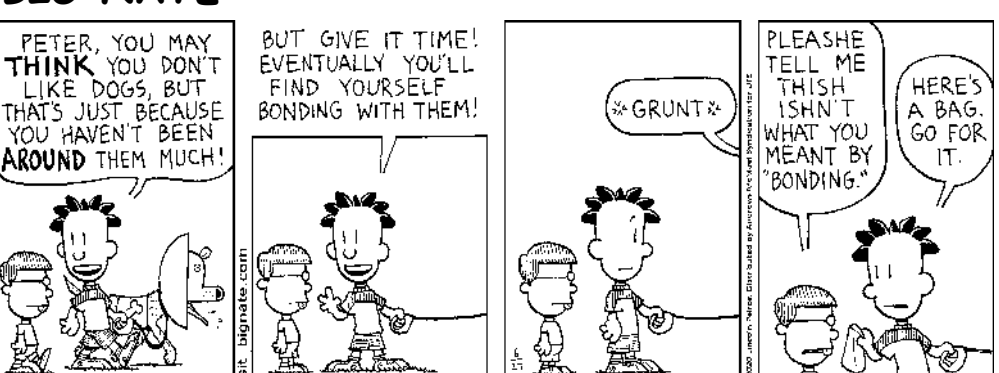
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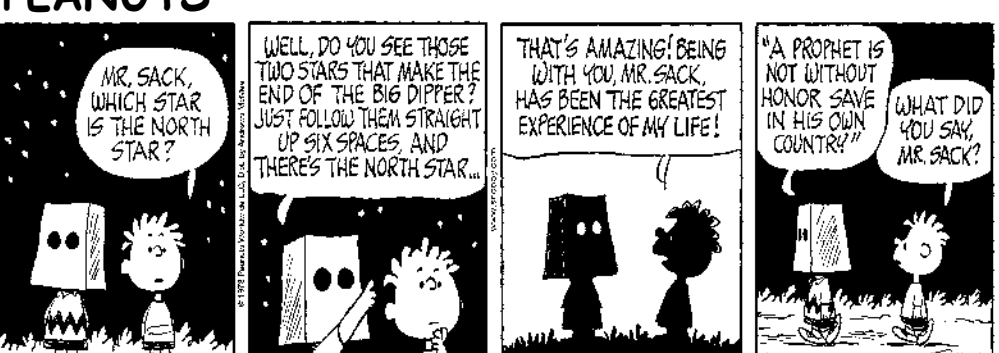
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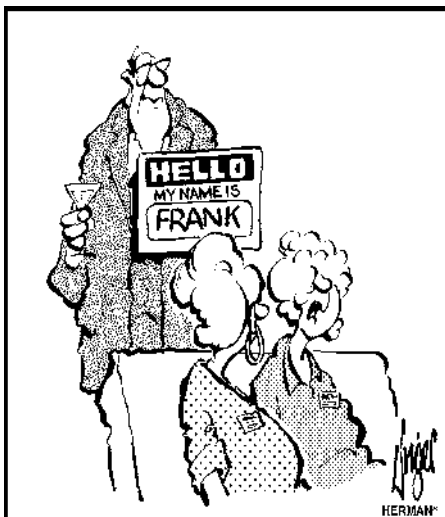
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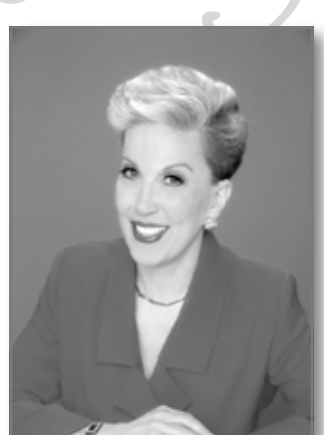
New husband's moodiness may signal deeper trouble

DEAR ABBY: I have a question about my daughter's new husband, "Brad." I haven't interfered with their marriage and don't want to, but he seems very moody and barely speaks to me. Just when I think I've found a common topic, on the next visit four or five weeks later, he doesn't say a word. During my last visit, he got very upset with my daughter because a piece of chicken fell out of his wrap while she was tasting it. She apologized twice, but her eyes were watering when I walked into the room. I wanted so badly to just hug her and ask Brad "What's wrong with you?" I have heard his tone before. Should I do anything? -- QUESTIONING IN THE SOUTH

DEAR QUESTIONING: If Brad has behaved this way before when you were visiting, is it possible that your visit was inconvenient for him? Could they be having marital problems? I don't think it would qualify as interference to ask your daughter how often her husband gets upset over things as trivial as a piece of chicken spilling out of his wrap. Exploding over something so insignificant could be an indication that there is a larger problem that hasn't been dealt with. It also would not be interfering to let your daughter know that if this happens

often, it isn't normal, and that you are -- and always will be -- there for her if she feels she needs it. DEAR ABBY: A friend died in a state that has restrictions on gathering for funerals because of the pandemic. Only those in the household, the mortuary staff and a pastor or other religious officiant can be present at the funeral. This was a good friend, Abby, someone I had known for 35 years. He and his wife, also a longtime friend, were in my wedding party. The sudden loss of this friend saddens me, and it grieves me that I cannot offer condolences in person or attend the funeral or support his widow in person. Other readers may also be facing this quandary. Do you have any suggestions? -- GRIEVING ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR GRIEVING: Ask your friend's widow if the funeral home can stream the funeral service to friends and extended family who are unable to attend in person. Call her, extend your condolences, and ask if she needs your help or if she is planning to have a memorial you can attend once the quarantine is lifted. While you're at it, ask if she would like a contribution in her late husband's name made to a particular organization. Do NOT send flowers without first asking because



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she may be inundated. And, of course, continue calling to check on her, lift her spirits and allow her to vent if she needs to, which may help her to feel less isolated and vulnerable. DEAR ABBY: I have a question about privacy. No matter when I am in the restroom, my husband feels the need to come in and hang out. Every single day. I have mentioned over and over that I would prefer some privacy, but he won't listen. I mean, come on, is nothing sacred? What gives? -- EXPOSED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR EXPOSED: You have my sympathy. Your husband either doesn't respect your need for privacy or has an insatiable desire for a captive audience. The solution to your problem may be as simple as a sturdy lock on your bathroom door.

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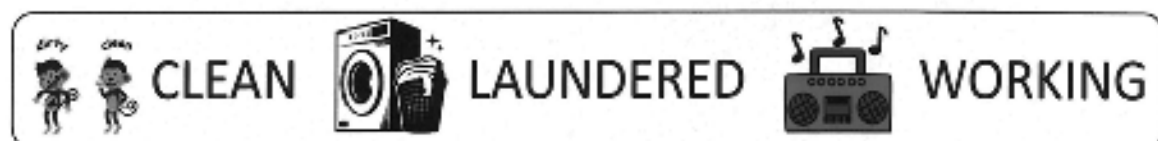
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