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Shooting victim recovering here

By SUSAN GREENE
Special to the Courier
ALAMOSA — Danny Pruitt, the driver shot by a protester June 4, was discharged from the hospital Wednesday and is back in Alamosa recovering with a .38 calibre slug in his head. "He is very pleased to have been released and very excited about getting to see his daughter. He is looking forward to trying to get his life back together," said Tom Me-

tier, his personal injury lawyer. Pruitt, 49, is a disabled Army veteran who moved from Texas to Colorado a few years ago. He owns some property in the Sangre de Cristo Ranches near Fort Garland, where he has been building a cabin to live with his 5-year-old daughter. He apparently was headed for a burger in downtown Alamosa June 4 when he stopped his

pickup truck, at least partially, at a red light on Main Street and State Avenue, then accelerated toward the group of protesters marching there in the aftermath of George Floyd's killing by police in Minneapolis. One of the protesters, Alamosa defense attorney James Marshall, 27, pulled out a Glock and shot Pruitt in the back of his head. Pruitt managed to stop his truck for

a while, then continued driving 12 blocks while in shock from the gunshot wound. Police found him unconscious near Adams State shortly after. Pruitt spent most of the last three weeks comatose in the intensive care unit of UC Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs. Despite the bullet still lodged in his head, he regained consciousness sometime in the last week and was alert and functional enough to be released on Wednesday. He is recovering at his sister's house in Alamosa, says Metier.



Courtesy photo Shooting victim Danny Pruitt is out of the hospital and recovering in Alamosa.

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Alamosa airport flies to new heights

By STEPHEN JIRON
Courier Interim Editor
ALAMOSA — Alamosa's Airport reached a new boarding milestone and is now in line for a hefty reward. The airport will be eligible to receive \$1,000,000 in federal funding thanks to breaking 100,000 enplanements for the first time in the airport's history.

Airport Manager Will Hickman presented to the Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday. As a publicly owned airport, Alamosa is eligible for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Entitlement Funds through the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

Entitlement Funds are allocated annually on a tiered system based on enplanements. A rough definition of an enplanement is a departing passenger, meaning Alamosa would only get credit for passengers departing from their airport and not connecting flights that pass through Alamosa. Anywhere from 0-8,000 enplanements would grant an airport \$150,000, which is where Alamosa has been landing in years past. From 8,000-10,000 enplanements and airports see their entitlement funds



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The Alamosa Regional Airport is eligible for \$1,000,000 in federal funding.

grow to \$600,000. For the 2019 calendar year, Alamosa cleared 10,000 enplanements and will be expecting \$1,000,000 in entitlement funds.

"Our goal was really to get to eight thousand," said Hickman "and then we kept on working and calling a lot of the charter non-scheduled part 135 operators that fly into-and-out-of here and were able to capture more enplanements that we normally would have missed." The funding will likely be going back into the airport helping with everything from building hangars to various repair and upkeep plans.

The Coronavirus has affected airport business all over the country and

Alamosa's own is no different. Alamosa is seeing COVID-19 stunt enplanement numbers for the 2020 calendar year and the expectation is it will be slowing award payments on entitlement funds from the 2019 calendar year, meaning Alamosa may not see those funds until 2021.

The Alamosa airport is also in the process of choosing a new air carrier for the essential air service (EAS) contract including Boutique Air, Denver Air Connection and the Board of County Commissioner suggestion SkyWest. It's expected that the Department of Transportation (DOT) will make its choice by August 1.

Weekends on the Rio

ALAMOSA — Weekends on the Rio are back this summer with a socially distanced version of the popular summer program! Activities consist of virtual events as well as in-person activities (with COVID-19 safety precautions) and run each weekend July 5-August 23, 2020. Weekly sched-

ules will be released each Tuesday starting June 30.

You can pick up your free 2020 activity passport at the Alamosa Public Library. Call the library at (719) 589-6592 to schedule a curbside pickup. You can also request that a free activity passport be mailed to you by filling out a quick

online request at <https://bit.ly/WotRPassport>.

Weekly schedules can be found at alamosarec.org or on Facebook at the "City of Alamosa Activities" page starting Tuesday, June 30.

For more information, please call (719) 589-2105 or email jreesor@ci.alamosa.co.us.



SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 3:00 p.m. on June 25, 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.

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| 393 | SLV POSITIVE CASES |
| (New cases: 8 since 6/24) | |
| Alamosa County | - 182 (+3) |
| Conejos County | - 15 |
| Costilla County | - 19 (+1) |
| Mineral County | - 5 (+2) |
| Rio Grande County | - 70 (+1) |
| Saguache County | - 102 (+1) |

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| 29 | HOSPITALIZED |
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ALAMOSA — Triggered: How one of Colorado's smallest protests became its most violent. An in-depth look at the shooter and victim from the downtown Alamosa shooting on June 4 and what may have led to it will appear in these pages tomorrow.

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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OBITUARIES

Pedro "Pete" Maria Vigil

CAPULIN — Heaven welcomed a loving soul Mr. Pedro (Pete) Maria Vigil Sr. June 15, 2020.

Pete joined our heavenly father 30 days shy of celebrating his 101st birthday. He was surrounded by his loving family at the time of his passing. He most recently resided in the Carmel area.

He was born July 14, 1919, in Capulin, Colorado to Venancio & Raquel Vigil. Pete was the 3rd eldest of their 8 children. He loved spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, gambling, watching the news and the Broncos.

He also enjoyed going out to eat, a chili burger and a slice of pie was a favorite staple.

We were blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Grandpa, from how to push a vehicle using just tires in between vehicles to making homemade gravy.



Grandpa was a very loved and honored man, we thank God for giving all of us so many joyous years with him. Pedro (Pete) was born and raised on the Capulin family farm. Helping his dad with operating 280 acres of hay, grain and peas.

Pete was drafted into the Army on April 18th, 1942. Pedro served in combat areas for 3 years, learning to speak multiple languages while



experiencing France, Italy, Africa and Germany during his service.

He was an anti-aircraft artillery automatic weapons crewman in World War II and also served as a vertical pointer and gunner where he maintained guns and kept supplies available for the 473rd Infantry Regiment.

Pedro was discharged from the United States Army on June 30, 1945, with many honors and



medals which included; an Excellent Marksman Medal, a Bronze Star, a Good Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal and an Honorable Service Lapel Button.

Pedro was also recognized in the community for being an outstanding individual and fighting for our country. He was re-pinned medals by Senator Michael Bennet in May of 2016 that had been stolen many years prior. He was honored by the Alamosa Kiwanis club 2017 at a veterans appreciation luncheon and was recognized as

the Grand Marshall in the Glory Days Parade in La Jara. Pedro was also recognized with his son Pete Jr. the Centennial Farm Award in August of 2018. In July 2019, Pedro celebrated his 100th birthday with his family & the American Legion who awarded him a certificate of appreciation for his service. Pedro was also represented in the Veteran Parade in Alamosa in November of 2019.

After the war, he returned home to Capulin to be united with the love of his life Mary Gallegos whom he married on February 11th, 1946. From that unity, they had 4 children.

He became a widower when his wife died at the age of 44 with double pneumonia. Leaving him to raise his 4 children. Ages 16, 15, 14 and 13.

In 1967 His son Pete Jr. married Christina Gallegos who blessed Pedro

with 3 grandchildren from their unity. From those grandchildren, he now has 7 great-grandchildren & 1 great-great-grandchild.

He is survived by his children Pete (Virginia Espinoza), Helen, Gilbert, and Veronica. His Grandchildren: Melanie (Gerald Garcia) and Amanda Vigil.

Great-Grandchildren: Mariah Vigil, Michael Martinez, Joshua Sisneros, Gabriel & Kaitlyn Garcia, Monique Salazar and Elisandro Trujillo

And Great-Great-grandchild: Xayden Sisneros

He is preceded in death by his parents Venancio and Raquel Vigil, his wife Mary Vigil, all of his siblings: Alfonso, Veronica, Rudy, Elude, Albert, Max and Ben and his grandson Michael Vigil. Cremation was chosen.

A memorial service will be concluded at a later date.

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 build-

ing 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.

Agnes "Aggie" V. Lucero

LA GARITA — Agnes "Aggie" V. Lucero, 91, was born on her uncle's ranch in La Garita, Colo. on Dec. 23, 1928, to Manuelita and Esequiel Medina and passed away June 18, 2020. Aggie was married to Frank J. Lucero on Oct. 28, 1946, who preceded her in death. Also preceded in death by her parents; and a son, Michael. Survived by her children, Patricia (Patsy) Lowry, Frank (Elena) Lucero, Sarah (Abel) Chavez, Paul Lucero, Sharon (Duane) Lucero-Walker, Jim (Connie) Lucero; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family who regarded Aggie as a second Mom. Aggie was a fun-loving, kind, gentle soul



who loved life, loved to sing and make others laugh. She was a homemaker while her children were at home making life for them so happy and fun doing everything she could to teach them the finer

things of a simple life. She worked at the Monte Vista Hospital and ended her career as "Girl Friday" for a doctor's group. When she learned to read, she read everything with great gusto and enjoyed her book club so much. Aggie didn't know many strangers, she was the "nicest person I know" people would say. Aggie did her best to instill in her children a love for the Catholic faith. Funeral services will be a family affair on Thursday, June 25, 2020, with interment of ashes at the Homelake Veterans' Cemetery next to her "Frankie" at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Sangre De Cristo Hospice. Online condolences, www.MontgomerySteward.com

Epi "Sonny" Jaramillo Jr.

FORT GARLAND — Epi "Sonny" Jaramillo Jr., passed away June 15, 2020. He had many sayings and his favorite was, "There will be a lot of broken hearts in Fort Garland when I die." Well, he was right. Leaving behind a father Epi Jaramillo Sr., a brother Mark and one son Nathaniel. Sonny was a man loved by many. He loved fishing, hunting, and cruising the mountains with all of his friends. Sonny served in the U.S. Army for three years, which inspired his son Nathaniel to follow in his footsteps. There will



be a Graveside Service on Saturday, June 27, 2020,



at 12:00 PM at the Ft. Garland Cemetery. All are welcome to come pay their respects to an amazing man as he is laid to rest. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

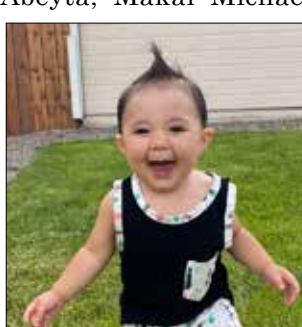
BIRTHS

Reece Brantley Koenig

LA JARA — Reece Brantley Koenig was born May 18, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Health Center of Alamosa to Mandi and Ty Koenig of La Jara. Reece weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Derrell and Margaret Shawcroft. Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Ruth Koenig. Great-grandparents are Gary and Ethel Shawcroft and Arden Tucker of Utah.

Happy Birthday Makai

ALAMOSA — Born to Michael & Brittney Abeyta, Makai Michael



Abeyta celebrated his first birthday on Wednesday. Makai has two sisters — Mikayla and Myla. Maternal grandparents are Mike Perea & Bev Cordova of Alamosa. Paternal grandparents are Ernest & Helen Abeyta of Manassa. Great-grandparents are Joe & MaryAnn Perea, Harold Cordova, Josie Chacon, & Bertha Ortiz.

Makai spent his special day with his family!

PENDING OBITUARIES

Flora S. Gallegos

ANTONITO — Flora S. Gallegos passed away June 24, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Antonito.

Katherine Schofield

TRES PIEDRAS, NM — Katherine Schofield, 92, of Tres Piedras, NM passed away on Monday June 22, 2020 at the Rio Grande Inn. The family has chosen cremation and will publish a full obituary later. Rogers Family Mortuary of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

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Valley News

Teachers call on all Coloradans to look out for kids this summer

Calls to Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline tend to decline as summer break begins

DENVER — Colorado teachers are calling upon Coloradans across the state to be their eyes and ears this summer, and call the Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline — 844-CO-4-KIDS — if they suspect a child may be experiencing abuse or neglect. When the school year ends and summer break begins, calls to the Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline drop significantly because teachers and other

school-based mandatory reporters no longer interact with children every day. “As a teacher, my duty to my students goes well beyond academic instruction,” said Cara Godbe, a third-grade teacher in Montrose. “I want to inspire my students to be the best version of themselves and ensure they thrive. When my gut tells me something seems off, and I become concerned for a child’s welfare, I am obligated to report it. My hope is that all Coloradans—neighbors, friends and members of each community — will take up that mantle this summer and help families get the support they need to keep kids safe.” In 2020, the situation is even more serious as calls to the hotline had

already dropped by 50% after students moved to online learning in late March, followed by stay-at-home orders in April and May. “Unfortunately, a decrease in calls to the hotline does not mean there is less abuse and neglect happening,” said Minna Castillo Cohen, director of the CDHS Office of Children, Youth and Families. “It just means possible abuse and neglect is going unreported. We need everyone who may be concerned about a child or youth to make the call to the hotline to ensure our kids are safe and families can be connected with resources to help them thrive.” Last year the Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline system received 219,478 calls.

Local county social services agencies assessed the safety of more than 58,214 children and youth. Of those, 13,682 experienced abuse or neglect and an additional 13,790 families received voluntary support from social services. A call to the hotline could connect a family to needed resources. Last year, nearly 70% of children and teens involved in an open child welfare case in Colorado stayed safely at home while their family received services. Some of these services may include assistance applying for benefits or classes to help parents manage stress. “I think I speak for all Colorado teachers when I say that we need you to be our eyes and ears

this summer to protect children and youth from abuse and neglect,” said Hilary Wimmer, a business teacher at Mountain Range High School and Colorado’s 2020 Teacher of the Year. “If you are concerned, make the call. It’s not your job to investigate concerns, but we all have a responsibility to make the call if there is any doubt about a child’s safety. You could be the critical link that makes a huge difference for families and kids in Colorado.” Awareness tips from teachers for all Coloradans as they interact with families from a safe distance this summer, include: Is your gut telling you something just isn’t right? Are you noticing un-

characteristic changes in a child’s behavior? Does it appear that a family is struggling, perhaps with food insecurity? Is there crying — especially endless crying — coming from a home? Are kids sharing things about their friends that concern you? Err on the side of caution. It is better to be wrong than to not report your concerns. You don’t need to have all the details when you call the hotline. Call the hotline and let the professionals determine if a family needs help. These examples are not child abuse and neglect in and of themselves, but you should listen to the concerns you’re having.

Land, Water and People

Fire restrictions are becoming more normal

By GREGG GOODLAND
As has happened many times in recent years, once again, Southwest Colorado finds itself in what can be described

as a precarious position when it comes to allowing campfires on the public lands. The general lack of moisture from late winter and through the spring has produced widespread dry conditions throughout much of the Southwest. Our long-range forecasts tell us that we shouldn’t plan on much

relief in the near future. But it rained one day last week, we should be good, shouldn’t we? Simply put, it just doesn’t work like that. Long term drying trends slowly deprive vegetation of the water needed to retain healthy fuel moisture levels. Occasional precipitation events merely suspend those drying trends for short time periods. Once vegetation moisture reaches critical levels, it takes significant amounts of moisture to return them to a healthy and less volatile condition. This is currently illustrated by looking at all the brown grass around the valley, which is ripe for wildfire. As each rain event offers a slight step in the plant’s recovery, we begin to see the advances in the change from brown to green.

determined based on professional judgement and the number of the criteria that surpass certain thresholds. The Forest Service uses a standard set of seven criteria and professional judgement to determine if fire restrictions are needed including fuel moisture content; energy release component (a measure of how intense a fire will burn); fire danger rating; existing fires and their impact on the availability of firefighting resources; number of human caused fires in the area; current and predicted weather conditions; and zone fire preparedness level.

population understands the need for fire restrictions. I often hear support from community members for fire restrictions as the conditions become drier each year. It wasn’t that way, years ago. Land managers, including many of our low-level seasonal employees, would regularly have excitable discussions with forest users and community members that often ended with folks suggesting the Forest Service is trying to control their lives. Nothing is, or could have been, farther from that being the truth. There are, simply, times when it makes sense to restrict these high-risk activities that are known to cause unwanted wildfires. Period. And, like it or not, these times are happening more

frequently. As always, the Rio Grande National Forest remains prepared to respond to smoke reports and wildfires. If needed, additional resources will be brought in to assist with both initial attack on new fire starts and providing fire prevention information and education. We all play a critical role in the prevention of unwanted wildfires. By working together and doing our part to spread the word, we increase the odds that visitors will comply with the current fire restrictions, which in turn, will hopefully reduce the chance of human-caused fires and higher levels of restrictions. Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest.

Melgares and Pampered Chef Work together to help hospital

ALAMOSA — Dawn Melgares, an independent consultant for Pampered Chef, wanted to do something to benefit the front-line employees of SLV Health. So she reached out to her Pampered Chef clients, and through sales, raised enough to purchase a variety of Pampered Chef products that would allow some of the hospital staff to create quick, healthy meals. The items included a salad chopper with a bowl, microwavable pasta cooker, lunch sack sets, and sauces, and pasta. They were delivered to SLVH’s Regional Medical Center in June, at a time when the



staff was extremely busy and appreciative of this generous donation. “The medical staff works so hard, especially with the COVID positive patients, and I wanted to do something to lift their spirits,” Melgares said.

This same principle applies to the larger vegetation such as shrubs and trees but at a much slower scale. Consider that a brown lawn can revert to green in a week, with daily watering. It makes sense then to suggest that the trees will take several weeks to change their live fuel moisture to a state where they are not as susceptible to rapid burning. Fire restrictions are

The Rio Grande National Forest initiated Stage 2 fire restrictions on May 17, which remain in place as I write this. The biggest impact of these restrictions to visitors is that open campfires are not allowed anywhere on the Rio Grande Forest. Only petroleum fueled stoves can be used throughout the rest of the Forest. Also allowed are the gas fueled campfires. Haven’t seen one yet? Check it out, they are a great substitute for a real campfire, and require much less work. I am becoming more convinced that the vast majority of our local

COVID

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If you are caring for someone who has COVID-19, wearing goggles or another type of eye protection is a good idea. 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/rural-mentalhealth, www.slvbhg.org

Pruitt

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“He’s conversant, he can talk to you. At this point, he is able to articulate what his condition is and make decisions. ... But he is very mentally tired. He’s exhausted,” Metier said, describing a “cognitive fatigue” common among people with brain injuries. “Mr. Pruitt is going to go through a period of recovery here. We’ll see what progress he can make.” Pruitt is a single dad with primary custody of his daughter, Melody. She was with her mother in Texas on the day of the shooting and is scheduled to reunite with him today. As Metier tells it, Pruitt has spo-

ken with Alamosa police, who are still investigating his shooting. He met with District Attorney Robert Willett Thursday morning. Willett is prosecuting Marshall on a slew of charges, including attempted murder. Marshall’s preliminary hearing is scheduled for August 28. He has told police Pruitt hit his wife, Mariah Loraine, with his truck at the intersection where the couple was among about a dozen people protesting. “James said he was in fear for his wife’s safety... and he fired a shot into the truck,” the police report reads.

The young defense attorney, then a year out of law school, moved to Alamosa in June 2019 with his wife, who took a job as a child welfare caseworker for the county’s Human Services Department. His law office, Marshall Law, was above Milagro’s Café at the intersection where he shot Pruitt. Lorraine bailed out her husband June 5, the day she also quit her job at the county. The couple immediately left town, says Marshall’s lawyer, Randy Canney. “They don’t feel safe there.”

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Dealing with 'fake news'

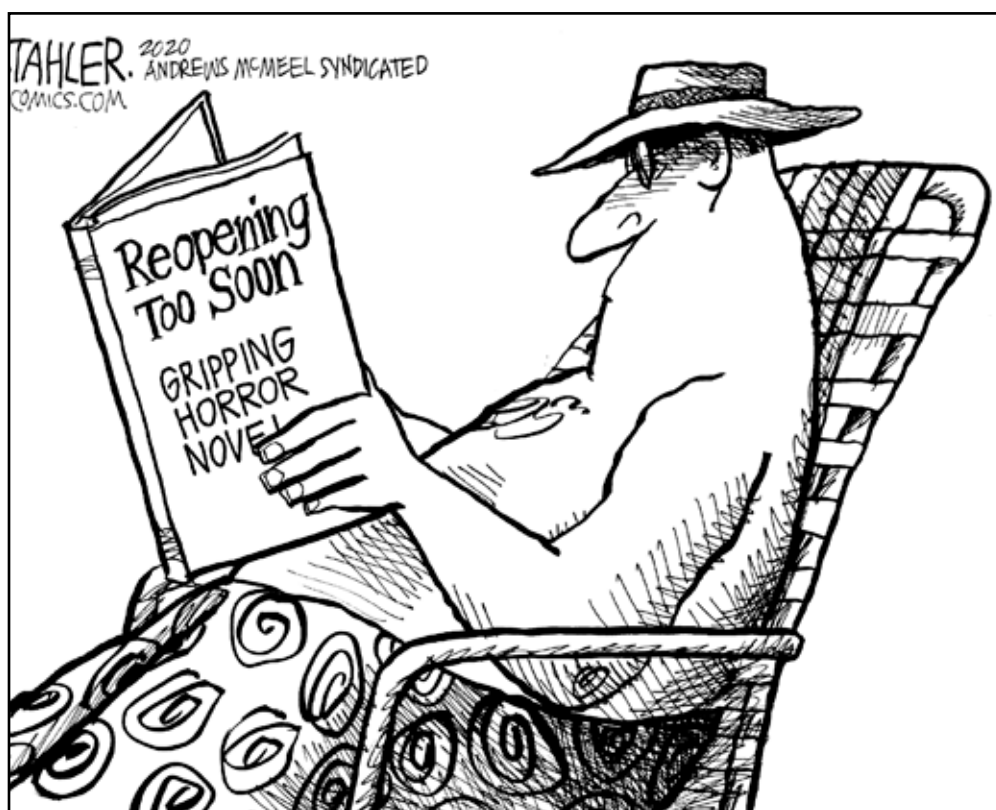
I ruined my breakfast Wednesday watching the newscasters recap political gatherings and speeches from the days before and thought of a good friend who moved to the Tulsa, Okla., area about 20 years ago. A place named Sapulpa. Advancing age wasn't kind, as our conversations were her believing she was somewhere else and I trying to convince her she truly was in Oklahoma. She sort of recalled Alamosa, but memorable details slid past. I haven't seen anyone who might know. I saw her brother at the last multi-year Alamosa High School reunion and he said she had Alzheimer's and didn't even remember him. I cried a bit and then went on. At the tail end of that thought, the TV camera panned in on a boy about 12 years old who was wearing a T-shirt that said, "Fake News."

As news media organizations recoil from COVID-19-caused cuts in advertising, the tendency of our amazing leaders to call all reports they don't like "fake news," "alternative facts" and other labels, untrue and damaging to us all. They truly don't want their deeds and misdeeds covered. Sometimes the press gets unceremoniously tossed out of press conferences and briefings. We're lucky here in the Valley. We have access to meetings and minutes we have been hard-put to obtain in the past. Driving back into town after depositing my primary ballot in the box at the Alamosa County Clerk's office, I felt confused and puzzled.

Native Writes



Sylvia Lobato



Why was that office closed to the public while liquor stores weren't? I'm old enough to recall when no alcohol was sold on Election Day and the bars were closed.

With no pot shops in Alamosa County, I don't have that wrinkle to iron out.

Pueblo does. A derogatory statement about a candidate for county commissioner was printed on a flier advertising specials at a pot shop and offering a bonus to those who marked their ballots for his opponent.

The person who mailed the fliers outwears it was a mistake and the District

Attorney there is investigating. That's another good thing about the Valley. Investigations usually turn the facts up and someone gets punished.

I looked at the gates of the cemetery across the road and recalled a handful of unsolved murders and disappearances.

President #45 is setting the stage for election irregularities with comments about mail ballots and counting issues.

His opponents aren't about to disappear. The democratic candidate is pretty much set and whoever is riding in on the elephant hasn't made his or her intentions known.

#45 is falling in the polls and the donkey is busy pulling his partisan cart upwards.

Speculation on my part would be fake

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LETTERS

Closing Arguments

As we approach the final days of this primary election, I come before you to make my "closing argument."

The difference between me and my opponent for the office of District Attorney boils down to a contest between my experience, maturity, and the ability to effectively manage the office and the fair administration of justice for victims versus inexperience. Because that's what this office is all about, the just outcome and resolution of criminal cases.

It is not about the minimum wage

or Medicare for all, as important as those issues may be in the national political dialogue. It is about justice for the victims of crime and the fair and equitable treatment of all who come before the bar of justice. This has been what my office has done and will continue to do as long as I am your District Attorney. It is about maintaining day to day operations and credibility with the courts and community. It is about hiring and keeping competent and dedicated prosecutors and staff

during times of national crisis and turmoil, with reduced budgets and increasing demands for service and accountability for those in the criminal justice arena.

In my last letter, I demonstrated the fallacy of my opponent's assertions of overcrowded jails and juvenile incarceration. As this is my final chance to ask for your vote I leave you with this thought: Why has my opponent, not even once in all of his political brochures, mailings, and advertisements addressed the core functions of the office he seeks, which is justice for the victims of crime?

Even restorative justice, as much as I support the concept and program, at-

tempts to make the victim whole as its central guiding principal. Make no mistake, there are very serious crimes pending in the Valley for which restorative justice is simply not appropriate. These cases will require me, or someone from my office, persuading a jury of people from our community to hold someone accountable by proving the allegations against an accused beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

My office and I have the experience, dedication, and integrity to fulfill this role on your behalf. I ask for your vote to continue the important work we do every day to keep our community safe and find justice for victims of crime. Thank you.



D.A. Robert S. Willett

Protect Southern Colorado: Vote NO on National Popular Vote

This fall, Colorado voters have an opportunity to weigh in on a proposal called national popular vote, a scheme which would award Colorado's presidential electoral votes to the national popular vote winner, who might not even be the candidate who wins the most votes in Colorado.

It's hard to imagine any region of the country that would be hurt as badly by the implementation of the national popular vote compact as southern Colorado. Long a battleground region in a presidential "swing" state, southern Colorado has earned attention from presidential candidates in the form of visits and attention to issues of importance to us.

Under national popular vote, the center of power in presidential politics would immediately migrate to large, metropolitan areas in California, New York, Texas and Florida.

So, it's no wonder groups that advocate for the interests of southern Colorado -- from the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, to the Alamosa Chamber of Commerce, to Action 22 -- are lining up against national popular vote. National popular vote is bad for Colorado, and particularly

bad for southern Colorado.

This November, southern Coloradans should vote NO.

Here's the simple math.

Under the current electoral college system, Colorado has nine very valuable electoral votes. To win, a candidate must build a majority (270) of electoral votes from the 50 states and the District of Columbia. As a battleground state, Colorado's nine votes have been highly coveted. Presidential candidates care about our state's interests and needs.

Not so, under national popular vote. With a mere 1.7 percent of the nation's population, Colorado's interests would be easy to ignore, or at least overlook, in favor of the wants and needs of states with large, metropolitan areas.

Likewise, consider the interests of rural Colorado and rural communities across America. To win Colorado, a candidate must compete for and care about all of Colorado. Candidates fight for our votes and our interests! As a pivotal community in a battleground state, southern Colorado has the leverage it needs to defend its interests on important issues so that

our rural voice is heard.

Consider water policy.

From agriculture, to tourism, to economic development, water is vital to our economy and our way of life. Because presidential candidates care about Colorado and its nine electoral votes, they are reluctant to sell out our water interests to thirsty, downstream users, like California.

National popular vote turns this dynamic on its head. Instead of competing for swing-state voters, candidates would turn their attention to large metropolitan regions and states with the most people.

California would have seven times as much political power as Colorado. Who would win a dispute over water policy under a national popular vote system? Hint: if a candidate is competing to appeal to and turn out California voters, not Colorado!

Still skeptical that national popular vote migrates presidential election power out of Colorado?

Follow the money. Since national popular vote is on the November ballot, proponents have to disclose their donors. In 2019, 98 percent of the money in support of Colorado's

national popular vote campaign came from out of state. And 76 percent came from California alone!

In the face of bipartisan opposition, Colorado lawmakers approved national popular vote in April 2019.

A statewide uprising ensued: 228,000 Coloradans signed petitions in opposition to national popular vote, resulting in the first successful effort to put a "citizens veto" on the ballot since 1932, meaning that implementation of national popular vote in Colorado has been suspended until voters get a chance to weigh in this fall.

Now, southern Colorado voters have an opportunity to drive a stake in the heart of an idea that would surrender Colorado's voice in presidential politics, and its leverage on water, healthcare, and other important issues. Let's make sure our voice is heard. Vote no on the national popular vote scheme this November.

Gigi Dennis
Lewis H. Entz
Former Secretary of State
Former State Senator
Former State Senator, Pueblo West

COVID aid for state and local governments

Dear Senator Gardner:
Thank you for your leadership on COVID Relief and so many other issues. I know of no one who has more consistently and effectively stood up for Southern Colorado. Time after time you are always there for us.

In these truly perilous times, you have consistently and effectively reached across the aisle to come up with solutions.

Senator, going forward many of my colleagues and I urge you to continue to push for critical and flexible assistance to State and Local Governments. Without that critical assistance communities across Colorado will face major cuts to

vital services. To quote from the letter you and Senator Bennet authored: "We strongly support funding mechanisms for states that assist with a glide path back to prosperity until the economy returns to pre-crisis conditions." This is an excellent analysis of the assistance state and local communities need along with the flexibility to do the job.

To me what is most worrisome are the cuts that law enforcement, rural schools, and local counties will face. Those cannot be sugarcoated. Many schools will require hundreds of thousands of dollars just in physical renovations needed to protect the health and safety of returning students. And as you well know, rural

schools get hit the hardest. And even in smaller communities, law enforcement has taken a hit between COVID-related budget cuts and the demands caused by recent riots and unrest.

Law enforcement and rural schools will face cuts whether the local governing body is headed by Democrats, Republicans or Independents. These cuts will be faced in every corner of the State in communities large and small.

The Senate also needs to move quickly to appropriate this assistance. Delays until after the Fourth of July or later will only exacerbate a bad situation. The Administration and the Senate leadership should know just how critical the

needs are in Colorado. I would urge those funds be sent directly to our towns, counties, and school districts as they know best how to spend those dollars wisely effectively and efficiently and without needless delays, bureaucratic red tape and political gamesmanship.

Thank you again for your tremendous work on this, and know that you have my full support. I am happy to discuss this with you and your staff at any time I look forward to seeing you in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

Senator Larry Crowder

Religion

MIT chaplain learns that mercy, justice are controversial

Earlier this year, a Catholic priest published a book entitled "Mercy: What Every Catholic Should Know," focusing on doctrine and discipleship issues that ordinarily would not cause controversy.

But these are not ordinary times. Acting as a Catholic chaplain at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Father Daniel Moloney tried to apply his words about mercy and justice to the firestorm of protests and violence unleashed by the killing of George Floyd by a white Minneapolis police officer.

In the end, the priest resigned at the request of the Archdiocese of Boston, in response to MIT administration claims that Moloney, in a June 7 email, violated a campus policy prohibiting "actions or statements that diminish the value of individuals or groups of people."

Moloney wrote, in a meditation that defied simplistic soundbites: "George Floyd was killed by a police officer, and shouldn't have been. He had not lived a virtuous life. He was convicted of several crimes, including armed robbery. ... And he was high on drugs at the time of his arrest."

"But we do not kill such people. He committed sins, but we root for sinners to change their lives and convert to the Gospel. Catholics want all life protected from conception until natural death."

Criminals have human dignity and deserve justice and mercy, the priest said. This is why Catholics are "asked to work to abolish the death penalty in this country."

On the other side of this painful equation, wrote Moloney, police officers struggle with issues of sin, anger and prejudice. Their work "often hardens them" in ways that cause "a cost to their souls." Real dangers can fuel attitudes that are "unjust and sinful," including racism.



In a passage stressed by critics, the priest wrote that the officer who knelt on Floyd's neck until he died "acted wrongly. ... The charges filed against him allege dangerous negligence, but say nothing about his state of mind. ... But he showed disregard for his life, and we cannot accept that in our law enforcement officers. It is right that he has been arrested and will be prosecuted."

"In the wake of George Floyd's death, most people in the country have framed this as an act of racism. I don't think we know that."

An editor who has worked with Moloney stressed that the scholarly priest -- with degrees from Yale University, Rome's Pontifical University of the Holy Cross and a doctorate from the University of Notre Dame -- is a precise writer.

Thus, it's important to note what he was "actually saying and, equally important, what he was not saying,"

noted Joseph Pearce in The Catholic World Report. "He wasn't saying, as some have alleged by misquoting him, that George Floyd's death was not an act of racism. He was simply saying that we don't know whether it was racist."

Citing Catholic teachings, the priest noted that "racism is a sin," and that "so is rash judgment." The email ended with these words: "Blessed are the peacemakers, our Lord tells us. May we all be counted among them."

In an online post the day before writing the fateful email, entitled "Mercy in a time of national anger," Moloney said that it helps to remember that leaders of the Civil Rights Movement -- especially the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. -- struggled to obtain justice, but also sought to "cultivate mercy."

Right now, Americans are shouting

at one another -- or worse -- about politics, class struggle and violence.

"Some people think that the right thing to do is to enact reforms of the police; others think that the right thing to do is to kill the police and bomb the precinct," wrote Moloney. "Some people think that nonviolent protests are an appropriate response; others think that injustice justifies robbing the local Target. Some people are satisfied when the bad cops are arrested, prosecuted and convicted; others want to overthrow the government. Some are just so upset that they don't know what to do."

"All agree that something deeply wrong happened to George Floyd, but our consensus stops there, at the level of justice. Mercy is the virtue that comes into play when things go wrong. Once we decide that something is unjust, we still have to decide what is the right thing to do."

Bible Digest

Friday, June 26, 2020

"If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Colossians 3:1-2 AKJV)

Are our priorities in the right place? The verse above will help make the right decisions.

Saturday, June 27, 2020

"Is not my word like as a fire? said the LORD; and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29 AKJV)

Don't underestimate the power of the Word of God.

Sunday, June 28, 2020

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19 AKJV)

The Lord is able to deliver. Pray. Trust Him for the results.

Monday, June 29, 2020

"And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with



all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13 AKJV)

The Lord is waiting on us to truly pursue Him. Are you ready?

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when you received the word of God which you heard of us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually works also in you that believe." (1 Thessalonians 2:13 AKJV)

The Bible is not the word of men. It is the Word of God. We must take it seriously.

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

"Sing aloud to God our strength; make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob." (Psalms 81:1 AKJV)

The Christian faith is a singing faith. Sing to the Lord. He is worthy to be praised.

Thursday, July 2, 2020

"For God has not called us to uncleanness, but to holiness. He therefore that despises, despises not man, but God, who has also given to us his holy Spirit." (1 Thessalonians 4:7-8 AKJV)

The Christian life is a holy life. We should bring glory to the Lord.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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| <p>AJH-Denominational Church of the Living God 11811 2nd Avenue, Hooper 719-376-2080</p> <p>Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth Thursday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>San Luis Valley Christian Center 305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista 719-852-6166</p> <p>Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>Prayer House Church 4107 Main Street, La Jara Pastor Jamie Flores - 719-296-0007</p> <p>Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm</p> <p>www.tackrowchurch.com Kim Nipple • 303-632-6942</p> <p>Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 6:00 pm</p> <p>Apostolic Alamosa Apostolic Church 510 First St., Alamosa</p> <p>Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m. 2-3 p.m. - Lunch 3-5 p.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Antonio Apostolic Church 710 Main St., Antonio</p> <p>Meets sundays 11-12 p.m. - Sunday School 12-1 p.m. - Worship service</p> <p>Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Champions, Acts 2:38 9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351 Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-686-7307</p> <p>Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Service</p> <p>Assembly of God River of Life Church 2622 Clark Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service</p> <p>Center Assembly of God 7th & Miles • P.O. 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Choir is held on Wednesday at 6pm during the summer months with a final practice at 8:15am on Sunday</p> <p>Christian Bethel Christian Church Pastor Erik Lisa</p> <p>Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m. Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Services Monday Free Music Classes Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Word of Faith Christian Center 401 Santa Fe, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night</p> <p>The Peak Community Church 510 San Juan, Alamosa</p> <p>Sundays, 6 p.m. - Fellowship Sundays, 7 p.m. - Worship & More</p> <p>Pentecostal Alamosa Pentecostal Church 184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-689-0475</p> <p>Pastor Carl Sutter</p> <p>Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45 Worship 2:00-3:00</p> <p>Christian Fellowship Church The Door 1300 West 12th St., Alamosa</p> <p>Pastor Marlin Montoya - 719-687-6197</p> <p>Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival</p> <p>Christian Independent Alamosa Christian Church 410 McQuerry, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Youth Group</p> <p>Christian Reformed Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-689-3483 1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa</p> <p>Pastor Philip VanderWint</p> <p>Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>Churches of Christ Alamosa Church of Christ 408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step group meets, every Friday at 7 p.m.</p> <p>South Fork Church of Christ 205 Birch St., South Fork, 719-673-1259</p> <p>Kevin Bradley Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Central Church of Christ 200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811</p> <p>David L. Baker Preacher</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>San Luis Valley Church of Christ 704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-689-2114</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study 9 am Sunday Worship 10 am Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm</p> <p>Cornerstone Community Church Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical Clinic Pastor Mark 719-657-9107</p> <p>Sunday 9:30 a.m. free breakfast Sunday 10:20 am - Contemporary Worship & Children Sunday School Wednesday 5:15 pm Dinner, music, fellowship, teachings</p> <p>Episcopal Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 607 4th Street, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service</p> <p>Saint Stephen the Martyr 729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista</p> <p>Sunday, 10 am Service</p> <p>First Christian Church 518 First St., (First & State) Alamosa 589-6806</p> <p>Sunday 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>Valley Fellowship 240 East 8th Street, Center - 719-754-3804</p> <p>Sunday, 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship, Prayer and Bible Study Bible Studies during the week, call for information.</p> <p>First United Methodist First United Methodist Church 2015 Mullins Ave., Alamosa 719-689-2243</p> <p>'Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors' Morning Worship - Sunday, 10:15 am Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am</p> <p>Community Churches United for Christ Community Church (SBC) "Community Centered Around Love" 7th & Broadway in Blanca 719-379-3317</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11 am</p> <p>Bible Believer's Community Church 11762 E US HWY 160 Alamosa, Co 81101</p> <p>719, 206-3239 Sunday worship 10:30 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm www.bbccchurch.co</p> <p>Presbyterian Alamosa Presbyterian Church 330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship</p> <p>Hispanic Pentecostal Iglesia Pentecostal Unida L.A. 507 Tenth St., Alamosa Guadalupe Salazar, Pastor 719-687-3545</p> <p>Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship</p> <p>New Hope Church "The Church on the Hill" 25258 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co, 81154</p> <p>Interim Pastor Ed Fleming • 719-673-1202 www.newhope1.com</p> <p>Morning Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45</p> <p>Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101 alamosafellowship@gmail.com</p> <p>Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Independent, Fundamental Baptist First Baptist Church of Costilla County 5177 County Rd H, Mesita 719-295-0011</p> <p>Pastor Paul Jones</p> <p>Sunday 9:45 am - Sunday School Sunday 10:45 am - Morning Worship Sunday 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner Sunday after dinner - Afternoon Worship Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Media, Bible Study and Prayer meeting Home Bible studies in Costilla County Meeting in different locations</p> <p>DEAF MINISTRY FOR ALL SERVICES Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Alamosa YSA Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa Second Ward 527 Weber Drive, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Third Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Fourth Ward 527 Weber Drive, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language) 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.</p> <p>Lutheran St. Peters Lutheran Church & School Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista</p> <p>Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services School K-8 Monday-Thursday</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church & School 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>"Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week" Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 689-4611, Phone: 589-3271 Conejo Canyon Community Chapel 2062 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Fellowhip Sunday 8:30 a.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Mountain Valley Church 408 State St., Alamosa Pastor Richard Penleton 589-2659 or 589-7662</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service 719-652-2655</p> <p>Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship</p> <p>Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa</p> <p>Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church 5385 Barker Street, Mosca 720-254-5664</p> <p>Reverend Hugh Hairs Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Unitarian Universalist Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa</p> <p>"North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church" 719-687-5529</p> <p>Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am Sunday United Presbyterian Church of Antonio P.O. Box 655, Antonio</p> <p>Office Hrs. Tues, 9:00am - 12:00 Sunday 9:45am - Sunday School 10:45am - Service</p> <p>Valley Church of the Nazarene 228 Madison, Monte Vista - 852-6668 Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9:00 a.m. Every other Wednesday 6 p.m. (575)758-6876 for information for class schedule</p> <p>Church of Scientology 511 Main Street, Suite #12, Alamosa 719-667-5654</p> <p>Monday and Wednesday, 7-10 p.m. - Services</p> <p>Grace Assurance Ministry Church without Religion 9661 CR 4 S., Alamosa, CO Sunday Mornings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 719-688-7004 Eric Wolf - 719-480-3577</p> |
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Understanding Faith and How It Works



What is faith? And what does it look like to actually live by faith? These are important questions, because we receive and experience the blessings God has for us through faith.

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality - faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses] (AMP).

I like to define faith as the hand that reaches out and receives what God has for us. By faith we believe what God says in His Word is true, that it's for us, and that we will receive everything He wants to give us. We believe we have His promises before we get them or experience them.

Everyone has faith, but not everyone puts their faith in God. For example, when a person sits in a chair, they have faith that the chair will hold them. People drive to work because they have faith in the traffic laws that make it possible to travel on the roads.

But first and foremost, we need to put our faith in God and the truth of the Bible.

Romans 1:17 says, "For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed in a way that awakens more faith]. As it is written... 'The just and upright shall live by faith...'

This verse reveals that we're saved by faith and we are created to live by faith. In order to live by faith, we have to release it, and there are three ways we do that: *praying, saying and doing.*

One of the main ways we hear God's voice is through His Word, which is why it's critically important for us to study the Bible. When we diligently study the Word, we get revelation of who God is, how He loves us, and what His will is for our lives. We learn how to pray for the things He wants to give us...the kind of life Jesus died for us to have.

James 4 says that people live in strife, quarrel and fighting, because they try to get what they want and they're jealous of what others have, but they can't make it happen for themselves. Verses 2-3 say, "You covet but cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures" (NIV).

Have you been trying to get something or make something happen and you're frustrated because you can't achieve it? Maybe you're struggling because you're striving to do it in your own strength or you're going after things that aren't right for you or in God's plan for your life.

We need to pray and ask God for what we want, but we need to ask for the blessings He wants to give us. I often pray like this: "God, I'm going to ask You for everything I want, but if I ask for something that's not right for me, please don't give it to me. I really only want what YOU want for me, because You know what's best for me."

Praying for the Promises of God

There are some situations where we may not know for sure what God's will is, and that's when we need to trust that if we don't get what we think we want, it's because He has something better for us. But there are many things we can ask for with assurance and confident expectation that God will give them because He promises them to us in His Word. Here are a few...

You don't have to be lonely because God is always with you (Psalm 73:23; Hebrews 13:5).

You can have peace in every situation (John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-7).

You can have God's wisdom for every decision (James 1:5).

You have the strength, in Christ, to do whatever you need to do (Philippians 4:13).

God loves you and He has an amazing plan for your life (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10; Jeremiah 29:11).

God has so much more for you than what you have experienced so far in your life. Make it your number one priority to spend time with Him every day in prayer and Bible study, and begin boldly asking Him to give you every good thing He's planned for you.

Put your faith in God in every area of your life and everything you do, and you'll discover how living by faith really is an amazing adventure!

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The Privilege of Prayer

Prayer is the greatest privilege we have! It's amazing that we can personally communicate with Almighty God, the Creator of the Universe. That means we can talk to Him and He hears us, and He wants to talk to us.

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Public Notices

San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) will be conducting a record and file update this summer. We will be destroying all special education records of students whose files have been closed since July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. This affects students from Alamosa, Centennial, Center Creede, Del Norte, Moffat, 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.

SECTION I ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF SOUTH FORK P.O. Box 369 South Fork, CO 81154 Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of Town of South Fork Municipal Water System - First Phase (Westerly System) will be received by the Town of South Fork at the mailing address of P.O. Box 369, South Fork, Colorado 81154 until 2:00 P.M. (local time) July 28th, 2020, and then publicly opened at the South Fork Community Building, 0254 US Hwy 149, South Fork, CO and read aloud.

This project consists of the installation of 35,600 linear feet of water distribution piping, installation of a water treatment building and pumping system, modification of an existing water treatment building, installation of two emergency stand-by generators, installation of service tap connections, and the installation of a new 120,000 gallon water storage tank. The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations: Davis Engineering Service, Inc., 1314 11th Street, Alamosa CO. Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at 1314 11th Street, P. O. Box 1840, Alamosa, Colorado 81101 upon payment of \$ 50.00 for digital copies or \$250.00 for full size paper copies. All inquiries can be directed to Clinton Phillips; phone number (719) 589-3004 ext. 115. No refund will be made for returned copies.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of Town of South Fork, negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. (Davis Bacon Wages). In the event that the bidder anticipates hiring employees to work on this job, the bidder should contact the local manpower office for qualified candidates. (Section 3) Prior to the awarding of the Contract, the Town of South Fork, Colorado may defer its decision for a period not to exceed (30) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract. Date: June 19th, 2020 Dan Hicks, Town Administrator No. 1498 Published in the Valley Courier on June 26, July 3, 10, and 17, 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.

221 HELP WANTED

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

THE 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)

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)

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

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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)

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 nmauliffe@slvboces.org. Application deadline is July 6, 2020 or until positions are filled. (7/3)

221 HELP WANTED

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)

THE TOWN OF LaJara 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 LaJara Town Hall, 221 Broadway or at Colorado Workforce Center in Alamosa.(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)

221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

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THE BRIDGE AT Alamosa has a personal care provider position and Server position available. We provide exceptional training. Please apply at WWW.centurypa.heshiring.com.(7/3)

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

221 HELP WANTED

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

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173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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

221 HELP WANTED

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

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)

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. NCSD 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 ccci@co.conejos.co.us. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 or 719-376-2196.(7/7)

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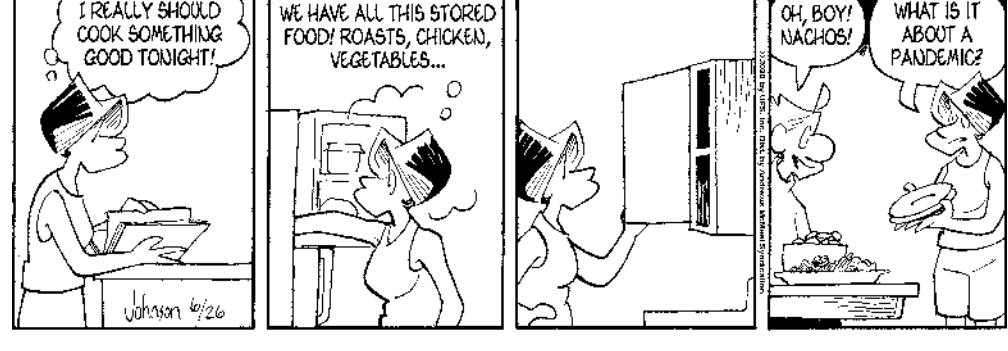
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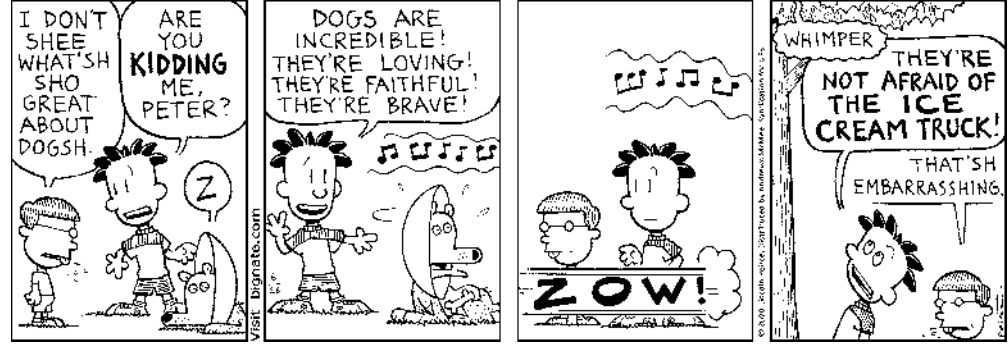
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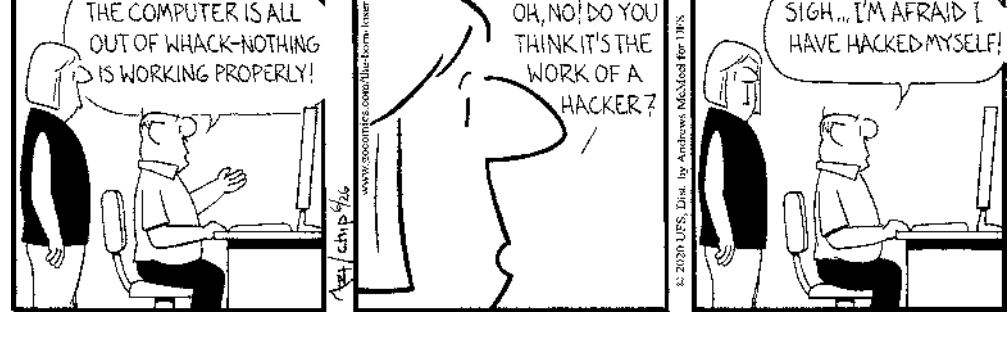
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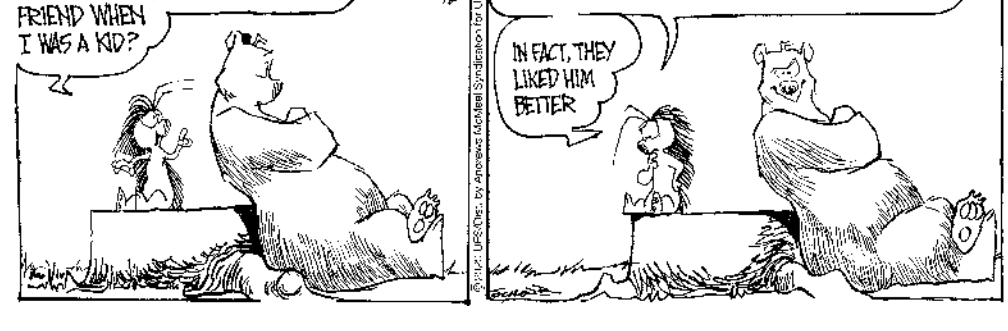
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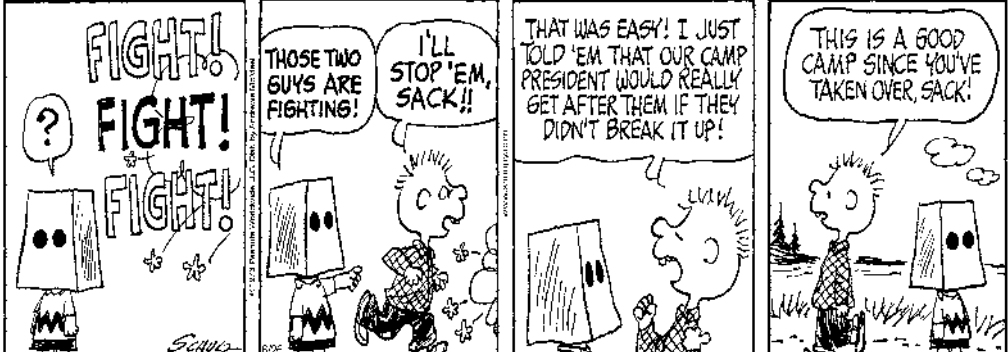
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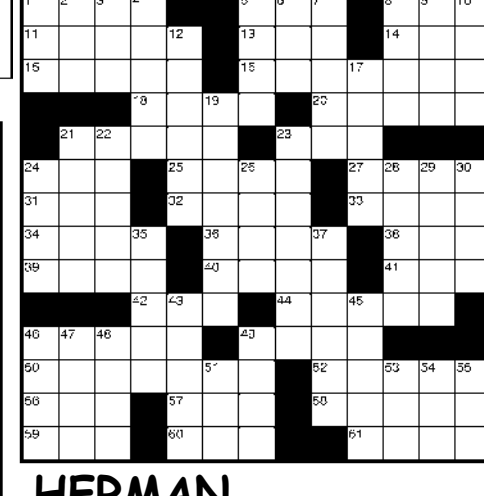


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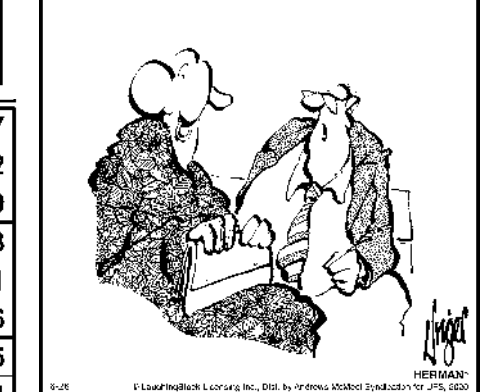
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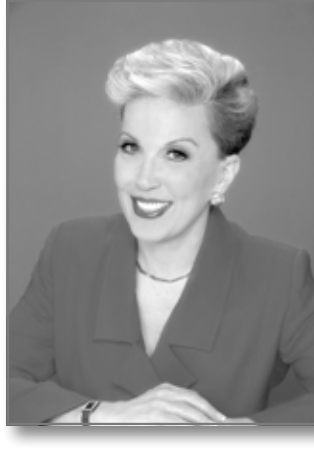


"Did you say on the phone you were 'in your 20s' or 'born in the '20s'?"

Man's unsure mental health clouds vision of the future

DEAR ABBY: I recently started dating again after ending a very difficult marriage. To say I am guarding my heart for fear of getting hurt would be an understatement. I have met someone that I can see having a future with, but some things concern me. He has been hospitalized for mental health reasons in the past. He's constantly saying, "I'm sorry I'm so screwed up" or remarking about being "crazy." He mentions his depression almost daily, and he hates being, as he puts it, "messed up in the head." He just can't seem to move past his issues. I feel like he doesn't want to move forward and start living his life again. I have lived with depression for most of my life, but it doesn't define who I am. If I don't respond to his calls or messages right away, he gets hurt and assumes I'm mad at him. My question is, am I being overly cautious based on not wanting to get hurt again, or should I take a step back? I would like to see a future with him, but I'm not sure he is ready to see any kind of a future with anyone. -- GUARDED HEART

as far along on the path to mental wellness as you are. Is this man still being treated for his issues? If not, he should be encouraged to talk with a licensed mental health professional not only about his depression, but also his glaring lack of self-esteem. From your description, I would have to say he needs a friend now more than a romance, so take plenty of time if you proceed in this relationship. If he makes progress, see where things lead. If not, then in light of your own history, it might be better for you to find someone who is stronger. DEAR ABBY: I have been in a six-year relationship. About two years into it, I found out that "Wayne" was separated, but not divorced, from his wife of 20 years. The fact that they are separated is not the issue. They live together and do things as a married couple. The wife and I have met each other several times, and I have gone to his children's graduation parties and family weddings. He has told me every year that this is the year he will file for divorce, but it still hasn't happened. I don't know why he is holding on because I do not believe they are intimate. Their children are adults, so there is nothing keeping them together. He tells me he can't live without me,



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

but his actions have proven otherwise. Do you think they are in an open marriage? Is there any hope for our future together? -- WASTING TIME IN MASSACHUSETTS DEAR WASTING TIME: Not at the rate you are going. I suspect the reason Wayne hasn't followed through and filed for divorce may be financial. He and his wife may also like things just the way they are because they can maintain their social life, he's comfortable at home and he has you to sleep with, which may be a relief to her. You have my sympathy, but I think you have invested enough time. What's going on is unfair to you. This romance was based on dishonesty on his part, and you deserve more than you have been getting.

Lifestyle

The dangers of Preeclampsia

By **STEPHANIE PORORSKE**
 Certified Nurse Midwife, SLV Health, Women's Clinic

ALAMOSA — As COVID-19 continues to grip our attention we cannot forget about the medical conditions that existed well before it. This especially rings true for pregnant women during an already stressful time. As a Certified Nurse Midwife at SLV Health, it is one's responsibility to treat pregnancy and birth as a normal part of a woman's life. Also to notice and intervene when things are going outside of normal.

Preeclampsia is a condition that goes outside of normal pregnancy and occurs in 3-4% of all pregnancies; it often starts as mild increases in a pregnant women's blood pressure and can become more dangerous over time. Worsening preeclampsia may include damage to important organs like the liver, kidneys, and brain; it may also affect the growth of the baby. If undetected and untreated preeclampsia can worsen and cause seizures, stroke, and even death. Early signs of preeclampsia are often unnoticeable, which is one of the main reasons regular visits with your provider during pregnancy is so important. At frequent appointments, blood pressure and urine checks are

simple and effective ways of detecting early signs of preeclampsia.

The Preeclampsia Common Warning Signs are: A bad headache, upper belly pain, and changes in vision such as blurred vision, flashes of light, and spots. These signs and symptoms may indicate the preeclampsia condition is worsening and that you should call your healthcare provider or 9-1-1 immediately.

Stephanie Posorske, CNM, is part of the OB/GYN team at the SLV Health Women's Health Clinic at 106 Blanca Avenue. She is a Certified Lactation Consultant. She can be reached at (719) 589-8028.



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Certified Nurse Midwife Stephanie Posorske advises a new mom as a certified lactation consultant.

The history of America's Independence Day

Few summertime holidays elicit as much excitement as the Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day in the United States. Each year, family, friends and revelers anticipate the arrival of the holiday so they can host barbecues, enjoy the sun, listen to their favorite summertime tunes, and commemorate the freedoms afforded by the monumental events that led to the holiday's establishment.

Independence Day became a federal holiday in 1941, but July 4th has stood as the birth of American independence for much longer. July 4th marks a pivotal moment in the American Revolution. According to PBS, the colonies were forced to pay taxes to England's King George III despite having no representation in the British Parliament. "Taxation without representation" became a battle cry and was one of several grievances colonists had with Great Britain.

Conflict between the colonies had been going on for at least a year before the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in June of 1776, says Military.com. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence

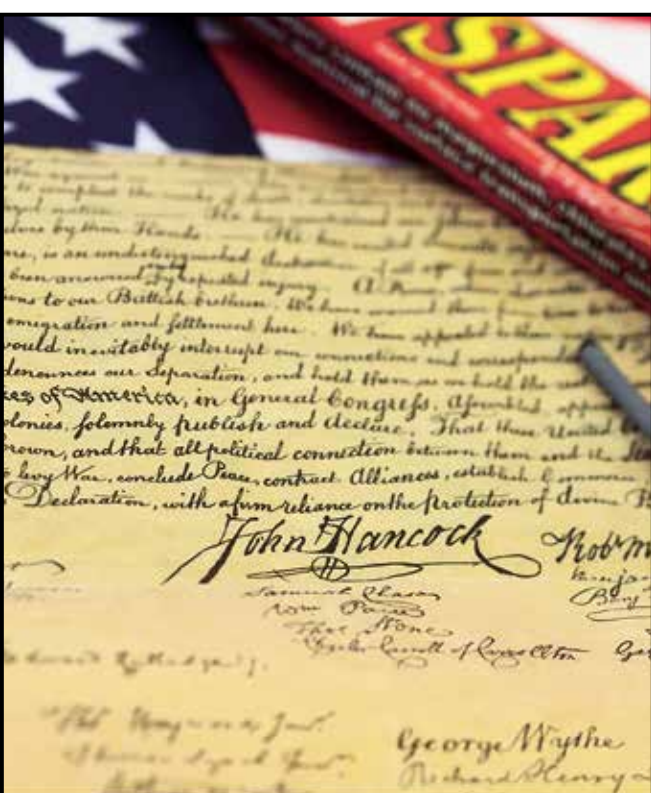
from England. Two days later, on July 4, 1776, delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence is an historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was considered the strongest and most eloquent writer of the declaration writing committee charged with putting the colonies' sentiments into words. Richard Henry Lee of Virginia was one of the first people to present a resolution for American independence, and his commentary was the impetus for the formal Declaration of Independence. A total of 86 changes were made to Jefferson's original draft until the final version was adopted. The signing of the document helped to solidify independence, and eventually lead to the formation of the United States of America.

A total of 56 delegates signed the document. Although John Hancock's signature is the largest, it did not hold more weight than the other signatures. Rather, rumor has it, Hancock signed it so large so that the "fat, old King could read it without his spectacles." However, the National Archives says it was also customary that, since Hancock was the

president of the Continental Congress, he be the first person to sign the document centered below the text.

The Pennsylvania Evening Post was the first newspaper to print the Declaration of Independence on July 6, 1776. The first public readings of the Declaration were held in Philadelphia's Independence Square on July 8, 1776. TF207131



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Lifestyle

Polis activates drought plan as severe drought expands across southern, eastern regions

DENVER — Governor Jared Polis requested activation of Colorado's Drought Task Force and Phase 2 of the State Drought Mitigation and Response Plan this week as drought conditions deepen, reaching more than 81% of the state, with severe and extreme drought conditions in 33%

of the state (40 counties). Colorado's Drought Task Force - which includes leadership from the Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Local Affairs, Public Safety, and the Colorado Water Conservation Board - determined the need to activate Phase 2 of the Drought Plan on June

18 after a third of the state reached extreme drought conditions. "Phase 2" indicates officially directing the Drought Task Force to assess initial damages and impacts of drought in areas experiencing severe or extreme drought and to recommend mitigation measures. This Phase also activates the Agricultural

Impact Task Force, which will conduct an initial assessment on physical and economic impacts and recommend opportunities for incident mitigation.

Counties impacted by abnormally dry (D0) and moderate (D1) drought will continue to be closely monitored. The 40 counties currently experi-

encing severe (D2) and extreme (D3) drought include: Alamosa, Archuleta, Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Cheyenne, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Custer, Delta, Dolores, Eagle, El Paso, Elbert, Fremont, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Huerfano, Kiowa, Kit Carson, La Plata, Las Animas, Lincoln, Mesa,

Mineral, Montezuma, Montrose, Otero, Ouray, Pitkin, Prowers, Pueblo, Rio Grande, Saguache, San Miguel, San Juan, Washington, and Yuma.

To stay informed on Colorado drought issues, sign up for the State's Drought Updates or visit the Colorado Water Conservation Board website.

Fourth of July Parade/Protest

ALAMOSA — There is an excitement building for the next valley-wide parade to be held in Alamosa on Saturday, July 4th. After the annual parade was cancelled, a local group of patriots has proposed we have an Independence Day Parade/Protest (for not having our annual event). Everyone is encouraged to join in the fun as we gather on Main Street in front of Nino's, continuing the line-up back east to La

Due Street.

The Parade/Protest will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will continue west on Main Street to Alamosa Avenue. Turning left one block to 6th Avenue, the Parade/Protest will finish on the east end of 6th Street at the old railroad property across from Bill Clarke Trucking.

This is a peaceful Parade/Protest to celebrate our freedoms and independence. We need lots

of red, white and blue and plenty of flags. Bring cars, trucks, trailers, horses, bikes, ATVs or you may

walk.

Our State Senator, Larry Crowder, will be in the parade as a member of the

American Legion's Color Guard leading the display.

This event is open to everyone in the Valley!

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Kellie Veneman retiring from San Luis Valley Federal Bank

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."



Courtesy photo
Kellie Veneman

at 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.

Unemployment claims dip below 10K

DENVER — Today the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) reported that initial claims for regular unemployment fell below 10,000 for the first time in three months with 9,882 claims filed the week ending June 20th. There were also 10,385 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims filed for the same week. Over the past 14 weeks, a total of 466,645 regular unemployment initial claims have been filed and a grand total of 588,988 claims, including federal PUA benefits.* The Department also announced it has paid out approximately \$2.7 billion in unemployment benefits since March 29th. That amount includes regular unemployment benefits, and those filing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC) claims, which provides eligible claimants an extra \$600 in federal benefits each week. Benefits paid since March 29: Regular UI: \$971.0 Million Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (gig workers/self-employed): \$327.0 Million Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (\$600/weekly UI benefits to eligible claimants): Apx. \$1.47 Billion

Total: \$2.74 Billion Benefits paid: Regular UI Week ending June 20: \$90.4 Million Most recent industry-level claims data is for the week ending June 6th. Top 10 industries with highest initial claims:** #1 Accommodation and Food Services: 1,172 (11.6% of claims for week) #2 Education Services: 1,138 (11.3%) #3 Healthcare and Social Service: 1,058 (10.5%) #4 Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services: 909 (9.0%) #5 Retail Trade: 864 (8.5%) #6 Manufacturing: 845 (8.4%) #7 Transportation and Warehousing: 670 (6.6%) #8 Construction: 510 (5.0%) #9 Professional and Technical Services: 504 (5.0%) #10 Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation: 453 (4.5%) * Initial claims are claims filed to establish benefit eligibility. Initial claims are considered a reliable leading indicator of economic activity. All applications filed are those applications for benefits filed with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and may not have been through various eligibility determination e.g. wage verification, etc.

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