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Graduation information

ALAMOSA — Schools of the San Luis Valley, if you haven't already please submit the details of your 2020 graduation to the Valley Courier at news@alamosanews.com to help get the word out to family and friends on how they can safely view their seniors finalize their high school experience.

Virtual Storytelling June 3

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Public Library is pleased to announce a live virtual performance for all ages by professional storyteller, Linda Batlin, will be broadcast Wednesday, June 3 at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

Full details are available on the library's website: www.alamosalibrary.org/summer.

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Clearing up antibody testing confusion

SLV Emergency daily update

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Six new cases were confirmed Tuesday in the San Luis Valley, bringing

the total cumulative positive case county to 226. The count for Saguache went from 92 cases to 90 cases due to corrected duplications in the State reporting system. New cases by county: Alamosa: 4, Rio Grande: 4. Eighteen total people have been hospitalized, and 99 have completed

isolation. There have been 4 deaths. Numbers are updated weekdays at slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/.

Many people are curious about the possibility of antibody testing at our healthcare facilities. While healthcare providers report they will eventually obtain these tests,

they would like to make clear that the presence of antibodies of COVID-19 does not mean that a person is immune to catching the virus again. SLV Regional Epidemiologist, Lilian Coll states, "Currently, antibody tests are primarily for research purposes. CDPHE does not recommend the use of antibody tests for diagnostic purposes because the results can be misleading. Ideally, antibody tests are given along with a PCR test for diagnosis."

Although it may be tempting to conclude that the increase in positive case numbers Valley-wide is due to increased testing, the concurrent

rise in activity in healthcare provider offices and the increase in call-line queries with COVID symptoms reported by healthcare providers strongly suggests that we are seeing an increase in community spread. There is a real possibility that employees who have tested positive for COVID were exposed while not on duty, even in workplaces where there are multiple cases discovered.

To prevent getting sick, please remember to stay close to home as much as possible, as community transmission is occurring in communities across the San Luis Valley.

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Alamosa business not to be trifled with



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron

Business owners and operators along Main Street defend their property after property defacement threat creates unrest.

By STEPHEN JIRON
Courier Interim Editor

ALAMOSA — It was an eventful evening for businesses in downtown Alamosa on Monday. Alamosa Police Department and the City of Alamosa worked swiftly to identify the individuals intent on vandalism far before their 11 p.m. plans and contact them, resolving the issue with no citations or arrests. According to Captain Joey Spangler of the Alamosa Police Department.

"We contacted them at a local home at around 11 p.m. and discussed their plans and they called it off," Spangler said, noting that there were about seven individuals contacted.

Tips from business owners and others led APD to believe that 10 to 12 teenagers were planning to graffiti Monday night.

During a time when the business sector has taken more than their fair share

of lumps, owners — backed by friends and family — were in no mood to take another. Businesses along Main street decided that the best course of action was to personally protect their interests. Shop owners up and down Main street stood without opposition to defend their livelihood.

Monday night also saw a peaceful protest just west of downtown. Spangler said around 30 people were protesting at the corner of Main and State about 11 p.m. He said the department got a noise complaint around midnight and asked the group to tone it down at which point they started to disperse.

The gathering appealed to passing traffic, spreading awareness and asking for justice for George Floyd, the victim who lost his life as the result of excessive use of police force in Minneapolis.

See ALAMOSA page 3

Valley Wide draws CARES Act grant

Staff Report

ALAMOSA — Valley Wide Health Systems, Inc. is among nine Colorado health centers receiving a combined total of \$20,240,746 in grants from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

A grant of \$1,952,527 was awarded Valley Wide. The funding is provided by the Coronavirus

Air, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and is in addition to the more than \$11.7 million provided by HHS to Colorado Community Health Centers in May and more than \$18 million provided in April.

"We must continue working to ensure doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals have the resources they

need as we work together to combat COVID-19," said Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO). "This funding from the Department of Health and Human Services will help provide support to healthcare facilities across the state of Colorado, and I will continue fighting to provide additional support for our frontline healthcare workers."

Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors



COLORADO Governor Jared Polis

DENVER — Gov. Polis signed an Executive Order Monday, transitioning from Safer at Home to Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors.

"Our state has some of the most beautiful natural open spaces in the world and we want Coloradans to enjoy our vast, great outdoors. While we are all still safer at home, we are also able to practice greater social distancing in our great outdoors than in confined indoor spaces," said Governor Jared Polis. "It may feel like we are getting back to normal, but the virus is still here, and it could surge back the moment we let our guard down. We are still far from normal. Coloradans have to remain diligent, and must continue staying home or in the great outdoors away from others as much as possible, wearing masks when we leave the house, and washing our hands. Over these next few weeks, each and every one of us has a responsibility to protect ourselves and others, especially as we begin venturing out onto our trails and open space."

"And for anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms, it's extremely important to not go to work or hang out with others and to get tested. Testing is free, easy, and quick at 47 state-supported, community testing sites across the state including at the Pepsi Center in Denver," Gov. Polis added.

"Colorado has millions of acres of accessible federal land, municipal parks, State parks, State and county open space, and other accessible areas that allow for stronger Social Distancing

in our great outdoors. Coloradans should Stay at Home or in the great outdoors away from others as much as possible and continue to limit social interactions, remain at least six feet from others not in their household, and wear non-medical facial coverings in public," the Executive Order reads.

Previously, high-risk Coloradans, those above 65 or with underlying health conditions, were required to stay home unless absolutely necessary. With this Executive Order, those individuals are now encouraged to also enjoy Colorado's outdoor spaces at a safe social distance, in addition to staying at home as much as possible. This Executive Order also directs the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to issue a corresponding Public Health Order.

CDPHE is also releasing draft guidance on houses of worship, outdoor recreation, personal recreation, and updates to the childcare and personal services guidances. Playgrounds and swimming pools can open at limited capacity and the Governor encourages people to have safe fun outdoors away from others. CDPHE is soliciting input from industry and key stakeholders on the draft guidance, and comments are due by Wednesday, at 12:00pm. Final versions will be released Thursday, June 4, 2020. CDPHE also released guidance for short-term rentals, allowing them to reopen as of June 1, 2020. Guidance issued under Safer at Home is still in effect unless updated by this Executive Order or under CDPHE.

TAXES DUE

Property Tax, Personal Property Tax & State Assessed Tax are all due to the Alamosa County Treasurer by Monday, June 15 to avoid interest.

Office is open to the public 8:00 am - 4:30 pm • Mon. - Fri. Call 719-589-3626 for questions or further assistance.

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OBITUARIES

Diego Samuel Alarid



MONTE VISTA — Diego Samuel Alarid, 81, of Albuquerque, NM went to his eternal rest on May 26, 2020. Born in Espanola, NM, he was the son of Samuel and Aurora (Rivera) Alarid and was baptized in the Catholic faith. He attended Los Alamos High School where he played basketball. Diego served in the U.S. Navy and was also a cancer survivor, which deepened his faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents who lived in Espanola, NM until their death; his daughter, Antonia Garcia (Monte Vista, CO); his sister, Ramona Williams; nephew, Michael Marquez; brother-in-law, Louis Marquez; and sev-

eral other extended family members. Diego is survived by his sisters, Lydia Marquez and Ersilia Rael (Albuquerque, NM); his children, Denise T. Ogden and husband, James (Allentown, PA); Joseph Alarid (Monte Vista, CO); 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and many other relatives

residing in Albuquerque, NM and the San Luis Valley, CO.

Diego was humble and easy-going. He was loved by all who knew him. He was a fan of UNM Lobos and the Denver Broncos. He enjoyed reading, singing, listening to music, and telling jokes. The family would like to thank the management and residents of the AHEPA 501 apartments. Thank you to the AHEPA National Housing Corporation for providing affordable housing for seniors. Arrangements entrusted to: Riverside Funeral Home of Albuquerque, 225 San Mateo Blvd NE. Due to COVID-19, services will be held at a later date.

Invitation to artists to enter Western Art Exhibit

LA VETA — The Spanish Peaks Arts Council in La Veta extends an invitation to artists working in all media, except photography, to enter the upcoming Western Rendezvous Art Exhibition. Artwork may be submitted June 11, 12, & 13, in person, between 11 am - 2 pm at the SPACe Gallery in the Park, 132 W. Ryus in La Veta. Face coverings are required and social distancing will be enforced, allowing only 4 people at one in the gallery.

Accepted artwork will be judged for cash awards by accomplished Alamosa Plein air painter, Coni Grant. Artists may enter 1, 2, or 3 pieces, with at least one piece being accepted for the show. Artwork may reflect native American or ranching culture, western wildlife, livestock, pioneers, western scenery and structures as well as past and current cultures characteristic of the Rocky Mountain West. **NO PHOTOGRAPHY.** All other media accepted. Digitally created art not based on a photo or other art is acceptable. **NO GICLEE PRINTS.** All artwork must be for sale. For more information visit the SPACe website: www.spanishpeaksarts.org or call 719 742-3074 Tues, Thurs., Friday, or Sat. between 11 am - 3 pm.

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

ALAMOSA — Veterans Therapeutic/Support Group meets every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m. at 315 State Ave. Ste 101, Alamosa. Call 588-8885 to register or email d.counselingservices@hotmail.com

SOUTH FORK — Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email mkmillermink@aol.com

ALAMOSA — The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. at the

Alamosa Public Library, 300 Hunt Ave. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-544-5720, ext. 304.

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

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

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Photography Club meets the first Wednesday at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at 379-0001 or slvphotostephen@gmail.com

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress man-

agement 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 & Lamp-lighting 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 wcouzens-smith@gmail.com

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

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

ALAMOSA — The GFWC Woman's Citi-

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.

Same number, different name

ALAMOSA — SLV Health announced a new name for the phone number that Valley residents call when they suspect they might have COVID-19 related symptoms.

The Nurse Hotline, also known as the Nurse Triage, now has a new name — the SLVH Respiratory Clinic.

As always, if you think you are experiencing an emergency, please call 911.

If you feel you might have symptoms related to COVID - 19, please call the SLVH Respiratory Clinic at 719-589-2511, and press 9. If you call after busi-



ness hours, please leave a message. Information can also be found by visiting www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org.

Renters Rights Group

VALLEY — Seeking interested renters in the SLV area to organize and discuss a plan to address and resolve unfair, unethical, and possibly discriminatory tactics used by property management companies and landlords.

If interested please contact Ramon Montoya at denverramon53@gmail.com. I can arrange a social distance meeting in Alamosa for 10 individuals. We can correspond via email, Skype or Zoom for planning and recruitment meetings.

If you are tired of maltreatment and unethical behavior by property management companies and landlords contact me. We can make a difference by advocating, speaking out and making change. Thank you.

San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

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

Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous groups.

A.A. members' primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Following are District 3 San Luis Valley AA 12-Step Meetings. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affiliated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083.

SUNDAY
5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa
7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

MONDAY
12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa
5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

TUESDAY
12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito
6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis
7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca
7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.
8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

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

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

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

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

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

AL-ANON

TUESDAY
8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY
5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior Health Group at 8745 CR 9S., Alamosa

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NarcAnon)

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

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

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School Menu - Wednesday - June 3, 2020

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SUMMER VACATION

To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

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Valley News

SLV unemployment faring better than nation and Colorado

By TREY SPAULDING

SAN LUIS VALLEY – Recently released Colorado unemployment figures from the Colorado Department of Labor and Unemployment (CDLU) for April 2020 indicate that the San Luis Valley is more resilient than most of the state. Rural Colorado counties are faring better than more urban and resort counties. The average unemployment rate for Colorado was 12.0 percent in April 2020 and nationwide the figure was 14.7 percent.

The SLV county with the lowest unemployment rate in April 2020 was Saguache with 7.0 percent unemployment. This number, however, will most likely increase due to the COVID-19 outbreak in the county in May. Saguache county is followed by Costilla county with 8.0 percent unemployment,

Conejos county at 8.3 percent, Alamosa 9.4 percent and Rio Grande with 10.7 percent unemployment.

Not seasonally adjusted employment numbers from the CDLU show that the total employed workforce for the San Luis Valley in April 2020 was 19,137, with 1,899 unemployed, equaling 9.9 percent of the SLV workforce being unemployed in April.

According to the CDLU, on May 31, 2020, there were 226 job openings advertised online in Alamosa county, 64 job openings in Rio Grande county, 19 job openings in Conejos county, 14 job openings in Costilla county and 25 openings in Saguache county. If all of these jobs were filled our unemployment percentage would drop 1 percent.

In Colorado, Cheyenne county has the lowest un-

employment rate with 2.4 percent unemployment. Cheyenne county is followed in increasing order by Kiowa county with 2.6 percent unemployment, Baca 2.7 percent, Yuma 3.3 percent, Washington 3.7 percent and Phillips with 3.8 percent unemployment.

The highest rates of unemployment are found in the counties with affluent resort communities. Nationwide other affluent resort communities like Sun Valley, Idaho have the highest unemployment rates in the state. Pitkin County, where Aspen is situated, has the highest unemployment rate in the state with 23.1 percent. Pitkin is followed in decreasing order by Gilpin with 23.0 percent unemployment, San Miguel 22.3 percent, Summit 21.1 percent, and Eagle county with 20.5 percent unemployment.

Volunteers to assemble learning-from-home kits

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

— On Wednesday, June 3, volunteers from New Mexico United, The Somos Unidos Foundation, Electric Playhouse, and Heart of America will assemble more than 1,200 education packs at Electric Playhouse in Albuquerque, NM, for nine schools and multiple health centers in the Navajo Nation communities of Pine Hill, Tohaali Community School,

and nearby school districts surrounding Gallup, NM.

Students in grades pre-K through 12 will receive grade level learning-from-home kits with books, STEM materials, a solar lantern, art supplies and a coronavirus 'stay safe' packet containing hand sanitizer, four PPE masks and critical virus prevention information. Led by national nonprofit, The Heart of America Founda-

tion in partnership with state-level officials in the Indian Affairs Department, the work is made possible by nearly 20 corporate sponsors and more than 100 individual donors from all across North America. These partners, including Swinerton Renewable Energy, Goal Zero, and several others are banding together to support families at this difficult time. The goal is to reach more than 10,000

students, through ongoing donations that will make continued distributions possible.

As the top hot spot per capita for COVID-19 cases in the country, the Navajo Nation and Native American Reservations are faced with myriad challenges – including education, as school closures have pushed learning from the classroom to the home, where electricity, education materials and school

supplies are sparse. This is the third step in a multi-phase initiative that began with the San Juan School District in Utah and Hopi Reservation in Arizona. This phase will continue to reach students of the Pueblos and Reservations of New Mexico

through late summer. Mylo Fowler and representatives from New Mexico United and its Somos Unidos Foundation will begin delivery of materials on Thursday, June 4 to ensure kits arrive prior to weekend curfew beginning Friday afternoon.

Alamosa

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Floyd's wrongful death has sparked protests and civil unrest across the country, many feared the latter had made its way into the valley. With lines being drawn in the sand across the country, Alamosa struck a nice harmony Monday night with citizens and police working together to help maintain a level of safety and understanding.

Further west, Alamosa's

Walmart was also taking no chances. After having received threats on social media the local store batted down the hatches. Before sending their employees home for the night, the establishment used pallets of product to barricade the doors and windows. Walmart continued operations on Tuesday.

Another group of 20-30 protestors were stationed across the street from the

APD offices on Fourth Street on Tuesday afternoon and again remained mainly peaceful, Spangler said, adding that organizers had contacted the department on Monday to discuss their plans.

In a trying year, Alamosa

has pulled together time and again facing every challenge as a community. Monday night showed that in a small town that's shared by friends and neighbors that would-be looters are outnumbered.



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron
Alamosa's Walmart blocks the windows and entrances Monday night after receiving threats on social media.



Alamosa County Sheriff Robert Jackson (second from the left) takes a moment out from talking to protesters Tuesday afternoon to pose for a photo.

SLV graduation details



Academic Recovery Center & Center Virtual Academy
July 6 • 10 a.m. • Center School Auditorium (No public ceremony)

Adams State University
Date: June 6
Time: 12 p.m.
Location: Online
Details: Virtual Commencement

Antonito
To be Announced • High School Gym

Byron Syring DELTA Center/ Monte Vista Online Academy
To be Announced • Central Auditorium

Center
Date: August 1
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Center High School gym

Del Norte
Date: June 6
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Upper Rio Grande School District (New School)

Moffat
TBA

Monte Vista
Date: August 1
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Monte Vista High school gym

Sanford
Date: June 5
Time: 6-7 p.m.
Location: Sanford High School

Sangre de Cristo
Date: July 3
Time: 6 p.m.
Location/Attendance: TBA

Trinidad State Junior College
Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Location: Are considering other options including a virtual graduation or a commencement at a later date.

COVID

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Don't go out unless it's necessary, and if you do go out, wear a mask and wash your hands thoroughly upon return. Take advantage of no-contact services provided by restaurants and businesses. If you do get sick, stay home for at least ten days after symptoms start and 72 hrs after your fever has broken. Call one of the hospital call-lines below to get tested, and inform people you've

been around that you are sick.

- Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990
- SLV Health Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext. 9
- Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9

For general questions about COVID in the SLV, please call 719-480-8719 or email slvepr@alamo-sacounty.org.

SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2020. All numbers are cumulative. If there are discrepancies between these numbers and those showing on the state's data website, use these local numbers.

226	SLV POSITIVE CASES
Alamosa County - 87	
Conejos County - 2	
Costilla County - 7	
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Opinion

God Bless America...

HOLLYWOOD — God Bless America, and how's everybody? President Trump gave the nation's Democratic mayors and governors a warning Monday that he would bring out the military if they don't halt the lawlessness. An hour later, I got stuck in downtown Beverly Hills when the curfew hit.

The good news is, I got all my Christmas shopping done.

L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti addressed reporters at City Hall on Monday and announced an early curfew that was ignored by troublemakers. I have a strong feeling some of the rioters live in my neighborhood here in West Hollywood. Last night looters broke into my apartment and spruced it up.

President Trump addressed the country Monday and he expressed his support for the peaceful protestors and announced measures against the rioters. They all seem healthy as horses. The bad news is, the streets of the big cities are in chaos, the good news is, it appears that tear gas cures COVID-19.

President Trump got on the phone with the nation's governors Monday and chewed them out for not being tough enough on rioters. This morning while driving to the grocery store, my Check Engine light started flashing. I could just kick myself for burning down the Auto Zone store last night.

Los Angeles cops had a tough time rounding up looters because they were in cars and tipping each other off on social media. In West Hollywood, looters broke open a 7-Eleven delivery truck in the parking lot and made off with forty-two cases of Red Bull. How do these thieves sleep at night?

BET's Robert Johnson proposed fourteen trillion dollars in reparations for black people Monday. The black billionaire ripped liberals who pretend to know what's best for blacks. I hate it when white people get all intellectual and start talking about Mozart when they've never seen one of his paintings.

The Beverly Hills Police issued a five o'clock curfew Monday followed by a six o'clock curfew issued by West Hollywood sheriffs. It's endless. I don't want to say that the riot curfew on top of the Covid shutdowns has us all stir crazy, but Netflix just told me we need to start seeing other people.

President Trump walked across to St. John's Episcopal Church Monday to examine the rioting fire damage but the bishop took up for the rioters and ripped Trump. My church can be a little too easy-grace in its theology. In the foyer of St John's they have a granite display of the Ten Suggestions.

The Washington Post published an article sympathetic to the Minneapolis rioters, interviewing riot leaders to hear their resentments against the cops. One young protestor said no white person is ever killed trying to pass a counterfeit Twenty. It's cute to find a kid who's never met a drug dealer.

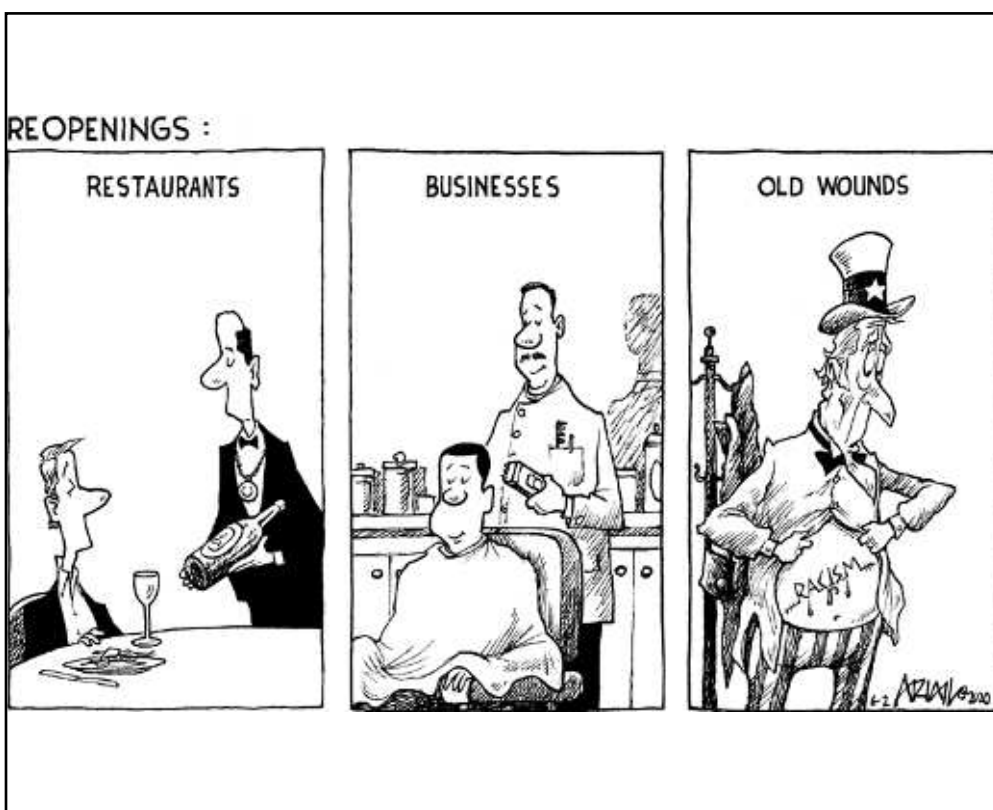
Los Angeles restaurants reopened Saturday so I joined friends at the Rainbow Bar and Grill on Sunset, where I discovered their Men's Room now has a floor mark where you're expected to stand six feet from the urinal. Gone are the days I could make that shot. It's straight-out senior abuse.

The British Medical Journal Lancet conducted a study of memory enhancing pills to ascertain the five safest and most brain-enhancing store brands. Some have pharmaceutical, some herbal ingredients. If there's one thing I hate, it's walking into a store and forgetting what I was there to loot.

President Trump issued an order Friday ending Hong Kong's special trade status with the U.S. due to China's crackdown and takeover. It's real. On Sunday I asked a Facebook friend from a prominent Hong Kong family how her freedom was being affected, and she said she can't complain.



Argus Hamilton



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Amara's Corner

Hello, my name is Hunter. I'm 20-yr old. I'm writing my story to try and help others who have gone through the same things with their parents, and as adults, are struggling with drugs as individuals, and how it affects others as well. First, I'll tell you about my childhood and how it led me to do drugs.

When I was 6-yr old my mom got cancer. It devastated my whole family. At first, I was too young to realize my mom was using drugs which eventually killed her because she didn't stop and didn't listen to her doctor. I was too young to realize she was using, but I knew something was up. Then, I got older and asked questions. Of course, she lied to me at first. Then, she said it was for the pain, but she got pain meds for the pain. So, every first of the month we'd be out of food and she'd go spend the rent money on crack and would be gone for days.

While she would be gone, my brother and I would be struggling to eat. I looked and looked for her but couldn't find her. I'd have to steal so I could eat, as well as my brother. So, I saw this was her routine and would start noticing where she would go. So, I would go steal food before the 1st to be ready for it. That happened from when I was 8-yr old until I was 15-yr old. Her drug of choice was meth which a year later, I picked up because I saw her do it and thought it was ok, plus kids were doing it and I wanted to be cool. My mom would beat me while she was coming down [from

her drug-high]. I wasn't the best kid, by no means, but you shouldn't beat your kids because you don't have your drugs.

My brother left to go live with my dad. I stayed because mom was sick and plus my dad wouldn't let me because he didn't like me. And my soon-to-be-wife, later down the line, was 7-months pregnant with my 1st outta 3, now.

I started doing meth pretty heavy and started to always THINK I had to have it. So, I'd steal from people, steal from houses, take things outta people's sheds, cars, even things out of my house to sell just so I could have it. My mind had to have it. If I didn't, I'd emotionally hurt the people I love, which is never good.

If there's anyone reading this, going through the same things I went through as a child, don't be dumb like me - tell someone! And, if you're struggling with meth, here's some advice a wise man told me recently that's been manifesting through my head. Meth is psychological - it's all in your head. You THINK about it, therefore you have to have it - well you think you have to have it.

There's no physical withdrawal from doing meth. You don't hurt like you do from opioid withdrawal.

I have some advice for You: surround yourself with better people. You are the people you hang around with so if you're hanging around druggies, people who steal, gangs, if you're not already, you will eventually be right there with them doing the

Amarah's Corner



'Kids Like Me'

Beautiful flowers in Alamosa despite drought and wind

About this time of the year, I often report on the state of our Alamosa garden. It's definitely a mixed bag this year! Crabapples (Malus species) bloomed beautifully in downtown Alamosa by May 1; in our yard by May 5. Usually, they don't bloom until a week or two later. I often felt that they bloomed the week AFTER Adams State graduation. This year they bloomed just in time, but there was no onsite commencement!

I've often associated the height of lilac (Syringa vulgaris) bloom during the yearly festival in Cole Park the first weekend in June. Ours will all be done then - my purple ones were done five days ago, but there are still some white blooms nodding their heads. Of course, there is no festival this year so out of town visitors to the festival won't be disappointed.

We are definitely in drought. By the end of May, we've had only .79 inches of precipitation this year compared to 4.69 inches last year - almost four inches of precipitation difference! This is according to Wunderground.com. Some other sites may be more accurate, but I've used this one for many years and want to remain consistent.

It's also been very windy this spring to my mind. On top of this, we had high temperatures of over 75 for the first two weeks of May when average temperatures don't top 68. And three of the days those were record breakers of 80 or above (some weather sources reported we had a week of record-

breaking highs).

So what was lost in our garden? My biggest sadness is the loss of a wonderful Autumn Blaze maple (Acer x freemanii) that we'd had for 8 or more years. It's just dead and since it doesn't develop suckers from the roots, there is no hope.

We lost a Canada chokecherry (Prunus virginiana 'Shubert') a few years ago, but as it promotes suckers. I now have a healthy Canada chokecherry shrub.

It could be that warm February weather encouraged the sap to come up due to relatively high daily temperatures (most of which were in the 40's and 50's) that plummeted quickly in the night to below freezing. This could have caused the liquid in the cells to freeze and burst rather than drain down to the protected roots. On more than 1/3 of the days the temperature range was more than 35 degrees.

I was also surprised to see that most of our pussytoes (Antennaria dioica - natives I acquired outside of Gunnison) and mint (Mentha ?) haven't returned. Both of these have done well in past drought years - have had them for 15-20 years. I'm also not seeing much in the way of Shasta daisies (Leucanthemum x superbum) or gloriosa daisies (Rudbeckia hirta ? - these are lush than the black-eyed Susans along highways) popping up. They are usually small at this time of the year but in abundance. Fortunately, I have lots of gloriosa daisy seeds I harvested from last year - they tend to do well from seed. Shasta daisies I buy from nurseries as my attempts

from seeds haven't worked out. Sadly, the only ones I've seen so far are rated at zone 5 - I only plant zone 3 or zone 4 flowers. Some folks downtown, where plants are more protected, may get away with zone 5 plants. We are on the west end of town and get buffeted by high winds and there are no trees and no close buildings to the west of us so we tend to be colder.

What is doing well in this dry, windy year? Reliable red and pink yarrow (Achillea species) seems to be doing very well and bloomed a week earlier than usual as did purple creeping Veronica (Veronica liwanensis?). Also, bush honeysuckle Arnold's red (Lonicera tatarian 'Arnolds Red') did well in all locations in the garden. I added this shrub about five years ago for the first time.

It tends to have the earliest flowers and has pleasant leaves the remainder of the season. As far as I can tell, it doesn't sucker and keeps a neat, dense form. I now have six specimens in different locations in the garden and all are doing very well.

Wild red roses (Rosa) have bloomed a week earlier than usual as have yellow Harrison roses (Rosa Harrison). I'm seeing more dead branches than I like, but blooms are prolific.

I'm wishing you a wonderful summer of gardening, but encourage you to really watch your watering. The city has an ordinance, but be sure to water enough.

"I hope that while so many people are out smelling the flowers, someone is taking the time to plant some." Herbert Rappaport

Alamosa Landscapes



Marilyn Loser

LETTERS

The candidate with the most votes should win the presidency

The President and Vice President are our only elected office holders that represent the entire United States. It makes a lot of sense that those two officers should be elected by the largest number of Americans who vote.

That's not required now, of course. We all know this from seeing the second-place finisher become President in 2000 and 2016, but many people don't know it happened three times in the 1800s too. There have also been many close calls where the candidate who came

in second could have won if just a few thousand votes in a state or two went the other way.

The Presidential election is the only one in the country where the second-place finisher can actually win. The National Popular Vote interstate compact would change that by making sure the candidate who gets the most popular votes throughout the United States becomes President.

I'm voting YES on the National Popular

Vote referendum here in Colorado during the fall election and I encourage residents of the San Luis Valley to do the same. I also encourage interested readers to explore the vast amount of information that's been compiled over the years in support of this proposed change to the way we elect the President. It's all free by visiting <https://www.nationalpopularvote.com/>.

Nancy Harcourt
Del Norte, Colorado

Lifestyle

City and County partner to save trees near the airport

ALAMOSA—Some of the oldest and arguably most majestic trees in the City of Alamosa must be trimmed for airplane approach safety reasons at the municipal cemetery adjacent to the San Luis Valley Airport in Alamosa. San Luis Valley Airport Manager Will Hickman notified the City in early May that six Colorado Blue Spruce trees interfere with FAA minimum landing clearances north of the Runway 20 approach. The height of the trees also prevents circling approaches to land at night.

City Parks Manager Jeremy Arellano estimates the trees are close to 100 years old.

In consultation with the City of Alamosa Tree Board, the decision to trim the trees versus removal and replacement was made given their mature and healthy stature and ability to withstand some minor pruning. Though “topping” an evergreen tree can be problematic; methods will be used to promote continued tree health and traditional aesthetics while removing enough height to allow for at least five years of growth.

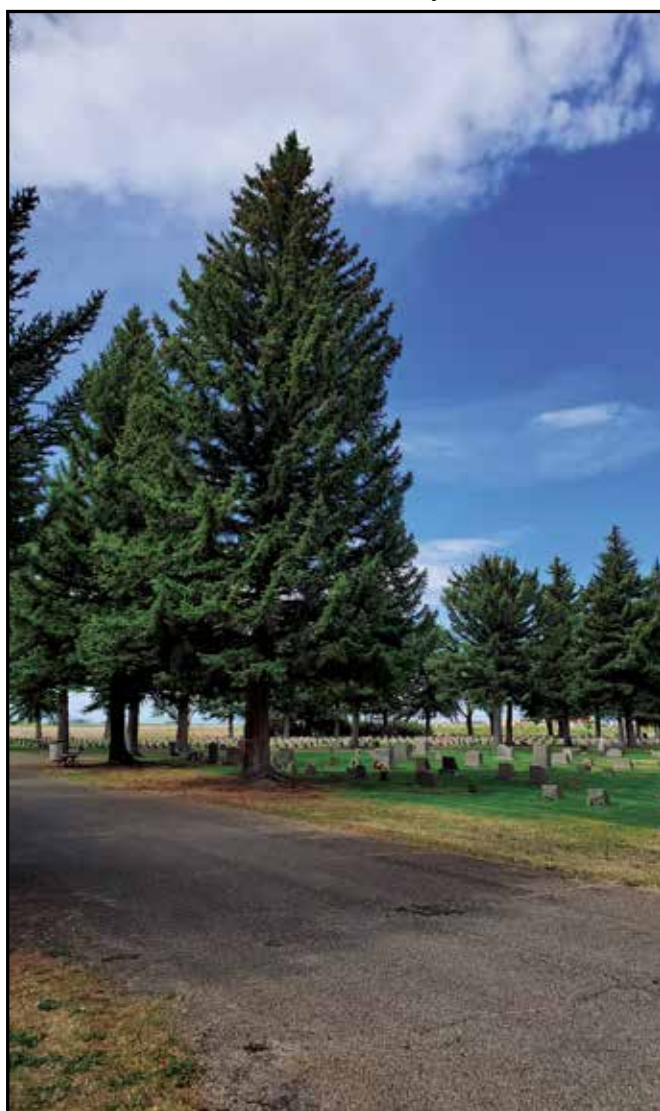
The City and County have agreed to split the costs of trimming of the trees; a specialist contractor is being brought in given the height the work must be completed at.

Will Hickman stated “We greatly appreciate the City working with us to address pilot and aircraft safety. The beau-

tiful trees have probably been there longer than the airport and they help beautify the cemetery and airport alike.”

“Trees play such an important role in our high desert community” according to City Parks, Recreation and Library Director Andy Rice. “This year, we get to celebrate 30 years as a Tree City USA in Alamosa. That is quite an accomplishment and a testament to

the long-term commitment our community has shown to trees and their importance in Alamosa. We also recognize the absolute crucial nature commercial air service serves in our community. We are pleased to have reached a resolution that will keep the trees and comply with airport safety precautions and we are grateful for the collaboration with Alamosa County.”



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Lifestyle

Easy ways to keep your immune system strong

The immune system is a powerful component of the human body. The immune system recognizes when viruses, bacteria and other foreign invaders enter or compromise the body, and then takes action to prevent illnesses from taking over. The average person can help his or her immune system do its job more effectively by making the immune system as strong as it can be.

Harvard Medical School says that diet, exercise, age, and psychological stress may affect immune system response. Certain lifestyle choices can promote a strong immune system.

- Get adequate sleep. Doctors believe sleep and immunity are closely tied. A study of 164 healthy adults published by the National Institutes of Health found those who slept fewer than six hours each night were more likely to catch a cold than people who slept for more than six hours. Aim for adequate rest each night to keep your body in top form.

- Increase your intake of fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables supply the powerhouse antioxidants that are essential for protecting a body against free radicals. Free radicals may play a role in heart disease, cancer and other diseases. Serve fruits and/or vegetables with every meal to ensure you're getting enough antioxidant-rich foods.

- Consume fiber and fermented foods. Fiber can help feed the gut microbiome, which is linked to a robust immune system. The microbiome also may prevent harmful pathogens from entering the body through the digestive tract. Data also suggests that eating more fermented foods can further strengthen and populate healthy bacteria in the gut.

- Exercise regularly.

Aim for 30 minutes of moderate exercise per day, advises the American Heart Association. Thirty minutes of exercise each day can go a long way toward keeping the body healthy. The U.S. National Library of Medicine says

physical activity may help flush bacteria out of the lungs and airways. Exercise causes changes in antibodies and white blood cells. These antibodies and white blood cells circulate rapidly, so they may detect illnesses

earlier than they would if you do not exercise. Body temperature also rises during exercise, which could naturally prevent bacteria from growing.

- Try to minimize stress. According to Simply Psychology, when

people are stressed, the immune system's ability to fight off antigens is reduced, making people more susceptible to infections. The stress hormone corticosteroid can suppress the effectiveness of the immune system.

Limiting stress through meditation and breathing exercises, or trying to remove stressors from one's life, may help.

A healthy immune system is vital to fending off or recovering from illness. TF207090



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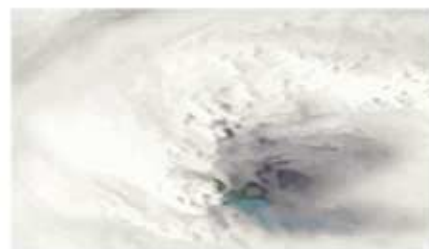
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Lifestyle

Centauri honored among 24 SkillsUSA Schools

LEESBURG, Va. — SkillsUSA has named 24 SkillsUSA schools as Models of Excellence for 2020. The annual program recognizes the exceptional integration of personal, workplace and technical skills into SkillsUSA chapter activities. This is the highest honor bestowed on chapters by SkillsUSA, which is among the largest student organizations for career and technical education.

“Our Models of Excellence represent the very best in chapter achievement and community involvement,” said Chelle Travis, executive director of SkillsUSA. “These students represent America’s future skilled workforce and are future leaders in their local communities. It is a tremendous honor for these chapters and the recognition validates these outstanding SkillsUSA programs.”

The top 24 SkillsUSA chapters selected as Models of Excellence will be evaluated in June for top honors. A panel of judges will evaluate each of these highest-level schools based on their goals, plan of action, results, evaluation and SkillsUSA Framework integration. Business and industry partners will conduct finalist interviews with students and advisors, and then help select the top three schools to be recognized on June 26 during the National Leadership and Skills Conference Virtual Recognition Session.

The focus of Models of Excellence is student-led activation. These students learn and practice the skills that every employer seeks, including leadership, initiative, communication, teamwork and problem solving by taking the lead on all SkillsUSA activities. Their SkillsUSA instructors take the education of these students to the next level by guiding them, but never doing the work for them, elevating learning from classroom instruction to successful application of skills.

Congratulations to the following schools on being named Models of Excellence:

- Cape Cod Tech (Mass.)
- Catawba Valley Community College (N.C.)
- Centauri High School (Colo.)**
- Center for Advanced Technical Studies (S.C.)



- Central High School (Wyo.)
- Forsyth Central High School (Ga.)
- Gloucester County Institute of Technology (N.J.)
- Greater Lowell Tech High (Mass.)
- Grovetown High School (Ga.)
- Kofa High School (Ariz.)
- Lanier Technical College (Ga.)
- Lynn Vocational Technical Institute (Mass.)
- New Madrid County R-I Technical Skills Center (Mo.)
- North Platte High School (Neb.)
- Norwalk High School (Calif.)
- Plymouth South Technical Studies (Mass.)
- Sandy Creek High School (Ga.)
- Statesboro High School (Ga.)
- Union Grove High School (Ga.)
- Upper Valley Career Center (Ohio)
- Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education (Ariz.)
- Watertown High School (Wis.)
- Willow Canyon High School (Ariz.)
- Woodland High School (Wash.)

The Models of Excellence program promotes the intentional learning of personal, workplace and technical skills outlined in the SkillsUSA Framework for student development. Specific characteristics defined within each skill area provide tangible benchmarks for student achievement and chapter programming. Achievement is measured by student efforts in implementing essential workplace skills including personal responsibility, integrity, work ethic and organization in chapter activities. The hands-on approach of this program actualizes the SkillsUSA mission of empowering members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. The top three schools receive national recognition and the opportunity to share their stories through SkillsUSA in publications and trainings.

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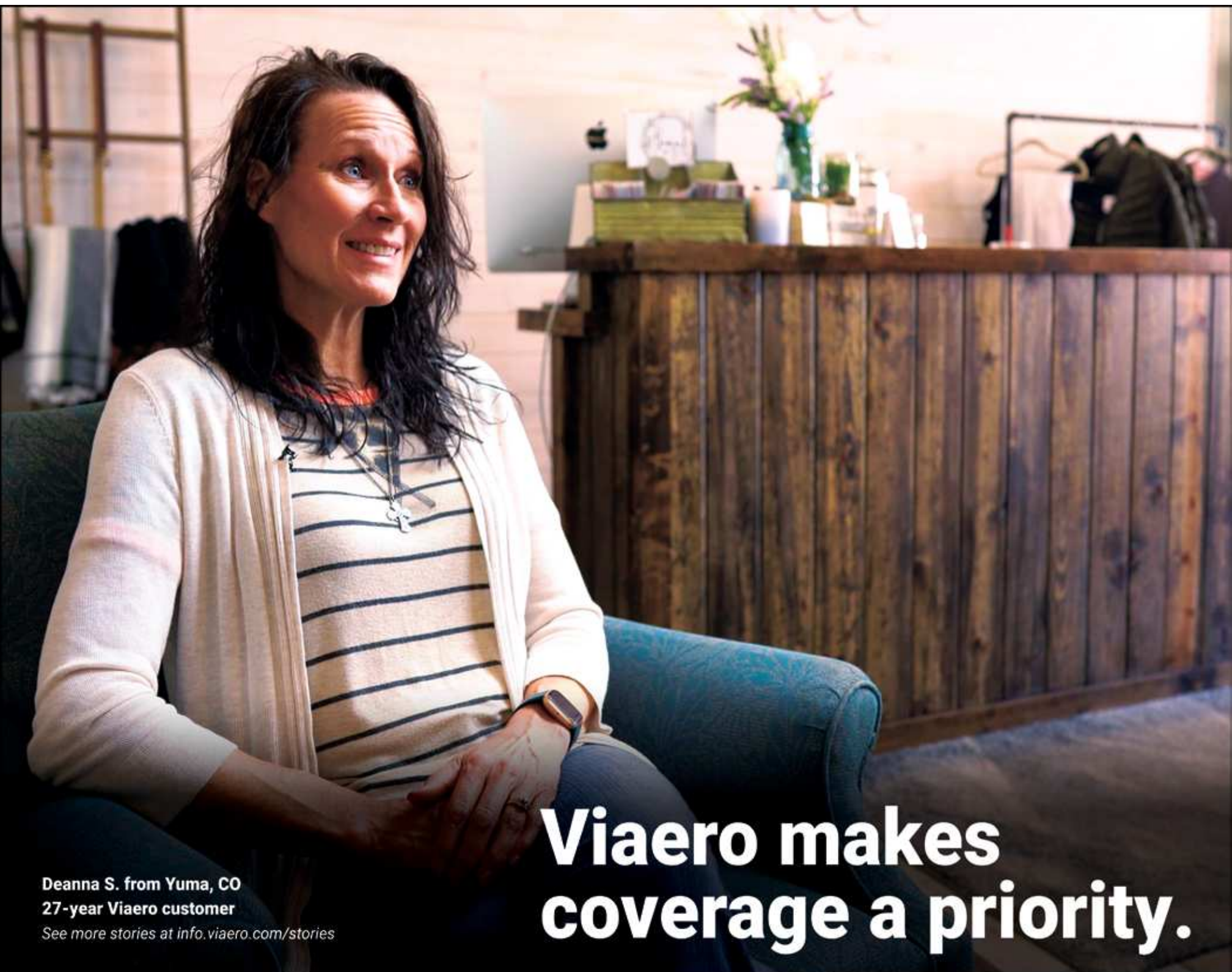
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CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust
April 23, 2009
County of Recording
Alamosa

Recording Date of Deed of Trust
April 28, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
338372
Original Principal Amount
\$115,710.00
Outstanding Principal Balance
\$101,610.19

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
Tract 1, D-B Subdivision-Exemption, the Plat of which was filed September 5, 1979 under Reception No. 204696 in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Alamosa County, Colorado

SAVING AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion described in deed to the Department of Transportation, State of Colorado, recorded August 18, 1998, under Reception No. 289222 of the Alamosa County, Colorado, records

in Alamosa County, Colorado.
Also known by street and number as: 4159 County Road 103 South, Alamosa, CO 81011.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THE FORECLOSED PROPERTY IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 07/15/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 5/20/2020
Last Publication 6/17/2020
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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 03/12/2020

Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9800 S. Meridian Blvd., Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 20-024311
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to;

1) Angelina R Casias Trust, whose last known address was P.O. Box 35, Antonito, CO 81120-0035.
THE WEST THIRTY (30) FEET OF LOT ONE (1), BLOCK L, IN THE TOWN OF ANTONITO, COUNTY OF CONEJOS AND STATE OF COLORADO.

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 16th day of November A.D. 2016, the then County Treasurer of the County of Conejos, in the State of Colorado, offered for sale at a public tax lien sale the above described real estate situated in the County of Conejos, State of Colorado, to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2015.

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Angelina R Casias Trust, for the said year 2015. That at said sale, said real estate was struck off to Conejos County; whose address is P.O. Box 97, Conejos, CO 81129 and the Treasurer's Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to Conejos County. And whereas, the said Conejos County whose address is PO Box 97, town of Conejos, County of Conejos and State of Colorado, did on the 29th day of February A.D. 2020 duly assign the certificate of sale of the tax lien on said property aforesaid and all his rights, title and interest in said property to Christian Duran, whose address is 23 County Road B, Town of Antonito, County of Conejos, State of Colorado; and as present holder of the certificate he has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for deeds to said real estate.

And as present holder of the certificate he has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate.
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Christian Duran at 3:00 P.M. on the 16th day of September A.D. 2020 unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of May A.D. 2020.
Mack M. Crowther
Conejos County Treasurer
No. 1447
Published in the Valley Courier on May 21, 28, and June 3, 2020.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Conejos County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM and a hearing before the Conejos Board of County Commissioners will be on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 10:45 AM to consider a request from Robins Construction for an extension to their Special Use Permit 112 Mining Permit that is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2020.

The subject property is legally described as 18.5 acres located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 32 North, Range 7 East, Conejos County, Colorado. Commonly known as Robins Gravel Pit #1, physically addressed as 3113 County Road D.5. County Parcel Number 613703100006.
Details regarding this application and process are available for public review by contacting the Conejos County Land Use Office by phone 719-376-2014 or by email request to landuse@co.conejos.co.us. Any interested person may appear to be heard at the public meeting.
Linda DeHerrera, Conejos County Land Use Administrator
No. 1455
Published in the Valley Courier on May 23, and June 3, 2020.

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To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to;

1) David W Kennedy, whose last known address was 6117 Hawk Ct, Joshua, TX 76058-4246.
LOTS 44 AND 45 IN BLOCK A IN ALAMOSA RIVER ESTATES, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OF CONEJOS COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO, UNDER RECEPTION NO 162110. SUBJECT TO THE PROTECTIVE COVENANTS RECORDED IN BOOK 239 AT PAGE 520 OF THE CONEJOS COUNTY RECORDS.

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 19th day of November A.D. 2014, the then County Treasurer of the County of Conejos, in the State of Colorado, offered for sale at a public tax lien sale the above described real estate situated in the County of Conejos, State of Colorado, to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2013.

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of David W. Kennedy, for the said year 2013.
That at said sale, said real estate was struck off to Ben J. Martinez and Debbie A. Martinez JTWR0S; whose address is P.O. Box 36, Capulin, CO 81124 and the Treasurer's Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to Ben J. Martinez and Debbie A. Martinez JTWR0S. And as present holder of the certificate they have made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate.

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Ben J. Martinez and Debbie A. Martinez JTWR0S at 3:00 P.M. on the 16th day of September A.D. 2020 unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of May A.D. 2020.
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Conejos County Treasurer
No. 1446
Published in the Valley Courier on May 21, 28, and June 3, 2020.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Conejos County Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:15 PM and a hearing before the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 10:30 AM. The purpose of these hearings is to consider an application submitted by Lester Hochstetler for a Special Use Permit for manufacturing and sales of cultured stone, 16162 County Road P, La Jara CO 81140.

The property is zoned rural and is legally described as 40 Acres Located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, Conejos County Colorado. Parcel 586723200119
The full details of this application are available for public inspection. Call the Land Use Office 719-376-2014 for review procedures or submit a request by email to landuse@co.conejos.co.us. Any interested person may appear to be heard at the public meeting.
Linda DeHerrera, Conejos Land Use Administrator
No. 1456
Published in the Valley Courier on May 23, and June 3, 2020.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Conejos County Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 5:30 PM and a hearing before the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 10:15 AM. The purpose of these hearings is to consider an application submitted by Matthew & Megan Stalzer for a Special Use Permit for Short-term Overnight Lodging, 18443 County Road 8, Capulin CO 81124.

The property is zoned rural and is legally described as 35.02 Acres Located in a fraction of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 35 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, Conejos County Colorado. Parcel 571919200098
The full details of this application are available for public inspection. Call the Land Use Office 719-376-2014 for review procedures or submit a request by email to landuse@co.conejos.co.us. Any interested person may appear to be heard at the public meeting.
Linda DeHerrera, Conejos Land Use Administrator
No. 1457
Published in the Valley Courier on May 23, and June 3, 2020.

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No. 1457
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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, 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.

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

221 HELP WANTED

THE TOWN OF SANFORD is accepting applications for a Police Office. Candidates must be Colorado P.O.S.T. certified and willing to submit to psychological, background, and criminal history checks. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Pick up applications at Sanford Town Hall, 390 Greenleaf Street - Monday & Tuesday form 8-4pm or apply online at Colorado.gov/Townof-Sanford. Applications must include resume and P.O.S.T. certification.(6/12)

163 LOST & FOUND

LOST A PAIR of men's black work boots on W. Hwy 160 on way to a fire call. 4/2 approx. 4:30pm west of Budweiser before Del Viento Road. If found please call 719-580-0398.(TFN)

THE GREAT SAND Dunes Oasis is now hiring summer seasonal positions for cashiers, dish-washers, cooks, store clerks, and cleaners. To schedule an interview please call (719)378-2222.(6/26)

221 HELP WANTED

LOOKING FOR A career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st Southwest Bank is hiring a Deposit Services Specialist II, offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/ for more details & to apply.(6/10)

221 HELP WANTED

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a Secondary Science Teacher. Applicants must have a current Colorado teaching license. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E.(6/16)

221 HELP WANTED

THE TOWN OF ANTONITO is seeking well qualified legal counsel, with expertise and experience in municipal law. Applicants must be available the second Thursday of every month and for special meetings, when applicable. This is a yearly contract position commencing in July, 2020. The position is currently paid via monthly retainer; however, hourly compensation may also be considered. The salary range for retainer is approximately \$1,150 - \$1,500 per month, contingent upon experience. Please submit a cover letter, resume and any other pertinent application materials to Town of Antonito, Legal Counsel Hiring Committee PO Box 86, Antonito, CO 81120 or in person at 515 River Street, Antonito, CO between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:30 - 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.(6/6)

221 HELP WANTED

SLV FEDERAL BANK is now accepting applications for a Loan Officer in our Monte Vista office. Applications and position descriptions are available at www.slvfed.com or at each branch location. Equal opportunity Employer, including considering individuals with Disabilities and Veterans/Affirmative Action Employer.(6/10)

WORLD FUELS SERVICES/ALTA Transportation Looking to hire a OVER THE ROAD truck driver. 5 days out 2 off. Per Diem paid when away from home terminal. Modern fleet of equipment. Highly competitive hourly pay + OT with regular increases! Up to \$7,500 sign-on bonus. Referral bonus. Premier paid safety training (No tank experience required)! Vacation and holiday pay. Unparalleled health plans for your entire family. Retirement plan. Current Class A License with HazMat and Tank endorsements. 2 years recent Class A driving experience. Acceptable Motor Vehicle Record. Pass required DOT Pre-Employment Testing & Background. Please bring resume to 615 State Ave., Alamosa CO or call 719-588-4434.(6/19)

MONTE VISTA ESTATES is currently seeking a full-time dietary Cook to add to our amazing team! The Cook is an essential role in the overall dining services offered to our residents and tenants. The cook assists in the preparation and service of meals and snacks in accordance with facility policies and procedures. Monte Vista Estates is a skilled five star rated nursing home -we take great pride in the food we serve our residents. If you love working with the elderly and enjoy making a difference in the lives of our seniors, please contact us. Interested individuals may respond to this ad or you may contact Otilia at 719-852-5138. The shift(s) for this position are as follows: Days, Evenings Job Type: Full-Time Salary: Based on experience JOB REQUIREMENTS: Must be able to learn specific food preparation procedures, follow recipes and menus, and operate all equipment in a safe manner. Knowledge of nursing home or assisted living food service is preferred. Must be able to maintain a clean, organized work area. Must be able to work well with all department staff.(6/16)

VALLEY TRACTOR REPAIR has an immediate position open for an over the counter parts man with knowledge of Ag parts and tractors. This is a full time position with benefits. Please send resume to Ric Myers at ric.manager@valleytractorrepair.com or can deliver to 2573 South County Road 6 East, Monte Vista, Co 81144 or call 719-852-0200.(6/3)

THE SAGUACHE COUNTY Land Use Office is accepting applications for a full time Saguache County Code Enforcement Officer. Applicants must have a valid Colorado Drivers License, must pass a criminal background check as well as a pre-employment drug test. Applications will be accepted through June 5, 2020 or until filled. Applications and job descriptions may be found on www.saguachecounty.net or may be emailed to you, please contact April Quintana at 719-655-2231. Saguache County is an equal opportunity employer.(6/10)

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) part-time Health Educator. A degree in health education is preferred but not necessary with experience in health & wellness. Teaching experience and basic computers skills are a plus. Call Amber Martinez at 298-1617 with questions. Applications are available at the Administration Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Submit application to Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE.(6/9)

MONTE VISTA ESTATES Nursing Home is seeking a full time night shift CNA. Shift is 10:00pm-0600am. If you love working with the elderly and enjoy making a difference in the lives of our residents, please contact us and or drop by for an application. We look forward to having you join our team.(6/16)

VALLEY TRACTOR REPAIR has an immediate opening for a mechanic with Ag tractor experience. This is a full time position with benefit package. Applicant must have own tools and be drug free. Please send resume to Ric Myers at ric.manager@valleytractorrepair.com or can deliver to 2573 South County Road 6 East, Monte Vista, Co 81144 or call 719-852-0200.(6/3)

SAGUACHE COUNTY LAND Use is seeking a part time Land Use Clerk. Duties include general office duties must pass a criminal background check as well as a pre-employment drug test. Application and job description are available on line at www.saguachecounty.net. Applications will be accepted through June 5, 2020 or until filled. Applications may be found on www.saguachecounty.net or may be emailed to you, please contact April Quintana at 719-655-2231 for further information. Saguache County is an equal opportunity employer.(6/10)

MECHANIC NEEDED, MUST have basic hand tools, must have valid driver's license. Offers, 404k, and competitive wage DOE. Apply at Asphalt Constructors Inc. 7040 W Hwy 160, Alamosa, CO 81101. Ph. 719-589-6671.(6/19)

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ACCEPTING RESUMES FOR Assistant Administrator position with Tri-County Senior Citizens and Housing. Must be proficient in Microsoft suite. (Word, Excel, Publisher) Prior experience in book-keeping or accounting. Must be well organized, detail and deadline oriented. Will assist with day to day operation of Senior Center and Senior Apartments. Must relate well with people. Will plan activities, events and trips. Will prepare newsletter and reports for board review, will keep website current. Full time position 35-40 hours per week Monday-Friday. Mail resumes to 311 Washington Street, Monte Vista, CO 81144 or email to mary@tri-countyseniors.com.(6/5)

LOOKING FOR FULL time ranch hand in La Jara. Hours vary with seasons. We raise sheep, hay and vegetables and are certified organic. Housing is available on farm if needed. Call 719-274-0293 or 719-588-1035.(6/19)

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SWEET TOOTH ALAMOSA is seeking a full-time dental assistant. Experienced preferred not required. Willing to train the right candidate. Bi Lingual a plus. Individual must have great customer service, dependable, able to multi task. Please submit resumes to: sweettoothdental89@gmail.com.(6/17)

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MEL'S CUSTOM MEAT Processing looking for reliable and dependable person. No experience needed. Apply in perons after 5:30pm. 602 2nd Ave, Romeo. (6/17)

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Classifieds

221 HELP WANTED

CDL TRUCK DRIVER wanted. Call 719-480-3983.(6/19)

WANT TO MAKE a difference in a child's life, looking for a rewarding and fulfilling career, are you a positive, self-motivated individual, consider working with young children and head start. **MONTE VISTA HEAD START** is accepting applications for anticipated teacher, teacher assistants, center assistants and substitutes. Teacher and Teacher aid positions required a BA and or AA in Early Childhood Education, CDA's accepted. Applications are available at Monte Vista Head Start, 2863 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, Colorado. For more information you may contact the director by e-mail, director@mvheadstart.org or call 719-628-9908 or 719-852-3215. Positions open until filled. An employment application must be completed.(6/10)

THE SAN LUIS Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services has positions for a full time Medicaid Coordinator/Admin. Assistant. This position will provide quality clerical assistance and record keeping to the special education department and Medicaid agencies; to provide all required documents for Medicaid reimbursements to appropriate Colorado agencies. High school diploma or equivalent required with least one-year secretarial experience, knowledge of financial reports and processes preferred. Process requires application, letter of interest, and three current letters of reference. Send completed application process to Nita McAuliffe, Director of Exceptional Student Services, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101 or nmcauliffe@slvbooces.org. Application deadline is June 8, 2020 or until positions are filled.(6/10)

221 HELP WANTED

THE DEL NORTE Jr/Sr High School is seeking a qualified Secondary Social Studies teacher for the 2020/2021 school year. If you are interested please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks at ahorrocks@urtigers.com or contact Aaron at 719-657-4030 ext 1001. Applications can be accessed online at [\(https://www.dncsd.org/business/employment-opportunities\)](https://www.dncsd.org/business/employment-opportunities).(6/23)

ELEMENTARY TEACHER NEEDED at Del Norte Elementary School for the 2020/2021 school year. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4030. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [\(dncsd.org\)](https://www.dncsd.org).(6/19)

DEL NORTE HIGH School is seeking a qualified Boys' Basketball Head Coach for next season. If interested, please email Richie Madrid, Del Norte High School Athletic Director at rmadrid@urtigers.co or call him at 719-850-3623. (6/19)

OPEN POSITIONS AT Rio Grande Farm Park. Paid Internship(June-August) and Project Coordinator VISTA (starting in August). Visit RioGrandeFarmPark.org/Opportunities for details or email your resume to amber.slylocalfoods@gmail.com.(6/3)

MATHIAS CONCRETE POSITIONS opening for full time CDL truck drivers Class A or B. Call for more information. 719-852-3732.(6/3)

221 HELP WANTED

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

267 WORK WANTED

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

324 - FEED & SEED

PREMIUM ALFALFA AND grass/alfalfa, small bales \$7.00 in hay shed (719) 580-2509. (6/20)

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

330 FREE

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350 - FARM EQUIPMENT

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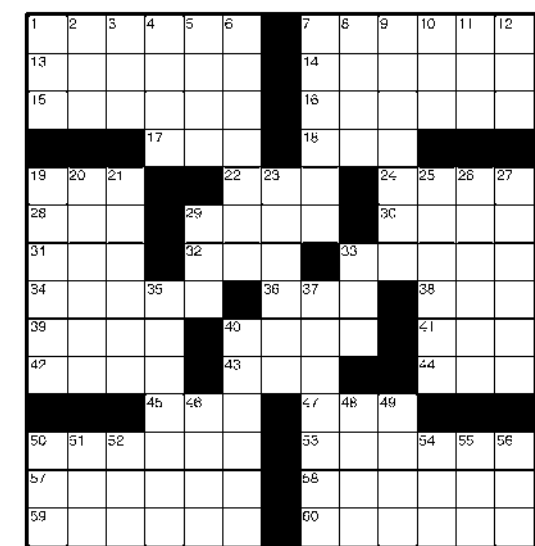
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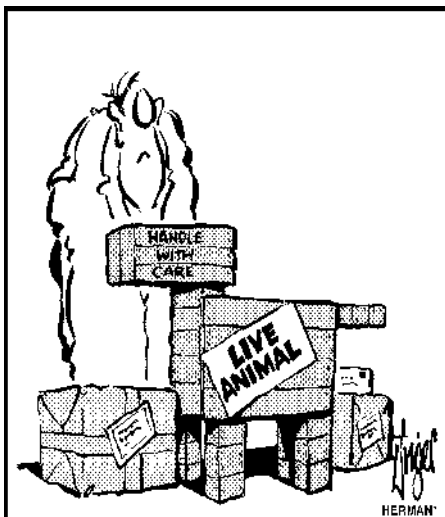
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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TODAY'S CLUE: A genius X

Previous Solution: "You should bring something into the world that wasn't in the world before ... everyone should create." — Ricky Gervais

Changing identities bring up questions of proper etiquette

DEAR ABBY: My 13-year-old son and I recently had a discussion that maybe you can help clarify. We are seeing more about trans people these days, and I'm not sure how to address them.

I don't want to offend anyone, but when you see a large male wearing pants, shirt, etc. but has pink hair and makeup, should I say "sir" or "madam"? My son says I should ask what pronoun they would like to be referred by, but I am not sure that's a polite way to find out. I know this is also intertwined with sexual preference, but it still doesn't mean it is clear-cut. What's the most polite way to handle this? — CONFUSED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CONFUSED: You are confusing "preference" with "orientation." Preference implies that one's sexuality is a choice rather than something that is wired into our brains. People do not choose to be gay, straight or gender dysphoric. Gender identity is about who you ARE. Sexual orientation is about who you LOVE.

As to how you should refer to or address a large male wearing a shirt and pants while sporting pink hair and full makeup, I make some difference that agree with your son. It makes sense to ask the person, who, I am sure,

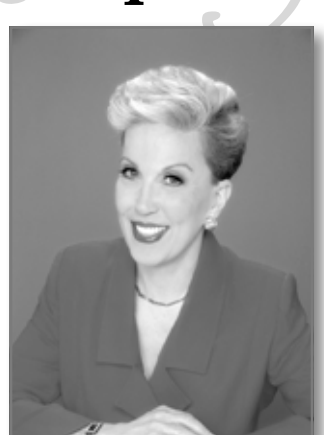
is fully aware that their appearance is "different." Asking the person's name may also provide a clue.

DEAR ABBY: All my life I have followed orders. I haven't been able to determine my own path. When I was young, I did what my mother told me. When I was old enough, I joined the Marines, and I did as they said. After I separated from the service, I did what my social group expected. After I had a child, I did what a parent should do to protect and provide. That took the next 35 years of my life.

I am 60 now, retired, and the master of my ship. Without "orders," I don't know where to go from here, and I am adrift. They say find a passion, do what makes you happy. But I am not passionate about anything. I like many things but feel no passion.

Being alive makes me truly happy. I love every day God gives me. But what to do with these days eludes me. What shall I do? Can you help me? -- FOLLOWING ORDERS IN THE EAST

DEAR FOLLOWING: Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you lived and lived well." Perhaps if you concentrate more on doing just one thing



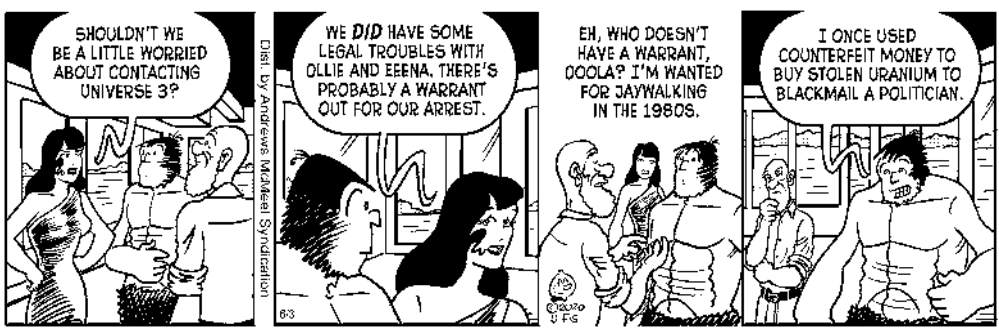
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a day for someone else, you will discover the passion you are looking for. I can't promise it will work, but it may be a step in the right direction.

DEAR ABBY: I live in New England, where it is very gray during the winter. I was inspired by the bright colors of a local Mexican restaurant to redecorate my house. I feel happier with all the lovely colors, but my neighbors feel I am being culturally insensitive because I am not Mexican. I disagree. I think I'm being appreciative. What do you think? -- APPRECIATING IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR APPRECIATING: I'm glad you asked. I think you have certain neighbors who should mind their own business and keep their criticism to themselves. I also think that you adopted the color scheme you did as a compliment.

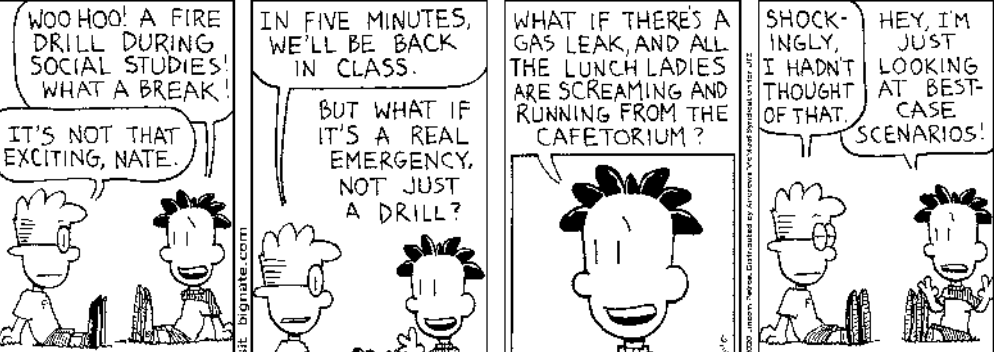
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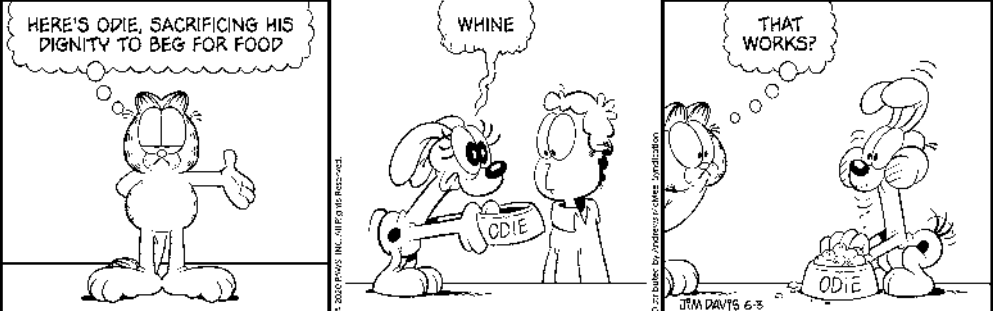
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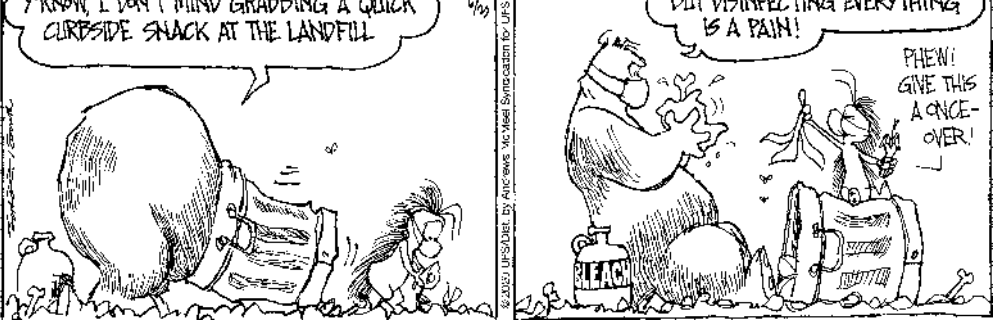
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