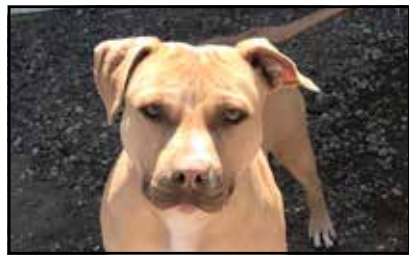




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In-depth look at victim, shooter coming soon

ALAMOSA—For an in-depth look at what put victim Danny Pruitt and shooter James Marshall at the scene of June 4th protest-related shooting, watch upcoming editions.

Blood Drive

Two blood drives have taken place thus far in the San Luis Valley, with social distancing guidelines in effect.

The final blood drive of three

• Alamosa Community Blood Drive: June 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the LDS Church, located at 927 Weber Drive in Alamosa.

To make an appointment online or for more information on blood donor eligibility, frequently asked questions about blood donations during this pandemic, and the most up-to-date donor information, please go to Vitalant's website at www.vitalant.org.



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Dumb Friends League hosts groundbreaking event for new shelter in Alamosa

The San Luis Valley Animal Center is expected to care for 2,500 pets per year

ALAMOSA — On Friday, June 19, the Dumb Friends League is hosting a groundbreaking ceremony to kick-off construction of its new animal shelter in Alamosa County, CO.

The San Luis Valley Animal Center groundbreaking event will take place at 1 p.m. at 701 Airport Road in Alamosa, CO. Speakers will include Dumb Friends League President and CEO Dr. Apryl Steele, Alamosa County Commissioner Darius Allen and Alamosa Mayor Mr. Ty Coleman.

“There are currently three state-licensed animal shelters operating in the area that cared for approximately 1,600 dogs combined in 2018, none were able to aid cats,” said Dr. Apryl Steele. “The Dumb Friends League San Luis Valley Animal Center will care for an anticipated 2,500 pets per year, including 800 cats.”

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Ski Hi presents banner



MONTE VISTA — After decades of perseverance, the Monte Vista City Council voted unanimously at their June 9 council meeting to proceed with the final stages and design of the new Ski Hi Regional Event Center. Members of the City of Monte Vista, the Friends of Ski Hi, Alcon Construction and principals involved gathered on the Ski Hi grounds to christen a new sign depicting the architectural rendering of the new facility.

The new Center will host the Ski Hi Stampede, Rocky Mountain Ag Conference, the internationally acclaimed Crane Festival, SLV Home & Garden Exposition and a multitude of regional and statewide events that support the entire San Luis Valley.

Miller named Ambassador of the Year

COLORADO SPRINGS — At the American Legion Department of Colorado Conference held in January in Colorado Springs, the Children and Youth Ambassador of the Year Award for 2019-2020 was awarded to Dr. Thomas Miller. Miller, the Commander of Monte Vista's James G. Hamilton Post 53, was recognized for his contributions and dedication of safeguarding the health, welfare and well-being of Children and Youth by dedicating his career to caring for children as a pediatrician.

Dr. Thomas Miller, Monte Vista Post 53 Commander and Navy Veteran enjoyed his career as a pediatrician while serving his country. After leaving the Navy he continued dedicating his life to the health and wellbeing of children. Dr. Miller stated that “The job of a pediatrician in rural Colorado, both the San Luis Valley and now in the Montrose area is all-inclusive. We see the veteran's kids, the rich, the poor...everybody. 60-70% of my patients are Medicaid – meaning they



Courtesy photo Dr. Thomas Miller

are socioeconomically disadvantaged.

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Matching gift challenge

Rio Grande Farm Park Raising Funds for Greenhouse

ALAMOSA — At the Rio Grande Farm Park, we enthusiastically encourage community involvement in an equitable food system; it's something we all work together to create and consistently support. With your help, we will soon construct a greenhouse at the Park to fill a community need and desire to have fresh, locally-grown food available year-round.

Beginning Monday, June 22nd, we are



launching a campaign to raise \$20,000 toward this greenhouse. Thanks to generous donors agreeing to match all of the funds we raise, every dollar that you

give from Monday until July 17th goes five times as far!

To this end, we are asking for your support. Adding your donation to this campaign is

an investment in the wellness of the entire community, from the ground up. Donors who give at least \$25 will be recognized on a plaque in the park, and donors who give \$10,000 or more will be honored on a park bench. Donations of \$100 or more are eligible for an Enterprise Zone tax credit.

This greenhouse will benefit our farmers, providing space for them to grow their starts and extending their growing

season; Rio Grande Farm Park as an organization, offering opportunity for sustained earned income; and our community by providing fresh leafy greens and other veggies year-round!

Small farms can feed the world. With your support, the Rio Grande Farm Park can be a part of the solution we need to provide for the future.

Please donate now at www.riograndefarm-park.org/greenhouse-build

Correction: Firearm restriction on Marshall

In Tuesday's article the day of the shooting was incorrectly listed as

“Friday June 6th”. The correct day was Thursday, June 4th

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OBITUARIES

Marilyn Wintz



Colorado where Marilyn graduated from high school and loved keeping up with her classmates who called her "Cookie." La Garita Ranch, in Creede, Colorado, is where Marilyn spent her summers working between college semesters at Colorado State University and U.N.C., where she studied to become

a teacher. A handsome young man home from the National Guard visiting his parents George and Dorothy Wintz captured her heart. Rod and Marilyn Wintz were married in Colorado Springs, Colorado and returned to the Wason Ranch for over thirty years, where they raised their family and met many lifelong friends.

In the summers Marilyn planted beautiful flower beds for each of the cabins at Wason as well as taking care of the office and ranch duties. In her early teaching years, she began a pre-school in the reception

room at Wason Ranch, where finger painting and learning letters were building blocks for kids who had big dreams. Marilyn taught first and second grade as well as music at Lamb Elementary School. Her passion was teaching kids to read and to be ready for a life of learning and success. One of her greatest joys was keeping up with all of her past students and she referred to them all as "her kids." She also spent time as the Elementary School Principal and after her retirement went on to

earn a Ph.D. from the University of Denver.

Rod and Marilyn retired to "Rel Rio" along the Rio Grande River where they loved seeing and hearing the river daily. She treasured the view of the river and enjoyed having a cup of tea with friends in this beautiful and peaceful place.

Marilyn Wintz is survived by her daughters Marilee Wintz and Shirrae Fazio, J.D. Fazio and her beloved grandsons, Jaxson and Ty Fazio. She was supportive and encouraged

her family to be strong and happy in life. She is predeceased by her husband of over 50 years, Rod Wintz, her older brother, Joe Cook, and her younger brother Jim Cook. Marilyn has chosen not to have a public service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Creede School District Endowment Foundation, P.O. Box 429, Creede, CO 81130. "When the student is ready the teacher appears. When the student is truly ready the teacher disappears." Lao Tzu

William "Bill" David Bradley



moved closer to his parents, who helped him take care of his infant daughter while he and his older brother Jack ran Bradley Aviation, a fixed base operation at the airport in Alamosa. In time they ended up selling the business, Jack went to work for United Airlines, and Bill did some flying and mechanical work for Four Corners Aviation in Farmington New Mexico.

In May of 1967 Bill was hired by Eastern Airlines and moved to New York City, his parents and Debra followed him a few months later. His job later moved them to Georgia then New Jersey and back again to Georgia. He then moved to Illinois as by now

his father had passed and his mother could be near both her sons as Jack also was flying out of Chicago. He flew many kinds of planes including the Connie, Electra, DC9, 727 as a Captain. He retired from Eastern early 90s.

In retirement, he took cruises through the Panama Canal, Alaska, Caribbean, Baltic. He visited many places throughout the United States and the world. After his mother passed away, his brother Jack became his best bud. They spent time together at a local health club during the week, and spent every Sunday eating

Subway sandwiches watching football together. Bill was a helper to anyone he encountered.

He leaves behind his daughter Debra, son in law Michael, granddaughter Keri and great-grandson Gannicus.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Jack, his sister Phyllis, his wife Lois.

No services will be held at this time

Gerald "Moon" Mullins



2020. He was preceded in death by his parents Hugh and Orilee, two brothers Johnnie and Hughee, and his wife Phyllis. He is survived by his children, Kana (Greg) Condon, Katrina (Albert) Francis and Monte (Stacie) Mullins as well as her grandchildren Chase (Jill), Kyle (Tammi) and Heath

(Katy) Francis, Luke and Arika Condon, Taelor (Brandon) Sanchez, Clay and Faithe. Moon is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Jaycee, Jessa, Brady and Rynlee Francis. Also surviving him are siblings, Idell Clark and Glenn Mullins, in addition to many much-loved nieces and nephews. On Saturday, June 20, 2020, at 11:00 AM there will be a Celebration of Life for Gerald "Moon" Mullins, or as Moon put it, his Farewell Party. It will be a graveside service at the Cotopaxi Cemetery followed by lunch and fellowship at the Cotopaxi Church in Cotopaxi, Colorado. Donations can be made to Friends of Hollydot at P.O. Box 19621, Colorado City, CO 81019 or the Joni Fair Hospice House at 1207 Pueblo Blvd. Way, Pueblo, CO 81005. Flowers can be sent in Care of Monte Mullins to 918 Fourth St., Alamosa, CO. Moon's full obituary can be read on-line at www.davismortuary.com

DEL NORTE

It is with sadness we announce the passing of William "Bill" David Bradley on May the 28th 2020 in his home in McHenry Illinois at the age of 80.

Born at Del Norte Colorado February 25th, 1940 son of Arlie Bradley and Fannie Pearl (Mills) Bradley.

Bill attended both Center and Hooper schools where he graduated in 1958. He attended Adams State College in Alamosa.

Bill married Lois Ann Sandefur on June 14th, 1959, and they moved to Albuquerque New Mexico. They soon started their family which moved them back to Alamosa. On March 14th their daughter Debra Jean Bradley was born. Shortly after Debra's birth, they discovered Lois had cancer.

In hopes of cheering Lois up, Bill gave her an electric skillet for their first anniversary, he later explained he wanted her to think she would get better. Sadly she passed away later in that month, just 3 months after giving birth. After Lois's passing Bill

Ruth Marie Karcher



S Palmer, 2 special sons-in-law Ron Miller and Tim Gillespie, as well as her parents Lawrence and Katie and her brothers Paul and Bernard.

Ruth was very independent and active until she was 90 at which time she began to need help from family. Over the next 3 years, she was assisted in her home by her children until she moved to Colorado with her daughter

Susan in 2018 where she passed on June 2, 2020.

Ruth was born in Dahlgren, IL to Lawrence and Katie Aydt on April 10, 1925, where she lived until her marriage to Ernie on November 11, 1946, when they relocated to Decatur, IL. to begin their new life and family.

Ruth was an accomplished vocalist and pianist playing and singing alongside her father at St John's Catholic Church while growing up. Once married, she continued to use her extraordinary gift at St James Catholic Church in Decatur. She has now been promoted to high soprano soloist in the Heavenly Angles Choir where she will sing her signature solo, "Ave Maria".

She worked in Mt. Vernon as a certified hairdresser until she married.

During her life she vol-

unteered countless hours to organizations such as St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, the KC's, the Garden Club, St. James Church and School, the Red Cross and many others but also took pride in giving gallons of her rare blood type to the American Red Cross.

She was an Election Judge, worked at St. Mary's Hospital and retired from the Macon County Tax Assessor Office.

As her family, we would agree that our mother worked tirelessly to provide a safe, stable, loving home and was an accomplished seamstress and an outstanding cook and baker, to name just a few of her extraordinary talents.

Her quick wit and humor always kept us laughing and for the past 42 years since her husband's passing, has been mother,

father, friend, and comforter providing endless love and care.

We all consider it an honor to have cared for her and to give back just a little of what she gave to us.

She was not only a devout Catholic but was also dedicated to the Christian Faith which brought her great comfort during her life and especially in her final years. She worked diligently to know and understand the teachings of Our Lord and Savior, seeking God and praying daily until taken home. She died peacefully and is now rejoicing in Heaven with the loved ones who have gone before her.

Although the hole she has left in so many lives is gaping, we are encouraged to know that one day we will be rejoined with her in Heaven and will live together throughout

eternity.

Ruth's arrangements have been coordinated by Roger's Family Mortuary of Colorado. She will return to Gholson's Funeral Home in Dahlgren, IL for internment on Sat, June 20, 2020.

A Mass will be celebrated at St Johns Catholic Church at 10:00 am for the immediate family. Once the family has been seated, others are welcome to join with a total of 100 per Covid-19 Guidelines. A graveside service with viewing will follow.

Everyone is required to follow social distancing and MUST wear a mask!

Memorials can be made to the "Logan Stephen Palmer Leadership Success Program-LSP2" at 787 Spruce Hill Drive, Decatur, IL 62521.

To express condolences to the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

April 10, 1925- June 2, 2020 Age 95

Ruth lived in Decatur, IL for 73 years and was married to Ernest R Karcher until he passed in 1978.

While in Decatur, they raised their 9 children: Jo-anna Miller-Shelbyville, KY, Lawrence (Shelby) Karcher-Decatur, IL, Stephen (Sharon) Karcher-Sullivan, IL, Susan (Tom Larson) Gillespie-Monte Vista, CO, Yvonne (Tony) Garofalo-St Peters, MO, Annette (Dick) Brown-Blackstone, VA, Christina (Charlie) Ewing- Atwood, IL, Theresa (Sid) Palmer-Decatur, IL, Barbara Karcher Tucker-Decatur, IL.

Ruth was blessed with 26 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her grandson, 2nd Class Petty Officer Logan

Richard Owen Williams Jr.

ALAMOSA — Richard Owen Williams Jr. passed away on June 11, 2020, at his home in Farmington, Utah. He was born in Salida, CO on Feb. 24, 1950, to Richard Owen Williams Sr. and Willie Elizabeth (Dolly) Williams.

He lived in various cities with his family when growing up and graduated from Alamosa High School in 1968. He met LaVerne Reed Williams of Sanford, CO

and the couple was married on April 30, 1971. He worked for Conejos County Jewelers and later moved to Farmington, Utah where he worked and retired from Hill Air Force Base in Clearfield in 2008 where he worked as a boiler operator.

Richard could draw anything just by looking at it which was a trait that none of his four children received. His heart was bigger than his fuse and that's

one thing that we loved about him. Richard was an avid fisherman and was always there for his kids and willing to do anything for anyone. He always placed service before self.

He is survived by LaVerne Williams (wife), and children Karri (Shannon) Brazel, Blaine Williams, Troy (Loni) Williams, Brandon (Colleen) Williams. Richard has 10 grandchildren Gavin, Hunter, Con-

nor Williams, Makenna Brazel, Keara, Raychel Williams, Nash, Wren, Heston Williams. He is also survived by older sister Shirley Crews, Joe Crews (nephew), younger brother Willard (Pam) Lori, Bryan, Kyle, Jason (niece and nephew).

Richard is preceded in death by Harold Williams (brother), Stormy Williams (granddaughter), Kelly Crews (nephew), Alan Crews (brother-in-

law), Richard Williams Sr. (father), Willie Elizabeth (Dolly) Williams (mother).

One of his famous lines was "Dammit LaVerne, the level doesn't lie." and "Touchdown Denver" (as the box of cereal hits the kitchen floor). Forever in our hearts, we will always love you and miss you, Dad.

Services were held Thursday, June 18 at 10 a.m. at Farmington City Cemetery.

Russon Mortuary Bountiful Utah is in care of the arrangements

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PENDING OBITUARIES

Cora Chacon

ANTONITO — Cora Chacon, 92, passed away June 16, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Antonito.

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Alamosa, Fort Morgan driver license offices now taking CO-RCSA (SB 13-251) appointments; services start July 1

LAKEWOOD — Undocumented and temporarily legal immigrants can now schedule appointments for July 1 to obtain a Colorado driver license, instruction permit or identification card at the Alamosa and Fort Morgan driver license offices.

The Lakewood Westgate, Colorado Springs, Aurora, Grand Junction, Glenwood Springs, Lamar, Montrose, Pueblo and Durango driver license offices will continue to offer these services. To protect the health of customers and staff while providing critical ser-

vices, the Alamosa and Fort Morgan offices, and all other driver license offices, will be open on an appointment-only basis. Undocumented and temporarily legal immigrants can schedule their appointments by calling 303-205-2335 or can reach out to the DMV's Colorado Road and Community Safety Act partners at www.colorado.gov/dmv/non-profit-co-rdsa-partners. These nonprofit groups help schedule appointments and ensure applicants have the documents needed to start the

licensing process. The DMV is also continuing other precautions, including requiring customers to wear a face mask or covering to their appointments, screening both customers and staff for fevers and administering a COVID-19 questionnaire. All who have fevers or exhibit COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed into state offices. Customers should not bring guests because guests will not be allowed into any driver license office while social distancing is being utilized. If a

guest is essential such as a caregiver or translator, customers must specify that a guest is needed when making an appointment. As a temporary safety precaution, the DMV will not conduct drive tests and encourages soon-to-be-drivers to reach out to a driving school for testing. The first day these services will be available at the additional driver license offices is July 1, 2020. All Coloradans regardless of immigration status must schedule appointments to be seen.

Undocumented immigrants must schedule an appointment to start the process of obtaining a Colorado driver license, instruction permit or identification card, while temporarily legal immigrants can apply at any state driver license office with an appointment. The expansion is due to legislation passed during the 2019 session, chiefly Senate Bill 19-139 and the Long Appropriations Bill. The Colorado Road and Community Safety Act (SB 13-251) established immigrant services on Aug. 1, 2014.

By expanding the number of offices offering these services, more Coloradans will be sufficiently trained to operate a vehicle on roads and highways throughout the Centennial State and will be able to obtain insurance. This will make driving safer for all Coloradans. Additionally, rural Coloradans won't have to drive as far when seeking to utilize these services. Visit Colorado.gov/DMV for more information on Colorado Road and Community Safety Act services.

Los Angeles native came to Adams State for football and stayed for science

ALAMOSA — From the west coast beach innovative culture to a quiet, rural community over 7,500 feet above sea level, Pablo Maldonado Jr. found his niche and flourished in ways he did not expect at Adams State University.

He first arrived as a member of the Adams State football team and graduated this spring with a Bachelor of Science in cellular and molecular biology and a Bachelor of Arts in allied health chemistry. "I quickly fell in love with my academic peers and mentors and became involved with the Porter Hall community."



Photo courtesy of ASU

As an undergraduate at Adams State University, Pablo Maldonado was involved in three research projects including the Prevalence of Antibiotic Resistance in the Environment (PARE) Project. Support for the research came from the Colorado Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (CO-AMP).

This fall, he starts the Colorado State University Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D. program, to specialize in infectious diseases and eventually pursue a career in government research or public health.

Benita Brink, Ph.D. professor of biology and chair of Biology and Geosciences Department; Frank Novotny, Ph.D. professor of chemistry; and Christy Miller, Ph.D. professor of chemistry and chair of Chemistry and Mathematics Department, were crucial in his decision for graduate school. "All were extremely supportive and guided me the whole way."

Along with being an active member of the Adams Atoms, chemistry club, Maldonado also

took advantage of research opportunities. He worked on three different projects at Adams State and last summer participated in a 10-week summer research program at Colorado State University.

Because his mentors encouraged him to reach his academic potential, he kept challenging himself. "This helped me grow

into a completely different person from the athletic recruit from Los Angeles."

Several scholarships and work-study jobs helped Maldonado graduate in four years with little student loan debt. He also appreciates the employees in the Financial Aid Office and the Porter Hall STEM Center for their constant support.

Award

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We do our own ordering of medical supplies as well as management of medically fragile and complex children in our community. I have patients with organ transplants, complex heart disease, genetic disorders, etc. - with the nearest specialist being 4-5 hours away."

Dr. Miller is involved in many things most would not think of, such as "reviewing child fatalities... (and finding) ways to prevent and treat opioid withdrawal in newborns. We have a presence at every kid's fair, health fair, etc. all trying to promote child health and wellbeing."

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The ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) awarded a \$250,000 grant to the San Luis Valley Animal Center. The ASPCA's investment will support the construction of the new facility and care for lost, stray, abandoned and unwanted pets.

Alamosa County and the City of Alamosa generously donated a parcel of land for the new facility. Other supporters for the plan-

ning, construction and operation of the San Luis Valley Animal Center include Alpine Veterinary Hospital, Animal Arts, Animal Assistance Foundation, Cats Alive, Dell's Insurance Agency, Inc., Henry Roath, Monte Vista Animal Hospital, PetSmart Charities and Valley Humane League.

Future plans for the new shelter include providing community programs such as low-cost spay and

neuter services, behavior support, subsidized veterinary care and humane education classes.

To ensure the community is adequately supported while the San Luis Valley Animal Center is built, the League is currently operating the Valley Humane League shelter in Alamosa.

Anyone wishing to support to the San Luis Valley Animal Center can donate at ddfl.org.

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

For symptomatic individuals only, call:
 Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990
 SLVHealth Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext. 9

For symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals who have had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 positive individual, call:
 Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9 (M-F), 719-589-2562 (Sa/Su)

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

HIGH FIRE DANGER ACROSS THE SLV REGION. The US National Weather Service has declared a Red Flag Warnings this week for high fire danger for the San Luis Valley due to gusty winds, high temperatures, and dry conditions. Please avoid any activity that could cause a fire, including any outdoor burning, tossing cigarette butts, parking in tall grass, dragging trailer chains, welding outdoors, or operating heavy machinery.

SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 2:00 p.m. on June 16, 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.

313	SLV POSITIVE CASES
Alamosa County - 131 Conejos County - 10 Costilla County - 15 Mineral County - 2 Rio Grande County - 56 Saguache County - 99	
28	HOSPITALIZED
218	ISOLATION COMPLETED
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Opinion

Amarah's Corner

Telisha's Story:

My name is Telisha. I'm 30 years old from Fairmont, West Virginia. I grew up in a pretty normal household; my stepdad was a preacher and raised me my whole life, along with my mother and two younger siblings.

I was on the homecoming court, prom court, a varsity cheerleader, on the track team, swim team, and dance team. I started using alcohol and drugs around the age of 14. It started with partying with my school peers mainly with alcohol and marijuana. I noticed that my partying started exceeding my friend's partying. My grades dropped tremendously. I became

Amarah's Corner



'Kids Like Me'

violent and rebellious. I got pregnant at the age of 17 right before high school graduation, which caused me to give up my goal of college, or so I thought.

I took my daughter and moved out of my parent's house to live with my daughter's father. We got hooked on pills, Percocet to be exact. We searched for, bought, snorted, injected, stole for, and made our whole lives revolve around pills. I got pregnant again after three years and had my second daughter. I was still hooked on pills and partying whether my kids were with me or not. I had also ended up doing a lot of cocaine, ecstasy, and Xanax too.

I got arrested in 2012 for stealing checks, forging and cashing them. Jail wasn't enough to make me stop, nor was probation or the day report center. I ended up in Huntington, West Virginia, in a long-term treatment facility. After six months, I relapsed and got hooked on heroin and ended back in jail. My probation was revoked. I ended up giving custody of my daughters to my parents and continued to use heroin by injection for a while. I was in and out of treatment centers.

Eventually, I stayed clean for almost three years, had a full-time job, got engaged, and a home, and relapsed and lost it all again and stayed high for about another year. I got pregnant and stayed clean and I still remain clean as you read this today, I have a three-month-old daughter, I am married now, have a job in recovery, and get to be a mom to my daughters, that my parents have custody of.

I did none of this on my own, I give all credit to God and to people who loved me when I couldn't love myself. If it were up to me, I would probably be dead right now, but because of recovery and peer support, I'm alive and have a purpose today!~Telisha

Thank you, Telisha. I'm glad you credit God for sobriety. Too many people forget to even acknowledge Him.

What does addiction look like? A lot of people think addiction looks like a homeless person shooting up under a bridge, or someone with rotten teeth. Sometimes that's true. But addiction also looks like a doctor/nurse, lawyer/judge, actor/actress, preacher, politician, family member, or neighbor. I would say - most of the time, addiction does not look like the picture in your mind.

I turned to one of my most favorite people, Mr. Fred Rogers, for his insight about addiction in, "Children and Magic and Drug Abuse," (1971). My goal is to help everyone, even kids, understand that addiction doesn't always look like we think it looks.

Here are some of my favorite quotes from Mr. Rogers wisdom:

• "Our job as adults is to find ways to help our young people grow in the conviction that they can achieve self-realization without having to pour it in or sniff it in."

• "What I wonder is if those who do take drugs might feel that they can't be or do anything of value except by magic. Because in the final analysis isn't that what drugs are: a kind of magic? A magic that will resolve discomfort and will give a sense of being important, perhaps omnipotent?"

• "Every person has hopes beyond his present capacities, and it's our job, it seems to me, to help children to strive for what they want and not to go on trying to get it by drugs or any other kind of magic."

• "Our job as adults is to find ways to help our young people grow in the conviction that they can achieve self-realization without having to pour it in or sniff it in."

• "I'm absolutely convinced that the sense of feeling worthwhile, the sense of being able to make a difference by who you are inside, is essential to living."

I believe Mr. Rogers was absolutely correct.

Like Telisha, I know some addicts can recover. I believe they must reach the desperate, magic-point-of-realization of needing/wanting sobriety. And, I believe that feeling one's life is worthwhile and makes a difference, is definitely, "essential to living." Thank you, Mr. Rogers. I miss you.



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Just do your homework and vote.

Sometimes I wonder what the blow-hards expect to accomplish by spraying opinions across the breakfast table.

I think the ballot box is a good place to start.

People are unwilling to roll back the clock to the dark ages and stage a coup. Scalping, maybe, but I'm not sure I wouldn't be confronted with the glue holding a toupee on tight.

The ballot is my place to speak.

Many people complain about those in office and frown when I suggest voting them out. It's possible and has been done with success in my lifetime.

I'm pretty old and can remember when people voted out work to help those voted in with the needs of the office and the people.

I used to love hearing "the American People," but now those words are used

by persons who really don't care and have proven it.

They also talk about the group of COVID-19 sufferers as if they are their personal representatives. I truly hope they are.

Politics, when I was preparing to vote, was almost magic in my mind.

Living most of my life with my paternal grandfather and my parents, I believed Election Day was equal to Easter and Christmas. We had a duty to go to the courthouse and cast our ballots.

The family was devout Democrats, so I knew which line to toe.

I did until the day my grandfather was on what tuned out to be his deathbed. He was 95 plus a few months and ordered me to go to the courthouse and "Git me one."

I got him a ballot, along with the services of a friend who was a Notary, and

he voted with a shaky hand. "There. I hope that old bat knows it's mine when it's counted. I may need a favor someday."

To the moment he passed, he believed candidates could find out who marked each ballot.

There are still some people who believe the election can be rigged.

I can't sail in that canoe. I have been a poll watcher in my past and the painstaking way the counting was done then proved no one was going to cheat.

At least not in my hometown.

As far as I know, the election officials and judges are still trustworthy.

Other places have had issues, but they have been resolved.

I still think change can be effected at the ballot box and at the community level.

I have researched and decided who will get my vote in the June 30 Primary. I won't need to worry about big politics for a while.

Just vote. It can affect big change.

Native Writes



Sylvia Lobato

Gardening in windy, dry conditions

I think this has been the windiest and driest spring I've encountered in Alamosa. "Wind damages plants by breaking branches, blowing off, or shredding leaves and flowers," according to the Marin (California) Master Gardeners webpage. "The constant back-and-forth motion of gusting wind can knock trees over, take down shrubs and wreak havoc on a plant's root structure."

Wind also affects plant transpiration. It causes water to evaporate from a leaf's surface more quickly than it can be replaced water in the soil. A plant that is dried out is much more susceptible to damage and disease than one that is properly hydrated.

So what can we do? One option is to choose plants that are more resilient in windy, dry conditions. This includes plants that bend in the wind, have smaller or feathery leaves that aren't easily shredded, and deep and/or large root systems. Also, ground covers that aren't very tall are less likely to suffer from wind damage.

In our garden, some of my wind resilient favorites that are blooming now include columbines (Aquilegia species), Icelandic poppies (Papaver nudicaule), California poppies (Eschscholzia californica), yarrow (Achillea species), bishop's weed (Aegopodium variegatum), astilbe (Astilbe x arendsii), and some daisies (Chrysanthemum species).

Right now I have hundreds of columbine blooms and many are three feet tall. They whip around in our high winds but show no damage. The foliage of yellow and orange Icelandic poppies

stays fairly close to the ground and the delicate blooms are at the end of long flexible stems. Annual California poppies are very drought tolerant and the foliage is very feathery allowing the wind to flow through. Red and pink yarrow also has very feathery leaves. I still have some early blooming ox-eye daisies whose fern-like foliage and blooms with many small petals easily bend to the wind. I am aware that ox-eye daisies are on the Colorado no-sale list. They take over in some environments, but not in our harsh environment.

Bishop's weed (Aegopodium variegatum), astilbe (Astilbe x arendsii), and perennial baby's breath (Gypsophila paniculata), on the other hand, have very feathery blossoms that allow the air to flow through.

Other plants that aren't blooming now but have pliable branches and deep roots include daylilies (Hemerocallis fulva), zinnias (Asteraceae), nasturtiums (Tropaeolum), and cotoneaster (Cotoneaster acutifolia). Short groundcovers are also a good choice for windy conditions.

You can view photos and read more about most of the plants at the AlamosaFlowers.net website under the Flower Lists tab.

Gardening in windy climates involves more than just choosing wind-resilient plants. Consider the garden setting. Most city yards aren't large enough to have a windbreak of several rows of trees. However, most yards can accommodate

some sort of windscreen. The best windscreens don't completely block the wind but temper it by allowing some air through. Leafy plants make ideal windscreens, but other more permanent things can also be used in groups such as a section of fence or a wall. According to the Marin website, "The barrier should be porous (about two-thirds solid to one-third openings or holes) and at right angles to the prevailing wind direction." In Alamosa, our prevailing winds usually come from the southwest so place a windscreen to the southwest of whatever you want to protect.

You need to be aware that the wind doesn't always come from the southwest. Earlier this spring we had some nasty, cold winds from the north.

Water management is extremely important. I have had to water more this year than in most other years due to both the high winds and drought. Lilacs in one part of the garden aren't looking as good as usual even though they are on a timed drip system. I've had to add additional water from a hose.

We mulch shrubs and trees with gravel or shredded bark mulch to help keep water evaporation down. I prefer shredded bark mulch over chipped wood or bark as the filaments intertwine and keep it from blowing very much. Here's hoping the winds will die down soon and we'll receive some summer moisture.

"A garden is a friend you can visit anytime." Unknown

Alamosa Landscapes



Marilyn Loser

Happy 13th to my girl

I think it hit me somewhere between COVID-19 and rioting... my baby girl is going to be 13 soon! I was going to have three teenagers! How did that happen?

Flashback to 2007...

From the time the ultrasound tech said you were a girl, I knew I had been blessed with something greater than sugar and spice. There's just something extra special about a mother-daughter bond that can't be beat.

You came into this world with your froggy lips and bald head making our lives complete. Your big brothers were overjoyed, proclaiming "mom, I love the baby more— he doesn't even love the baby!" A fight ensued with bantering back and forth until finally a big wad of gum landed on the side of your crib. I knew right then and there they'd always protect you.

Your toddler years were filled with songs, dances and giggles! Memories of your sweet little voice belting out

Jason Mraz "I'm Yours" fill my heart. Now listening to your pre-teen lungs sing Billie Eilish amazes me.

You had the cutest little voice and special names for your most precious items—that pink Hello Kitty blanket will forever be known as "B." And I remember you crying for your tiny little shoes, "my yooos."

Before I knew it, you had turned into a schoolgirl off to change the world. Though you may have stumbled a time or two, you dried the tears and came out stronger.

Your bold nature might be considered bossy by some but embrace that. A natural-born leader you will always be.

The gentle but stern way you care for your cousins is awe-inspiring; you're going to be an amazing momma one day.

You always put your whole heart into everything you do; whether it be school, volleyball or your newfound

love of fishing. Dedication will take you very far in all that you pursue; don't ever lose that.

Now it's on to the teenage years... it's not going to be easy. It's a time of change and discovering who you are. You might think the world is against you and you'll hate everyone and everything. You'll make mistakes; you'll have regrets and sorrows, but your strength will endure, and you'll find your way. And I'll still be here to help you along the way.

You've been my partner in crime for the past 13 years; my bleacher buddy through rain, snow and scorching sunlight; my coffee companion; my coloring cohort; my female ally and most of all my best friend. I'll always be by your side.

Your big blue eyes and Goldie locks curls from your toddler years remain a part of the beautiful young lady you're becoming. You're beautiful inside and out, Raelee! Happy 13th birthday! I love you to pieces and whole again.

#IThoughtGrowingUpWouldTakeLonger



Jennifer Alonzo

Opinion

LETTERS

More voices in support of Helen Sigmond June 15, 2020

Helen Sigmond is a tireless worker on behalf of the citizens of Alamosa County. Having moved here in 1982, she has been active with the Alamosa Democratic Party ever since. She is an attorney and has practiced law here since 1983.

Helen initially became an Alamosa County Commissioner to fill in after the death of Marianne Dunne in July 2016. Helen was then elected herself in November 2016. Her experience as an attorney has come in handy in reviewing and explaining various contracts presented to the commissioners. In 2019, she served as Chair of the San Luis Valley County Commissioners as well as Chair of the Southern District, which includes counties from the far eastern plains to Mineral County. Her work as a county commissioner reveals what a dedicated, resourceful and creative person she is. She also listens to others with respect and an open mind.

Helen also actively serves on many boards and committees. She has worked on the South Central Seniors Board, the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area Board, the Revitalize the Rio group, the Local Food Coalition efforts, the Economic Development Committee, and the Homeless Task Force.

She promotes community and early childhood workforce education and training on the social emotional health of children and the prevention of ACES (adverse childhood experiences) as part of her work with the Rocky Mountain

Prevention Research Center Community Advisory Board. As part of her work with the Alamosa County Prevention Coalition, also known as "Alamosa Cares," she is active in "upstream prevention" efforts which work to prevent youth substance abuse and to promote healthy activities.

If all this wasn't enough, Helen is frequently found at countless civic activities, from Democratic Party meetings to helping with a citizen's solid waste clean up with the Ecosystem Council to supporting the

San Luis Valley Women's March. We the undersigned strongly support Helen Sigmond in her run for another term as an Alamosa County Commissioner. We encourage others to do the same.

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- Claire Barker
- Pete and Lillian Gomez
- Don Thompson
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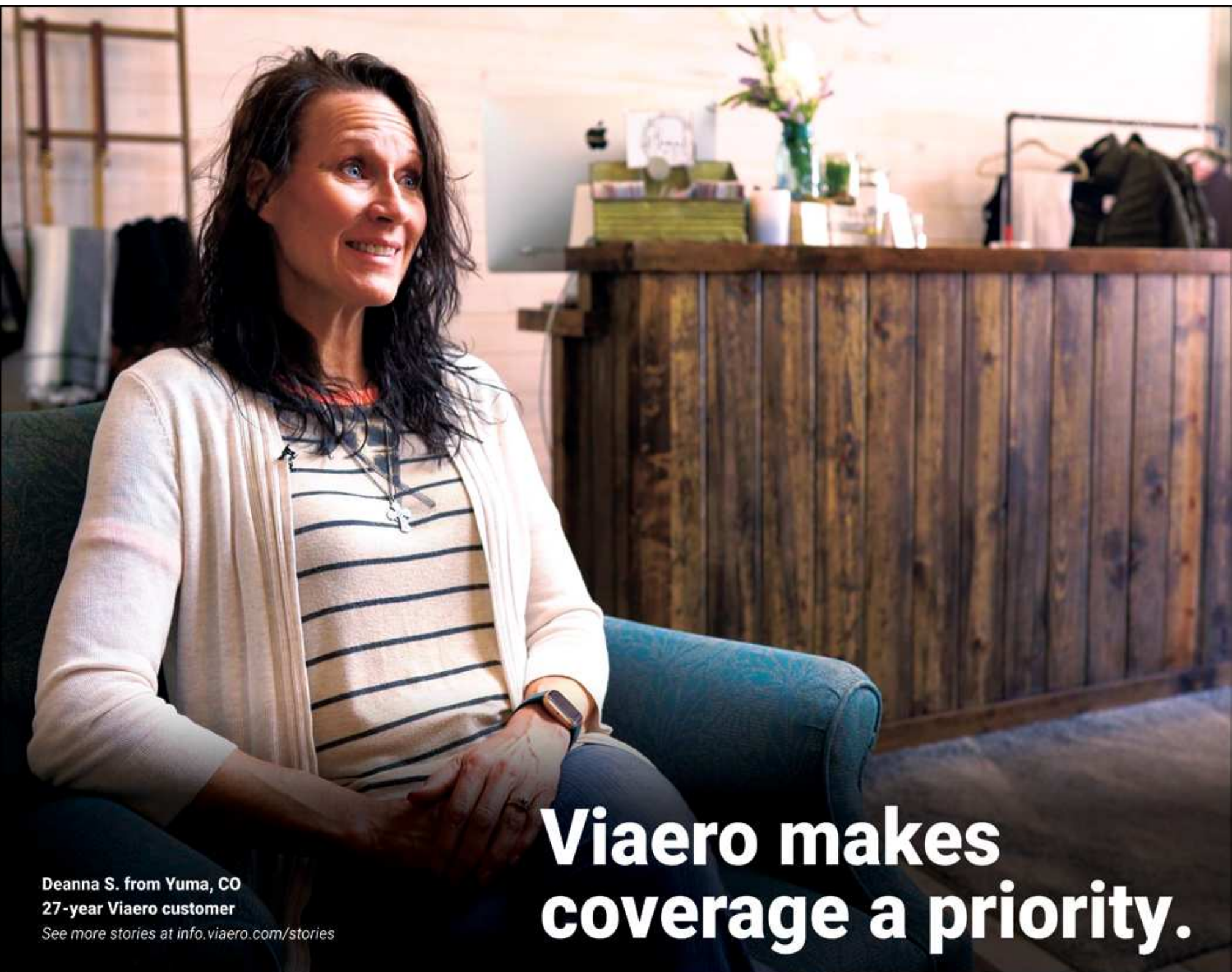
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Lifestyle

Make campfires safe and enjoyable

Who doesn't look forward to sitting around a crackling campfire in the evening with family or friends? Such an experience attracts people to try camping, ultimately converting many of them into lifelong camping enthusiasts.

Campfires serve various purposes, from heating up simple foods to keeping wildlife at bay. Campfires also light up camps where people dine and sleep while providing much-needed warmth.

Campers must always exercise caution with their campfires. The University of Vermont Medical Center says 80 percent of pediatric campfire burns resulted from day-old campfires. The National Interagency Fire Center advises that, in 2017, 88 percent of wildfires were caused by humans.

When building campfires, the following precautionary measures can ensure a safe time is had by all.

Campground and other areas will post if the conditions are safe for a fire. Heed all signs and do not ignite a campfire if posted warnings say it is too dry and unsafe to do so.

- Choose the right location. Look around and up to make sure that the fire will be in a safe location away from low-hanging branches or brush. Keep a radius of at least eight to 10 feet around the fire clear of tents, food, chairs, and other items, states the health and fitness resource Active.

- Prepare your site. Dig a small pit in which the fire can be housed, offers Smokey Bear. Place a ring of stones around the pit.

- Add fuel only as needed. Keep the fire at a manageable size and height. Do not let it grow just to impress fellow campers, as it can spread and become a problem.

- Beware of the "duff." The rangers at Modoc National Forest in California say duff is a layer

of decomposing wood material that lies between pine needles and dirt on the forest floor. It is highly flammable, and some mistake it for dirt. Be aware of duff near the campsite and extinguish any embers promptly.

- Maintain a close watch. Make sure that at least one person is always tending to the campfire.

- Keep kids and pets away. Set a proper distance for pets and young children who may not understand the dangers of fire.

- Extinguish the fire properly. Keep a shovel

and water nearby to drown the fire and embers. Mix the ashes and water again to catch anything that may be smoldering. Continue adding water, dirt or sand and stirring with a shovel until all material is cool. Never leave a former campfire hot. Check a decent perimeter around the campfire to ensure that no stray embers escaped.

Campfires are an enjoyable part of the overall camping or outdoor wilderness experience. Safety is essential to help prevent forest fires and/or injuries. EL196992



When building campfires, the following precautionary measures can ensure a safe time is had by all.

HHS Announces \$53,612,976 in provider relief funds for Colorado safety net hospitals

Recognizing the incredibly thin margins safety net hospitals operate on, HHS is announcing the distribution of \$53,612,976 in Provider Relief Funds to safety net hospitals in Colorado serving the most vulnerable citizens. This payment is being sent directly to these hospitals via direct deposit this week. Across the nation, more than \$10 billion is being delivered to safety net hospitals this week.

"Healthcare providers who focus on treating the most vulnerable Americans, including low-income and minority patients, are absolutely essential to our fight against COVID-19," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "HHS is using funds from Congress, secured by President Trump, to provide new targeted help for Colorado safety-net providers and clinicians."

HHS is providing support to healthcare providers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic through the bipartisan CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, which allocated \$175 billion in relief funds to hospitals and other

healthcare providers, including those disproportionately impacted by this pandemic.

Qualification for these safety net hospitals to receive payment was based on:

- A Medicare Disproportionate Payment Percentage (DPP) of 20.2 percent or greater; Average Uncompensated Care per bed of \$25,000 or more. For example, a hospital with 100 beds would need to provide \$2,500,000 in Uncompensated Care in a year to meet this requirement;

- Profitability of 3 percent or less, as reported to CMS in its most recently filed Cost Report.

Recipients received a minimum distribution of \$5 million and a maximum distribution of \$50 million.

HHS also announced it was opening an enhanced portal to allow Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs, and expects to distribute approximately \$15 billion to eligible providers that have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Allocation.

New Fire Start on the Carson National Forest

Location: Carson National Forest, El Rito Ranger District

Size: 10+ acres
Cause: Unknown (under investigation)
Date Detected: June 8, 2020

Evacuations: None
Fuel Type: Ponderosa Pine, Dry Mix Conifer

Values at Risk: Values at risk being currently being assessed.

Resources: Carson Engines, Type 2 Rappel Helicopter, Type 1 Helicopter on order, Lolo Hotshots

Fire Update: A new fire start has been identified on the El Rito Ranger District on the Carson National Forest. The fire, which has been named the Cañada Fire, was detected this evening, June 8, 2020. Fire personnel are currently fighting the fire, which is burning 9 miles of north of El Rito, N.M. Aircraft have been assigned to the approximately 10-acre fire, which is consuming ponderosa pine and dry mix conifer. Winds are making suppression efforts difficult. Smoke may be visible in the surrounding communities. More information will be released as it becomes available.

Please visit the New Mexico Department of Health's smoke page for information on protecting your health during fires and on smoky days: <https://nmtracking.org/fire>.

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Lifestyle

Colorado Water Trust's Tony LaGreca, shares



in agricultural production.

Q: How have you been passing the time during quarantine?

Reading the Col-

orado Water Trust Newsletters. Hiking. Yard work. Learning to find focus while my son is watching Scooby Doo in my office (aka the dining room in our small open floorplan house).

Q: What are you most looking forward to this summer?

From a work perspective, traveling around the state to monitor

our permanent projects which are in some of the most beautiful parts of the state. When I am not working, multi-day raft trips on the Green and San Juan Rivers with my family and friends.

While we are still unable to get together in person around Colorado, we hope you'll enjoy our get-to-know-us series with the Colorado Water Trust team. Next up is Tony LaGreca, our Projects Manager who joined us last spring 2019 and he's got some great river stories!

Q: What part of your background have you found most useful in your work here at Colorado Water Trust?

In Oregon I worked primarily on restoration projects on rivers flowing through cattle ranches. The daily interactions with ranchers on a variety of different projects really helped me to better understand how a ranch really works and to appreciate all the hard work ranchers put in to grow food for us. I think that background is really helping me work with our partners on the Little Cimarron River as we work to restore flows and keep lands

Q: You've been on and off in Colorado for a while, what has been the biggest change you've noticed?

When I left Buena Vista (BV) it was a sleepy little town that was busy in the summer but quiet the rest of the year. I first ended up back in BV on a random weekend in April and there were hundreds of people walking around downtown. I couldn't believe it! My quiet little town had been discovered.

Q: You've guided many river trips, what was the most unusual request you've ever gotten while guiding?

Every now and then you end up guiding a boat where none of the customers speak English or speak very little English. I had one family from the Czech Republic who spoke a little English and I was telling them to paddle hard because of the big rapid coming up. Rather than paddle they all looked at the river banks and quit paying attention to my commands. We made it through the rapid (barely) and I tried to tell them they needed to paddle better in the big rapids. One of them said, "When you say big rapid you mean big waves in the river?" and made a wave motion with her hand. I said yes. She laughed and said, "We thought you meant big rabbits!" and put up two fingers behind her head. She translated to her friends and we all had a big laugh.

Q: Tell us a good fish story (Tony's known around here as 'the fish guy')

Working for Trout Unlimited in Oregon everyone always assumed I was a big fisherman and would ask me for fishing advice, they were always disappointed when I told them I did not know how to fish. Once I was with a crew of fish biologists sampling a stream using an electro fisher (a machine that sends a current through the water to temporarily stun fish so they can be netted and tagged) and we had been getting a bunch of 3 to 5 inch fish. Suddenly a huge 24 inch brown trout jumped out right at my feet and I screamed like a 4 year old. All of the biologists had a good laugh at the guy from Trout Unlimited.



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Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1. Sweetly coated
5. At a distance
6. Tall, branched plants
7. Having high degree of heat
8. Confections

DOWN

1. Another name for candies
2. Plant product found in soaps and skincare
3. Enjoys a book
4. Special desserts

Answers:
 Across: 1. Sugared 5. Afar 6. Trees 7. Hot 8. Candies
 Down: 1. Sweets 2. Glycerin 3. Reads 4. Treats

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1215: KING JOHN OF ENGLAND PUTS HIS SEAL TO MAGNA CARTA.
- 1921: BESSIE COLEMAN BECOMES THE FIRST FEMALE PILOT OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN DESCENT.
- 2012: NIK WALLEDA BECOMES THE FIRST PERSON TO TIGHTROPE WALK DIRECTLY OVER NIAGARA FALLS.

New word

PULL

to stretch certain types of candies

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Sugar


SPANISH: Azúcar

ITALIAN: Zucchero

FRENCH: Sucre

GERMAN: Zucker

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Lifestyle

Different ways to treat Dad for Father's Day



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The following are some ways to treat dads this Father's Day.

The month of June is filled with many different celebrations. Once summer arrives in June, schools shut down for a few month's worth of vacation and most recreational attractions, such as amusement parks and boardwalks, begin operating at full capacity. June also is the month to show dads how much they are loved and appreciated.

This year Father's Day takes place on Sunday, June 21, and marks the 110th anniversary of this day for dads. Even though Father's Day began as a regional event in the state of Washington, nearly 60 years later it would be recognized as a national holiday across the United States. Father's Day also is commemorated elsewhere in the world at various times of the year.

According to the most recent census data and statistics, there are 8.6 million fathers and father figures in Canada and 72 million in the

United States. The following are some ways to treat dads this Father's Day.

Participate in his hobby

Dad likely has some favorite hobbies, such as playing a favorite sport, boating, hunting, woodworking, or restoring a classic car. Asking to join in to learn the ropes of his favorite hobby can be an ideal way to spend time with Dad and show you care.

Tackle his chores

Provide Dad a week-end off from his normal tasks around the house if they are within your skill set. Volunteer to mow the lawn, weed the garden, run for groceries, or get the car washed. You also may want to help him finish a project he started but hasn't yet completed.

Take in a show or a game

Maybe Dad has a favorite team he follows

or a comedian he loves to watch. Purchase tickets so you can go in person. If that's not possible, make home viewing a special event by clearing a few hours of your schedule and setting up a comfortable viewing area. Make some special snacks and stream his favorite programming right at home.

Give him "his" space

Dads often make sacrifices for their families, and this could mean compromising on his comfort and pleasure to ensure everyone else has what they need. Create a spot that is entirely his own. This may involve renovating the basement or garage for hobbies or hanging out. Even a free-standing shed in the backyard can be billed as a "Dad Zone," giving your father a place to which he can retreat for some peace and quiet.

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Governor Polis takes action in response to COVID-19,

Support Election CyberSecurity

DENVER - Governor Jared Polis took additional action in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to support election cybersecurity in Colorado.

The Governor signed Executive Order D 2020 105, to extend certain state income tax payment deadlines for all Colorado taxpayers to quickly provide relief from payment and penalties due to COVID-19.

Gov. Polis also signed Executive Order D 2020 106, activating the Colorado National Guard to assist with election cybersecurity defense efforts during the 2020 state primary election on June 30, 2020. "The Colorado Secretary of State has requested that the Colorado National Guard De-

fensive Cyber Operations Element provide election cybersecurity support during the 2020 state primary election," the Executive Order reads.

"We want to make sure we are doing everything we can to protect our elections system for all political parties in the upcoming primary," said Governor Polis. "Not only do we want Colorado to be a state where voting is quick and easy, but we want to make sure it is secure."

"I'm happy to have the Colorado National Guard's Cyber Defense Force join our exceptional Election Security team for the June 30 State Primary," said Secretary of State Jena Griswold. "Thanks to this partnership, Colorado continues to lead the nation in election security while creating a truly formidable group of experts working on behalf of Colorado voters."

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To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On March 12, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
Original Grantor(s)
Dave Sisneros AND Michelle Sisneros
Original Beneficiary(ies)
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
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)(f), 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.

District Court
Alamosa County, Colorado
Court Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
In the Matter of the Estate of Joaquin Cantu Jr.
Deceased
Case Number 2020PR4
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address)
Angelina Nincehelsler
5385 South Valdaj Way
Aurora, CO 80015
NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 15-12-801, C.R.S.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Joaquin Cantu Jr., Deceased
Case Number 2020PR4
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Alamosa County, Colorado on or before October 17, 2020(date), or the claims may be forever barred.
Angelina Nincehelsler
5385 South Valdaj Way
Aurora, CO 80015
No. 1493
Published in the Valley Courier on June 17, 24, and July 1, 2020.

221 HELP WANTED

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following Coaching position at Alamosa High School: Head Boys Baseball Coach Applications are available online at <https://alamosa.k12.co.us>. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(6/23)

221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is currently seeking a preschool teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must possess an associate's degree in early childhood education and must be director qualified and must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@southconejos.com. Applications will be accepted until June 17th, 2020.(6/17)

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

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>.(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.com or contact Amy at 719-657-4030. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at:dncsd.org. (6/19)

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THE CITY OF Alamosa is accepting applications for a Utility Supervisor (\$45,551 per year) and multiple Cashier/CSR's (\$12.49 per hour) For more information please visit cityofalamosa.org. Protected by EOE.(6/19)

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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)

221 HELP WANTED

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

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

DISTRICT COURT, ALAMOSA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
Civil Action No. 2020 CV 030023, Division No. C
SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)
CARL DEAL and FRANCES DEAL,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
WARREN H. DEAL aka WARREN HARRISON DEAL,
and all other persons who claim as heirs, devisees, creditors or otherwise under said defendants, and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action,
Defendants.
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within thirty days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice to you.
This is an action to quiet title to the following described property situated in the County of Alamosa and State of Colorado, to-wit:
The SW7NW7SW7 of Section 23, Township 38 North, Range 11 East, N.M.P.M.,
(the "Property"), free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.
DATED: June 9, 2020.
MOTZ LAW FIRM, LLC
By /s/ Jeffrey E. Motz
Paul E. Motz, Reg. No. 7740
Jeffrey E. Motz, Reg. No. 35972
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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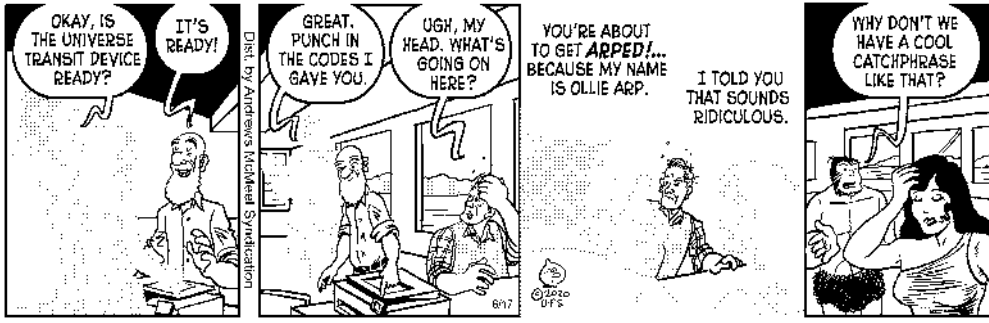
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 - 7 WWW addresses
 - 8 Snoozes
 - 9 Camp-ground org.
 - 38 Kiddie-lit author
 - 39 Mag execs
 - 40 Came down with
 - 41 Not rainy
 - 42 "So long!"
 - 43 ABC rival
 - 44 Whipper
 - 46 Have — — at
 - 48 Boiling mad (hyph.)
 - 51 Hooky player
 - 55 Canal city
 - 56 Pulled down
 - 57 Trousers
 - 58 Uses a dirk

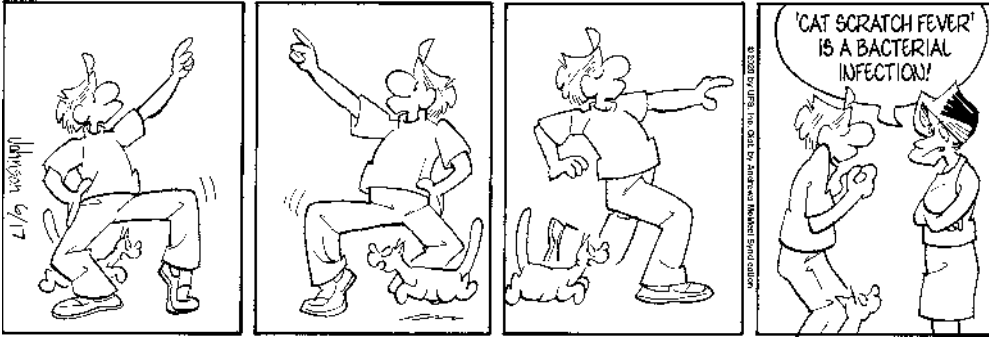


- 10 Overhead railways
- 11 Golf peg
- 13 Icon
- 19 Energized
- 20 Long way around
- 22 Sharpshooter Annie —
- 24 Naval officer
- 25 Dendrite's place
- 26 Deli breads
- 27 Some queens
- 28 Lobster eaters' need
- 29 Ticket info
- 34 Fortune-teller
- 36 Form a thought
- 42 Memory units
- 43 Hoopster's venue
- 45 Boulder
- 47 Pate de foie —
- 48 Motor homes
- 49 Sushi morsel
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ALLEY OOP



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BIG NATE



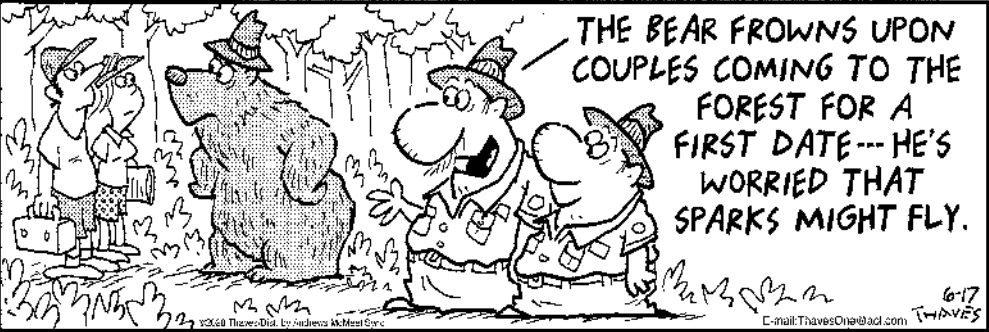
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



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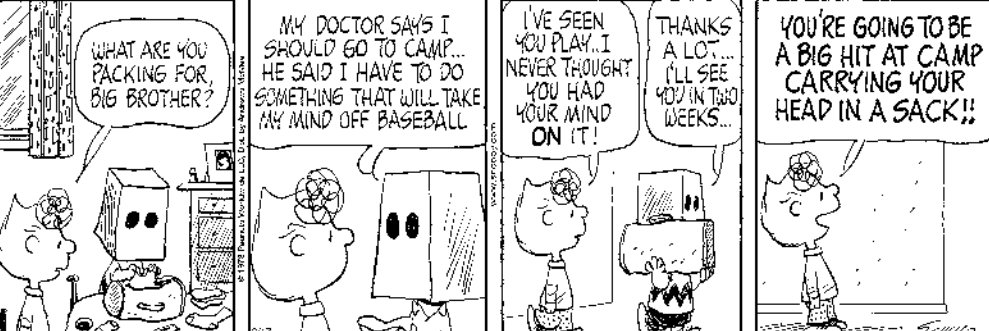
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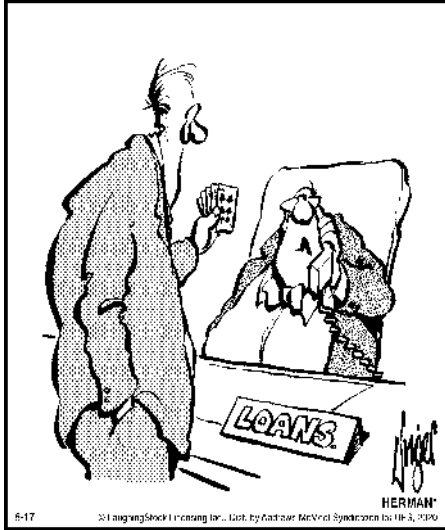
THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS



HERMAN



"He wants another 50 bucks... pair of nines and a queen."

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.

" L D M U T G A Z T B Z U E T G F V G F D M B
 Y D B J X R D B Z E C H C Z Z C B X T V J L . G D
 S T Z Z C B E D Y A S T J J Z E C T U Z V D G ."
 — G C J A D G S T G X C J T

TODAY'S CLUE: F equals H

Previous Solution: "Our flag is not just one of many political points of view. Rather the flag is a symbol of our national unity." — Adrian Cronauer

Wife stunned to discover husband's weighty fetish

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I married two years ago. A year later we welcomed our first child. I never imagined I would ever want a divorce. Well, I found out early this year that my husband has a fetish/fantasy about bigger women. (He actually said it.) He is a "feeder." He has purchased books related to these things and watches videos and reads stories about it while sitting next to me on the couch! It turns him on. He has asked me to consider gaining weight. I told him he needs help.

I made an appointment for him to see a therapist, and am forcing him to go. I feel cheated on and disrespected. I don't know how to handle this bomb he dropped on me. I don't know how to be with someone who has such a strong impulse. I hate to feel at fault for walking away and breaking up our family, but I can't go along with this and risk my health. I also don't know how to live apart from him. Any help is appreciated.

-- WIFE OF A FEEDER

DEAR WIFE: Your husband should have discussed this with you before you married. Gaining weight to feed your husband's fetish would not be healthy for you physically or -- feeling as you do -- emotionally.

Because you already have a licensed mental health professional in your database, schedule an appointment for yourself to help you rationally

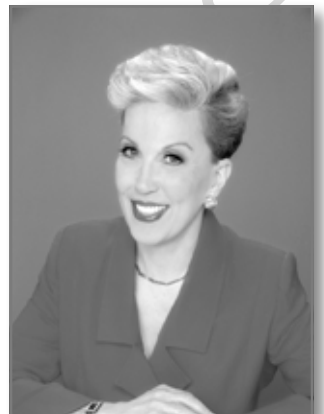
decide what you need to do. (Can your husband be content to have his fantasy but not involve you?) You may not want to "feel at fault" for walking away, but you aren't going to change him, and your first responsibility must be to maintain your health so you can parent your child to adulthood.

DEAR ABBY: This has been weighing on me for a long time. A guy I've known for years receives tons of food from a food pantry his sister runs. It sickens me because he's financially set. He brags to me about never ever having to buy groceries again. I think about the children and families who are in need of food during these terrible times. He is the worst kind of cheapskate and doesn't like spending money on anything.

Obviously, if his sister is allowing this, she is doing the same thing. I told him he should be ashamed of himself for taking advantage of this program. His response was that he served our country, so he's entitled! (He was dishonorably discharged after seven months.) He truly feels the food is owed to him. This has been bothering me for a long time and, to be honest, I wish he had never told me.

-- DISGUSTED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR DISGUSTED: And your question is? Those two appear to have no conscience. Contact the head of



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

the organization that sponsors the food bank and tell the person what you have written to me. I don't think I'm being too harsh to point out that "Sissy" is guilty of theft by funneling food to her brother and preventing a needy family from having it. Shameless.

DEAR ABBY: Is it possible to be in love with someone who is incarcerated? -- ROMANTIC IN TEXAS

DEAR ROMANTIC: Yes. However, it depends upon the length of the relationship and whether you met the person before he or she was incarcerated. If you knew the person before, it is possible. However, if your relationship began while he or she was serving time, it is extremely important that you verify ANYthing you are being told and refrain from sending the person money.

Lifestyle

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