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## Marshall faces multiple charges

### Alleged shooter had aggressive demeanor

By MEGAN COLWELL  
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA— A 49-year-old Canon City man remains hospitalized after being shot during a downtown protest here early Thursday evening.

At approximately 5:56 p.m., Alamosa Police were dispatched to Main Street and State Avenue in reference to a shooting.

After an initial investigation,

officers quickly located the victim at 2nd Street and Richardson Avenue in a vehicle, with a gunshot wound to the head. Alamosa Police Department identified the victim of the shooting as 49-year-old Canon City resident, Danny Pruitt. Pruitt was initially treated at San Luis Valley Health and later flown to UC Health Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs for further treatment.

As of Friday afternoon, Pruitt was in critical but stable condition, according to APD Captain Joey Spangler. The Courier will keep the public updated on his wellbeing.

Law enforcement identified a suspect, 27-year-old Alamosa

resident James Marshall, and subsequently placed him into custody at approximately 8:40 p.m. Marshall was charged with attempted 2nd Degree homicide, 1st Degree assault, reckless endangerment, felony menacing, criminal mischief, illegal discharge of a firearm, and prohibited use of weapons. Marshall reportedly is an attorney with a second-story office in downtown Alamosa.

Marshall had been taking part in a local protest, taking place at the intersection of State Ave. and Main St. The protests have been organized in a nationwide response to the murder of George Floyd at the hand of the Minneapolis Police Department. Floyd's death has highlighted the systemic racism inherent to many of our nation's institutions. Thursday night's peaceful protest, as well as, two previous protests, were organized by community member, Emily. (At her request, Emily's last name has been omitted from this record).

"Peaceful demonstration was emphasized at the events I organized," Emily said. "I would often



Courtesy photo  
**James Marshall faces a slew of charges after his involvement in a Thursday shooting.**

let the other attendees know that we are demonstrating to act in solidarity with all black folks who have been harmed by an unjust system.

■ See **MARSHALL** page 3

## Adams State Virtual Commencement speaker is JBC Chair Daneya Esgar

ALAMOSA — Daneya Esgar, chair of the Colorado Legislature's Joint Budget Committee, will serve as a keynote speaker and inspire the Spring 2020 graduating class at Adams State University during its Virtual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday.

Adams State's commencement ceremony will begin at noon and can be viewed at [adams.edu/live](http://adams.edu/live).

Rep. Esgar, D-Pueblo, is in her third term in the Colorado House of Representatives. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Appropriations Committee. During her six years in the legislature, Rep. Esgar has experienced success in passing bills on a wide range of subjects. She has worked to improve affordability and access to healthcare through the elimination of surprise medical building, expanded treatment options for Coloradans with opioid or other substance use disorders, and enabled patients to be covered for healthcare services provided by a pharmacist. She also led the fight to end conversion therapy, provide identity documents



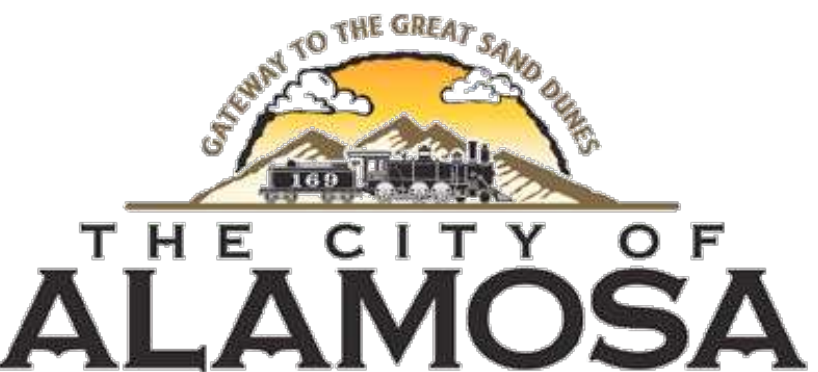
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**Daneya Esgar**

for transgender Coloradans, and improved access to public education.

Adams State Board of Trustees Chair Michele Lueck will convey greetings from the board.

For this special event, both undergraduate and graduate degrees will be awarded. Student speakers will be live on stage, including Mariah McDermott and Hubert Price, representing the undergraduates, and Jasmine and John Camponeschi, speaking on behalf of those earning a master's or doctorate degree.

## Project Update



ALAMOSA— The City of Alamosa has contracted Gardner Excavating to conduct the 2020 First Street reconstruction project. Currently, work is being performed on sanitary sewer and storm lines.

The contractors will replace a main sewer line on First Street between West Avenue and

Alamosa Avenue June 8-9. This will require a temporary closure of First Street on those days. Once the line is replaced the street will then be temporarily open for traffic until the next phase of the project.

Throughout the project alleyways will be closed and we request

that residents do not park, walk, or drive in the construction area. This will help ensure your safety and the safety of working crews.

If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (719) 589-6631.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

## Altercation goes beyond words

ALAMOSA — For the second day in a row the San Luis Valley bore witness to a shooting. What appeared to have begun as a road rage incident escalated to one male being shot.

Alamosa County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area of Highway 17 near County Road 4 South on Friday afternoon in reference to a shooting. Deputies were able to obtain information from the victim leading to the scene of the shooting near County Road 2 South and County Road 116 which started as a verbal alter-

cation, led to a vehicle collision and finally ended with one male being shot. All parties involved are currently cooperating with the investigation.

Two individuals were transported to San Luis Valley Health by ambulance with non-life threatening injuries. A 41-year old male with a gunshot wound and a 12-year old girl who sustained minor injuries during the vehicle collision. Both have been treated and released.

Charges are pending until the completion of the investigation.

## What is Public Health

### SLV Emergency Public Health Update

SANLUISVALLEY— Twelve new COVID-19 cases were reported Friday for the SLV. Alamosa: 6, Rio Grande: 2, and Saguache: 4, bringing the total number of cases for the SLV to 243. Eighteen total people have been hospitalized, 112 have completed isolation, and there have been four deaths. Numbers are updated weekdays at [slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/](http://slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/).

SLV Emergency would like to acknowledge and express gratitude for the local healthcare providers who served friends and families so well. Our healthcare partners share the goal of healthy communities with Public Health. Public Health has come under much public attention since the beginning of the pandemic, causing many people to ask, what IS Public Health? While healthcare providers (hospitals, doctors, nurses), are very visible in their efforts to address immediate threats to life and health of individuals, in pre-pandemic times, Public Health worked quietly in the background. That is because Public Health's focus is primarily prevention of illness and the health and wellbeing of the population as a whole. They

"treat" illnesses by working to make sure they don't happen. When a large scale illness, such as an outbreak or pandemic occurs, it is Public Health's job to work to contain that illness in the population.

One tool Public Health uses during an outbreak is the follow-up after a positive test result comes in. In an outbreak, following up with an individual who has tested positive is a way for Public Health to make sure no one else is exposed, or if, they were, to give recommendations to those people in order to prevent further illness and death. This is called "contact tracing and investigation." It normally requires a phone call to the affected individuals by Public Health staff. Public Health keeps personal information confidential in accordance with HIPAA laws and out of respect for privacy.

It is important if you are ill or have been in contact with an ill person, to seek testing for COVID-19. It is possible to be re-infected. Please contact your primary care doctor or call one of the numbers below to start the screening process:

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

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

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Nathan Andrew Dick



**DEL NORTE** — Nathan Andrew Dick, 46, died May 26, 2020, in Del Norte, Colorado. Nathan was born November 7, 1973, in Garden City, Kansas.

Nathan is survived by his mother, Beth Krug, and stepfather, Wilmer Krug of Russell, Kansas, his brother, Michael Dick of South Fork, Colorado, and his three beautiful children, Marli, Creedence, and Elijah Dick of Alamosa, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his father, Phillip R. Dick.

He was raised in Garden City, Kansas before moving away to college.

education. He soon began his teaching career in Tohatchi, NM, and later returned to Alamosa where he continued to teach. Nate enjoyed art, pottery, rockhounding, fishing, golf, and dogs, but nothing compared to the love he had for his three children.

A family service will be held on June 10, 2020, 11:00 am at Strohmayer's Funeral Home, followed by a graveside visitation. The family will accept visitors from 2:00-4:00 pm, at the South Fork Cemetery.

Arrangements in care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

In 2002, Nathan moved to South Fork, Colorado. He finished his schooling at Adams State College, where he earned two master's degrees in pottery and

## PENDING OBITUARIES

### Jimmie "Jim" Gerlock

**MONTE VISTA** — Jimmie "Jim" Gerlock, 81, passed away on June 5, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista.

### Ruth Marie Karcher

**MONTE VISTA** — Ruth Marie Karcher, 95, passed away on June 2, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Rogers Family mortuary in Monte Vista.

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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](http://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.

## ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

05/30/2020-06/05/2020

- Billy Calder, 46, Alamosa; Domestic Violence, 3rd Degree Assault, Child Abuse, Obstructing Telephone, Reckless Endangerment
- Jaquelyn McDonald, 36, Alamosa; Theft From A Building
- Josh Moen, 48, Alamosa; Following Too Closely, Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request
- Angelina Madison, 31, Moffat; Shoplifting
- Romes Vigil, 41, Pueblo; Shoplifting
- Richard Chacon, 56, Romeo; Failed To Yield Right Of Way On Left Turn
- Corynne Pepper, 20, Alamosa; Domestic Violence, Harassment

### 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.

## BIRTHS

### Zayden Ozhiah Delgado

**ALAMOSA** — Zayden Ozhiah Delgado was born May 4, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Health Center of Alamosa to Jennifer Salazar and Aron Delgado of Monte Vista. Zayden weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 21 inches long. Zayden's sibling is Louis Valdez. Maternal grandparents are Bernadett Duran and Robert and Rose Salazar of Monte Vista. Paternal grandparent is Nora Delgado of Monte Vista. Great-grandparents are Mary. Duran and Carmen Delgado.

## ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

**ALAMOSA**—The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email [amanda@alamosastatebank.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [sly-photostephen@gmail.com](mailto:sly-photostephen@gmail.com)

**ALAMOSA**—Families

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

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

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

**ALAMOSA** — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth, is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, AKriya, Meditation & Lamplighting School. Contact Martin at 575-758-5876 or [talentolocal@live.com](mailto: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.

## 231 impaired drivers arrested during Memorial Day enforcement period

### Summer Blitz DUI enforcement period begins June 12

**STATEWIDE**—While many Coloradans kicked off summer over Memorial Day weekend, others started it with a DUI. As part of the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) The Heat Is On campaign, Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement launched the annual Memorial Day DUI enforcement period to protect motorists from impaired drivers on Colorado roads. As a result, 231 impaired drivers were arrested during the holiday weekend enforcement period, which is a decrease from the 323 arrests made during this enforcement in 2019.

"When you get behind the wheel, you're not only in control of your own safety, your actions impact the safety of everyone around you," said Shoshana Lew, executive director at CDOT. "Just as we are all doing our part to protect each other during this pandemic, we need to protect each other on the road and that means eliminating impaired driving."

Statewide, 84 law enforcement agencies participated in the Memorial Day enforcement period, with the Colorado Springs Police Department (27 arrests) and the El Paso County Sheriffs Office (22 arrests) recording the highest arrest totals. CSP arrested an additional 64 DUI offenders across the state. Comprehensive results from all participating agencies can be found at [codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal](http://codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal). Arrest data is organized by law enforcement agency and enforcement period.

"Safety and wellness have always been at the core of Colorado State Patrol's values," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of CSP. "We have always been on high alert to keep Coloradans safe on state roads. Unfortunately, that meant arresting 64 motorists for driving impaired this Memorial Day weekend. We want Coloradans to remember that, although Gov. Polis has issued a Safer at Home order and fewer drivers may be on the roads, driving impaired is al-

ways prohibited, so plan for a sober ride home—no matter what."

An average of 60 impaired drivers are arrested for DUI in Colorado every day. The Colorado blood-alcohol (BAC) limit for a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) charge is 0.08 percent or higher, and for a Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI) charge, it is 0.05 percent or higher. First-time DUI offenders can be punished with up to one year in jail, license suspension and thousands of dollars in fines. However, a driver can be charged with a DUI if their alcohol content is anywhere above zero. CDOT encourages all drivers who have consumed any amount of alcohol to refrain from driving.

The Heat Is On will return for the Summer Blitz DUI enforcement period from June 12–22. CDOT's The Heat Is On DUI-prevention campaign, including the Memorial Day and Summer Blitz enforcement periods, supports CDOT's Whole System — Whole Safety initiative to reduce traffic injuries and deaths.

#### COVID-19

Safe transportation infrastructure is essential for emergency first responders and freight drivers as Colorado navigates the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, road maintenance and construction continues on CDOT projects with social distancing and other health safety measures to reduce COVID-19 exposure on the worksite. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment announced guidelines for construction activities. The public is urged to join the campaign for #DoingMyPartCO by practicing social distancing, wearing face masks, staying at home when possible, and avoiding nonessential travel. With fewer vehicles on the roads, CDOT crews will be able to work more efficiently and safely.

#### ABOUT THE HEAT IS ON

The CDOT Highway Safety Office provides funding to Colorado law enforcement for impaired driving enforcement, education and awareness campaigns. The Heat Is On campaign runs throughout the year, with 16 specific high-visibility impaired driving enforcement periods centered on national holidays and

large public events. Enforcement periods can include sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement. Find more details about the campaign, including impaired driving enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips at [HeatIsOnColorado.com](http://HeatIsOnColorado.com).

#### WHOLE SYSTEM. WHOLE SAFETY.

In early 2019, CDOT announced its Whole System — Whole Safety initiative to heighten safety awareness. This initiative takes a systematic, statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission—to get everyone home safely.

#### ABOUT CDOT

CDOT has approximately 3,000 employees located at its Denver headquarters and in regional offices throughout Colorado, and manages more than 23,000 lane miles of highway and 3,429 bridges. CDOT also manages grant partnerships with a range of other agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations, local governments and airports. It also administers Bustang, the state-owned and operated interregional express service. Governor Polis has charged CDOT to further build on the state's intermodal mobility options.


**School Menu**

--- Monday ---

June 8, 2020

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# Valley News

## Blood drives scheduled in the San Luis Valley

Three blood drives will be taking place in the San Luis Valley, with social distancing guidelines in effect.

"We are encouraging appointments only at the blood drives right now," said Megan McCarter, donor recruitment representative for Vitalant, the company conducting the blood drives. "Walk-ins will not be allowed."

Making an appointment will allow the staff of the blood drive to be able to keep donors at the state-requested six-foot distancing from each other. Blood donation operations such as blood drives are not

considered "gatherings" under the current social distancing guidelines, but as essential health-care activities.

In addition, for free, donors will learn about their antibody status for COVID-19. Vitalant will use an FDA approved test, regardless if the donors show symptoms. Blood donations are critically low, especially for types O, A-negative and B-negative red blood cells.

Cliff Numark, Vitalant's Chief of Marketing, added, "A positive antibody test does not mean that someone is immune to COVID-19. But they might be eligible to donate plasma in

the future to help patients who are battling COVID-19."

The following is a list of upcoming blood drives in the San Luis Valley:

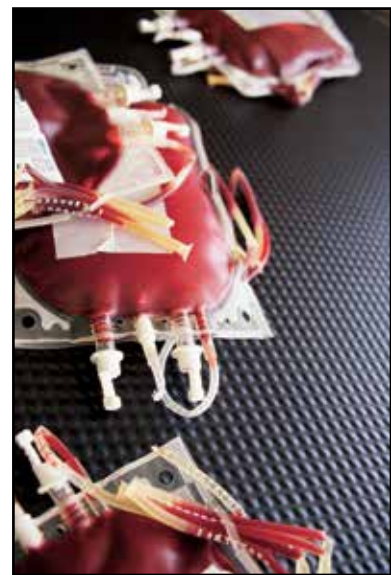
- Monte Vista Community Blood Drive: June 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the LDS Church, located at 99 W. Prospect Avenue in Monte Vista. To schedule an appointment, call the Vitalant Appointment Center at 1-800-365-0006, ext. 2.

- Conejos County Community Blood Drive: June 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the SLV Health La Jara Clinic, located at 509 E. Main Street in La Jara. To schedule an ap-

pointment, contact Ann Holmes at 719-274-4477.

- 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 schedule an appointment, call the Vitalant appointment center at 1-800-365-0006, ext. 2.

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](http://www.vitalant.org).



## Moffat mayor under investigation



Courtesy photo

Patricial Reigel

By TERESA L. BENNS

**MOFFAT** — Moffat Mayor Patricia Reigel is currently under investigation for an incident that occurred on Mayor Patricia Reigel Boulevard in Moffat last month. Reigel and the town code enforcement officer are accused of improperly removing items from a local marijuana operation.

According to a report received from a representative of the marijuana business, Reigel and the town's compliance team entered the property "under the auspices of doing a rou-

tine inspection." Sheriff Dan Warwick stated Tuesday that Reigel and her team appear to have become involved in a matter that should have remained between an employee of the grow and his employer.

Video footage from the grower's report allegedly shows the town's two compliance officers,

paid by the Town to assist in the Marijuana Enforcement Division inspections and enforcement, hauling items off the property in their own vehicles. Warwick says he has yet to review the video. The report claims one compliance officer "has performed

side work for a grower — an obvious conflict of interest."

The grower report states further: "The team spent three hours removing truckloads of items from the premises with no explanation. The entire [incident] was recorded on surveillance video." One portion of the video reportedly shows Reigel urinating on the property.

Sheriff Warwick says the incident will be turned over to district attorney Robert Willett for review and could result in criminal charges. Warwick, however, feels the incident is more of a civil issue and should have been settled without participation by town officials.

"Reigel and her compliance officers went into a grow to collect the property of a man who worked for the grow," Warwick explained. "The mayor and the code enforcement person [conducted it as] a compliance check. The guy who had a key to the place allowed them in. The mayor thought she had the authority to make them give up all these things."

"There is a possible question of judgment here," Warwick continued. "Reigel shouldn't have gotten herself involved — the parties should have settled it themselves." Warwick agreed that the incident places the

town in a difficult situation and indicated the matter should have been referred to law enforcement.

Warwick says he has not heard from either the employer or anyone from the town, noting the employer has a language barrier that may delay his report. Both sides have involved their attorneys in the matter, he commented.

The grower's report includes a long list of complaints about the town, also witnessed by those attending meetings and noted for the past several years by Moffat citizens and property owners. These include:

- The mayor's conduct in public meetings, including explosive outbursts;
- Disrespectful treatment of board members;
- Abuse of authority
- Financial transparency issues
- Reluctance in providing the town's financial and other records under the Colorado Open Records Act;
- Conflicts of interest among board members and town employees.

The town clerk has resigned, and a special meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 2. A town official said in an email June 2 that it will be up to the board

whether or not to accept her resignation. A special meeting is scheduled Monday ahead of the town's regular meeting.

## 3 ways to respond to

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## Man arrested in ATV thefts

By TERESA L. BENNS

**CRESTONE** — A homeless Crestone man has been arrested by Saguache County Sheriff deputies on burglary and theft charges stemming from several break-ins throughout the county, Sheriff Dan Warwick reported Tuesday.

John Troth, 46, from the Crestone area was arrested May 27 and charged with two counts

of second-degree burglary and two counts of theft, one exceeding \$20,000 or more.

According to Warwick, Troth was found with several of the items stolen from the area in his possession. Several ATVs/UTVs were stolen and some were recovered.

One of the cabins Troth is accused of breaking into was totally trashed, Warwick stated. "The

cabin owners lost almost everything," he said. "Household items, tools, chain saws, they even tore out a wall and removed the copper wiring." Things not stolen were then broken. He estimated that the combined theft and damages on that cabin run to \$200,000.

Other suspects may be involved, Warwick said and the investigation continues.



Courtesy photo  
John Troth

## Marshall

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"The grassroots movement, which organized the events that took place in Alamosa, does not condone this violence," she said. "The man who performed this unimaginable action does not reflect the values of myself or any of the other attendees."

Since May 30, peaceful demonstrations have been organized in Alamosa almost every night. It is unclear whether the alleged shooter, James Marshall, was present at any previous demonstrations. Emily said she did not recall seeing him before last night.

"The goal at our event was to maintain a peaceful presence," Emily said. "If others were to try to agitate us, we were to ignore them and continue with peaceful demonstration. Violence was to be avoided to ensure that nothing would dis-

tract from the purpose of the protest, which was to fight for equal justice."

Overall, the community responded positively to these demonstrations.

"Several folks came up to us to thank us, a community member even brought us water," Emily said. "We felt that the Alamosa citizens were with us, in the belief that all members of the nation should be treated with dignity and respect ... that unnecessary police brutality is never the appropriate use of our tax dollars."

Emily noticed something "odd" about Marshall's demeanor. She explained, "His persona was off from the cohesion of the group I had experienced at the other events." All previous attendees had maintained the peace, "Even when passersby would yell out profanities or

use inappropriate hand gestures." She said Marshall had "a somewhat aggressive demeanor and would often speak over myself and the other young women who were leading the chants."

Recalling the shooting itself, Emily described the scene. "We were exiting the east crosswalk, on the corner of State and Main street. As we were exiting, a man driving a truck began to inch forward; into several individuals still exiting.

"It all happened very quickly, but — as the man was inching forward into the crowd — the alleged shooter suddenly pulled out a handgun, pressed it up against the glass of the back, passenger window and shot into the vehicle. He then proceeded to run."

Several eyewitnesses claimed the driver, Pruitt, was inching into

the crowd of protestors; before he was shot. However, the APD have not confirmed this detail. Regardless, both the protestors and the APD acknowledge the shooter's actions were unnecessary and harmful to the overall cause.

"As we reflect on the violence that has swept our nation and now our own community it is natural and necessary for us all to take a moment to mourn," Emily concluded. "We have had peaceful protests all week and I am heartbroken that this was a peaceful event. His actions were wrong."

The City of Alamosa has since reminded protestors of ordinances in order to safeguard rights while ensuring the safety of all. Read more on Page 6.



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# Opinion

## Artists of the San Luis Valley

This week's feature is splendid architect-turned-textile artist, Perla Kopeloff. Kopeloff has led an eventful life; from living as a refugee, to finding solace in the San Luis Valley. In that time, she has come into contact with many cultures and art forms. Kopeloff's art – vibrant, complex and beautiful – speaks to her lived experiences.

Originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina; Kopeloff obtained a formal architect degree. Kopeloff explained, "I graduated as an architect when I was 24. At the same time, myself my ex-husband and my baby daughter escaped a brutal dictatorship in the mid-70s.

"That was my first impact, in terms of personal transformation, since I left family, friends, my culture and my language."

Along their journey, the trio lived in multiple countries; throughout Europe, Mexico and Chile. Eventually, in 1980, they settled in Virginia, USA.

Kopeloff said: "Since I did not practice architecture for many years, I decided to start learning weaving. After a year, I was commissioned to create a large tapestry; for GE in Charlottesville, VA.

"That was what launched my career as a weaver. From there, many opportunities came my way. Private and corporate spaces commissioned me and I was extremely happy establishing a full-time weaving studio."

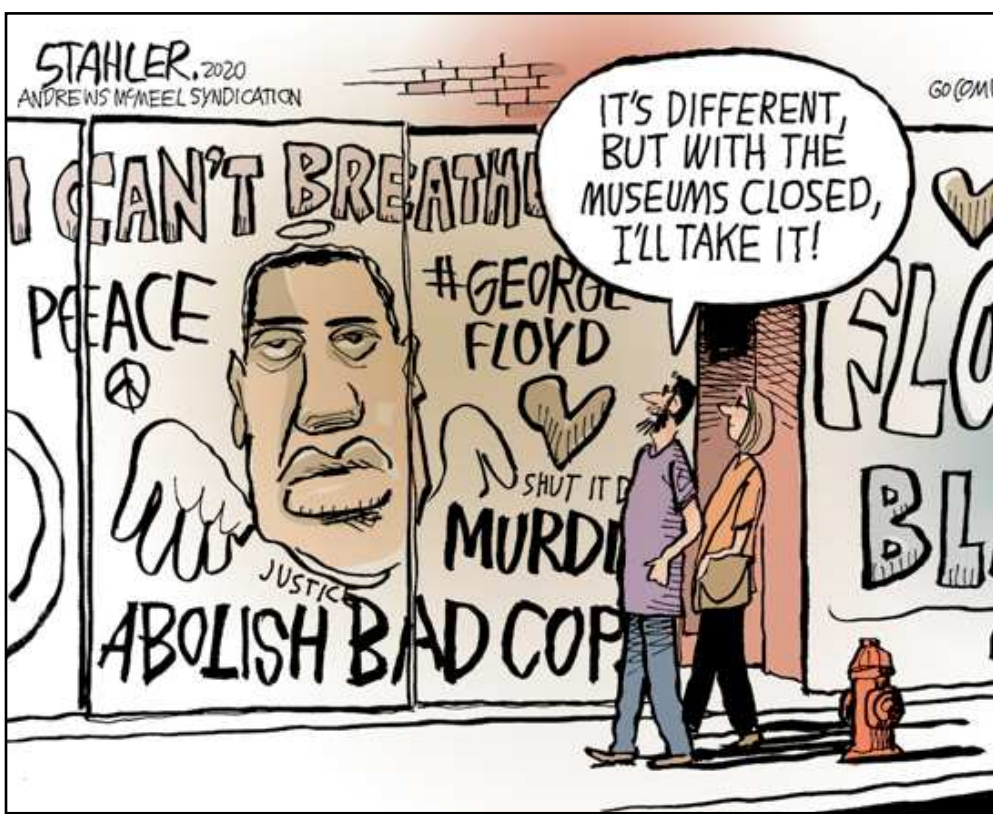
Born and raised in Kentucky, a piece of my heart will always be with Appalachia. So, I was elated to hear about Kopeloff's immersion into Appalachian culture and craft.

She recalled: "I was in the heart of the Appalachian land and went ahead and learned basketry. I was able to produce contemporary, woven sculptures using basketry techniques. That was very meaningful for me, because I started teaching basketry and that took me to the 3D world of textiles."

In 1987, Kopeloff moved to Taos. She described the city as "a place where the world of tapestry was well established." Yet, Kopeloff discovered: "New Mexico was adapted to wool traditional tapestry and my textured sisal pieces were not well received."

Being surrounded by so many artisans, it was easy for Kopeloff to continue expanding her skills. I admire her willingness to learn

Meg Colwell



new forms; almost like learning new, local languages.

"I became curious about paper-making and produced a series of cast paper goddesses. My business became 'For the goddess within.' It was a source of personal empowerment and started to sell to museum shops and galleries."

In 1992, Kopeloff found her way to the San Luis Valley. Here, to ensure she would be secure in the coming years, she made a career decision. Kopeloff admits: "I was insecure about maintaining a weaving art business and completed my Masters in Education in 2007 at Adams State University.

"With a Spanish Teacher for the Secondary Certification under my arm, I started to teach first in Alamosa High, Moffat High School and Buena Vista High School. After 10 years of teaching, I decided to

go back to my studio and embrace my first love: textiles."

Kopeloff goes on: "I incorporated mixed media and encaustic to my collages, starting to realize that layers of life experience should reflect upon my work. I also started to show in Taos and participated in shows in Santa Fe, Durango and Salida."

Currently, after 5 years of focusing on felting with silk and wool, Kopeloff produces a fine line of wearable art, which is being sold through Artemisia in Taos and other New Mexico galleries. Kopeloff boasts: "My newest accomplishment is my new web site www.perlakopeloff.com, where I'm able to present the wearable collection and the mixed media wall pieces.

"I'm grateful to this Valley for the peace and inspiration that provided me. I'm at home at last!"

## It's a yo-yo kind of day

Today is National Yo-Yo Day. Wouldn't you know it? Just as the moon is known as the strawberry moon, no less.

According to Merriam-Webster.com (as well as Dictionary.com), a yo-yo is a person who is foolish, incompetent, and objectionable—much like many now say the guy in the Whitehouse. He is all these adjectives, as I see it.

Foolish to say he will send the army in after constitutional and peaceful protestors, demonstrating against the killing of George Floyd, an unarmed black man. There are only a few marchers guilty of graffiti or destruction, so the states and cities can handle any unrest that is unconstitutional. This one yo-yo is incompetent because all his portrayals of what a president does are inglorious. Instead of addressing the public crisis with an uplifting and caring speech, he swears by hook and by crook that every state that does not display dominance, he will slam with his army, and switch on his massacre on parade, if you will.

This ruse of his is all about power and divesting the American public from the REAL Constitution of the United States.

The other definition from Merriam-Webster is that a yo-yo is a toy invented eons ago in China and often painted on ancient Greek terra cotta ceramics. A legend also espouses that the yo-yo was invented in the Philippines as a slaying tool by hunters who laid in wait in a tree and could conk the prey on the head more than once with the yo-yo that could swing down and up and then down again. I remember getting a yo-yo at Christmas and watching my dad wrap the string around the yo-yo and then dance the yo-yo across the floor. There was another maneuver called walking the dog and another called throwing a sleeper. In some circles, it was what kids did before there was the hacky sack, or the skateboard. Whatever it was called, as an elementary scholar, I couldn't get the dog to walk or to sleep. My yo-yo just kerplunked.

For connoisseurs of music, there is Yo-

Yo Ma the internationally known cellist who as a child prodigy of age 7 played for President John F. Kennedy. I bet he mastered the toy yo-yo just as he made the cello strings sing. Now his posts are to give culture and peaceful music to the ears for his fans and Facebook followers. On his <https://www.yo-yoma.com/> website, his mission is the Bach project. A year ago, at Dartmouth, his website says, he told the graduates: "Practice your humanity daily... Practice that truth. Let it power your decisions, let it inspire your thoughts, and let it shape your ideals. Then you will soar. You will fly. And you will help others soar and fly."

So, the yo-yo in the Whitehouse would take us to the far country of fascism and finish love, culture, and scientific inquiry. Children may find reason to play with a yo-yo, like Yo-Yo Ma probably did and hopefully find their way to edification and reason. But as a people, a far better leader to follow is Yo-Yo Ma the cellist, than the other fascist dictator, because Yo-Yo Ma wants us to soar, to fly and to help others soar and fly. We must do this. We must be better than this Whitehouse yo-yo squeals out in tantrums—our humanity demands we must soar beyond.

### Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

### LETTERS

## Why we are voting for Helen Sigmond

As long time citizens of Alamosa, we support the reelection of Helen Sigmond for County Commissioner.

Her experience for these past four years has given her insight into the workings of the County and the issues it faces.

Her training and experience as an attorney has also benefitted our County. For the past four years as commissioner, Helen Sigmond has carefully studied the issues, asked thoughtful questions, and made policy decisions to benefit the people of Alamosa County. She listens to all sides. She manages public money carefully. Because there will be budget cuts ahead, she

supported the reduction in the Commissioner salaries during these difficult economic times. As a Commissioner, she serves on many Boards in our Community and she is an active member on those Boards. South Central Seniors, Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area and the Alamosa Prevention Coalition, to name a few.

We are fortunate to have such a hardworking and thoughtful commissioner and believe we will be well served to make use of her capable approach to County governance for another four years.

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## Valley Stuff

It's hard to know where to start this week. From planting flowers at Woody's Q Shack and SquarePeg Brewery to staying up and making sure looters don't break in and rob your building, to getting donations for both Society Hall and the SLV Cancer Relief Fund, to having someone poop and pee on the back of your building...etc, it's hard to maintain an even keel! And then my 3-year-old grandson has been sick, and that breaks any grandparents' heart!

So this weekend, I plan on planting the corners in LODA, and the First Southwest Bank, and if time allows the Visitor and Convention Center. I might even get to some planting at Society Hall, even though someone has stolen 4 of the planters there and the garden hose. I will have to come up with cables and padlocks to keep the next batch of planters locked down!! When did we get to this point? I don't think its Alamosa neighbors stealing all this stuff, and doing the vandalism.

I believe it's the folks that have come to our town for the freebies, the folks who don't want (or have to) work, who think if it's not tied down,

it must be free! These people disgust me. And I know if I ever catch them, I will no doubt, be put in jail...which might be okay. I'll have time to read a book, and I can have my old friend Wanda cook my lunch. Maybe I can even be a trustee and help around the place—the jail, that is.

I remember wa-a-a-y back when my oldest sister married a black man in Minneapolis—Walter Richardson. I was a senior in high school. I was at a band competition on the Fourth of July when my nephew, J.R., was born. It was very, very hot. His dad was arrested shortly after his birth for robbing a bank. I was so young.

I remember my dad always being a little rough with J.R.—tickling him too hard, squeezing his hand, etc. I don't think he knew what to think... until J.R. grew up a little bit (age 3) and called him Grandpa. My dad melted, and from that day forward J.R. became the 'only half-black Norwegian' in Luverne, MN. He went on Grandpa's farm routes selling Watkins products. He spent summers with us.

He even went to school in Luverne. He was just J.R.

And I remember my Dad watching a documentary on black kids starving in Africa. He just sat there, watching quietly and finally, he said "no one should ever have to be hungry in this world". My Dad was starved, as a Prisoner of War, in German prison camps.

What I am trying to get at, is prejudices and racism and all these protests and riots and looting. What is being solved by looting?

Destroying businesses and families... of all races! We have lost sight of the goals, the quest for peace. I look at myself and try and figure out if I am biased or racist or prejudiced...and I don't think so. Unless it is against folks who don't/won't work. And then I am very judgmental. I guess I don't care if folks don't work as long as they get NO government handouts. No food stamps, no LEAP checks, no housing help! NO homeless camp, unless there is a weekly fee that is paid. If you want a free lunch, you need to work in the community garden. You need to clean up Cole Park. You need to paint curb and gutters. You need to give back to the society that is helping you. Maybe then you will gain some pride, and become a productive person—for yourself, and your family, and those around you. That's what I'm hoping for.

Back to gardening...I am so grateful for the work Henry and Danielle have been helping me within Mom's Garden! If you want to pick one perennial that deer leave alone it is the Gaillardia. It is by the Adams State sign and it is fabulous. I only planted a couple 2-3 years ago and it has nicely gone to seed and just shines. Yellow and orange and red blooms with no deer damage in sight! Around the sign, Henry planted some ornamental cabbages and kales, and I planted some to the south of the sign. I just wanted to double dare the deer to take a bite. So far, the product Bobber has kept them at bay, so I'm hoping. When we start planting on the other side, I will use another deer repellent to see if they work the same, or one is better than the other. I guess I'm kind of inspired because I just ordered 156 pink lilies and also some red and purple and orange iris!

I haven't heard how the man is, that was shot on Thursday evening. I am hoping for recovery and peace. I am hoping for peaceful protests. A simple thing to hope for.

# Lifestyle

## From fieldwork to homework

The Tovars trade shovels for college diplomas

ALAMOSA — First-generation college students Alyssa and Alejandro Tovar owe the beginning of their great story to their mother, Patricia Sosa, Center, whose constant love and support lead to a move from Mexico to the San Luis Valley.

Today, June 6, the siblings will receive their Bachelor of Arts degrees during the Adams State University Virtual 2020 Spring Commencement Ceremony. Alyssa gradu-

ates with honors with a degree in psychology and a minor in Spanish. "My mother would always tell me 'a pencil weighs less than a shovel.'"

Sosa knows the value of education because everything she built in her life was through sweat and hard work. She inspired Alejandro to persevere even when pursuing his college degree was not easy. "I was so scared because I did not speak English very well. I worked

so hard on my weaknesses they became my strengths." He graduates with a degree in sociology with a criminology/social work emphasis.

Center High School graduates Alyssa and Alejandro had worked alongside their mother in the fields. As seasonal farmworkers, they were eligible for the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) at Adams State. The program, funded by the U.S. Department

of Education, provides academic, social, and financial services to assist students in their first year at college.

CAMP Director Jasmine Camponeschi taught Alejandro leadership, communication, time management, organization, listening, and emotional intelligence skills. He decided to stay at Adams State because of his sociology classes. "This is a university with an amazing staff who are devoted to

supporting students and helping them reach the American Dream."

At Adams State, Alyssa gained the confidence to pursue her passion. "I have a hunger to make a difference in this world and I have the capacity and tools to succeed." She wants a career with the U.S. Department of Education in their migrant education program and to eventually earn a doctorate in educational psychology. "It is not about me,

but what I represent. Si se puede. (We can do it.)"

Alejandro plans on working with immigrant and migrant students and address, reduce, and eliminate barriers to immigrant students for academic success. Internships with Tu Casa and the SLV Immigrant Resource Center provided him with professional experience. "I learned that I have the capacity to excel and succeed in any place or at any goal that I pursue."



Photo courtesy of Jasmine Camponeschi

Siblings, Alyssa Tovar and Alejandro Tovar with younger sister, Anel, and mother, Patricia Sosa, celebrate completing their Adams State undergraduate degrees.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held by Mail Ballot Election process, in the County of Alamosa, in the State of Colorado, to be held on Tuesday, the 30th day of June, A.D. 2020 between the hours of 7:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. Absentee Ballots may be dropped off at the Alamosa County Clerk's office, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Ballots may also be dropped off on Saturday June 27th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Twenty-four hour drop box is located at 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO. It will be open on May 29, 2020 through 7:00 pm election day.

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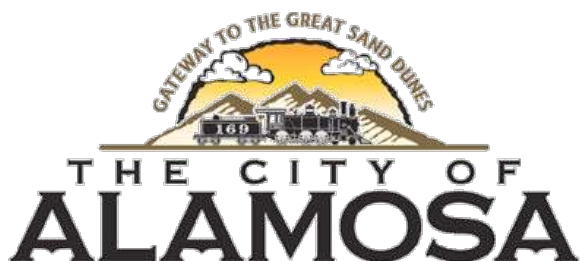
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# Lifestyle

## Demonstrating in Alamosa



**ALAMOSA** — Due to the recent ongoing demonstrations throughout the country and specifically what has occurred in Alamosa, we felt the need to inform the community what we expect for a peaceful demonstration. It is clear that many in our community are feeling strong emotions and fear so how we work together moving forward is important. The City of Alamosa and the Alamosa Police Department truly believe it is important to give the community the opportunity to express their right to demonstrate; we just ask that protestors do it in a manner that does not interfere with pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Over the last week, we have identified a few areas of concern that must be modified to ensure public safety for all. Although it is not fair to categorize every demonstrator—due to the action of one—we have noticed an increase in calls from community members who feel fearful and uncertain with the ongoing demonstrations, especially when protestors are entering traffic lanes. While the protestor may not intend for this behavior to seem threatening or aggressive, it is very much being interpreted in

that manner.

Demonstrators should not step out into the traffic lanes and crosswalks for their own safety, as well as motorist safety. The issue that has raised concerns is demonstrators entering the crosswalk during a red light while traffic is stopped. The crosswalk is not intended for stopped foot traffic; it is for pedestrians to cross from one side to the other safely. Vehicles still have the right-of-way to make certain turns, even on a red light.

I encourage all community members to contact local law enforcement any time anyone starts interfering with a peaceful demonstration. Alamosa is a small, tight-knit community, and we may not always agree with one another, but we need to support one another especially during these trying times.

**Existing ordinances to be aware of:**

*Obstructing; hindering transportation 11-49- (a)* It shall be unlawful for any person, without legal privilege, to intentionally, knowingly or recklessly:

(1) Obstruct any place used for the passage of persons, vehicles or conveyances, including but not limited to streets, sidewalks, building entrances and

hallways, to which the public, or a substantial group of the public, has access, whether the obstruction arises from such person's acts alone or in conjunction with the acts of others;

(2) Disobey a reasonable request or order to move by a police officer, or a person with authority to control the use of the premises, to prevent obstruction of a place used for such passages, or to maintain public safety by dispersing those gathered in dangerous proximity to a fire, riot or other hazard.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly and without lawful authority forcibly stop and hinder the operation of any vehicle used in providing transportation services of any kind to the public or any person.

-Time of day, amount of noise, and conduct of the individuals for demonstrations need to be reasonable and according to City Ordinance 14-71 and 11-43 (see below).

*Disorderly Conduct 11-43-* A person commits disorderly conduct if such person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly makes a noise which is unreasonable, by nature of content, volume, repetitiveness, hour of day or night, in a manner which disturbs or unreasonably threatens to disturb the peace of a person in a public place.

*Unreasonable Noise Prohibited 14-71-* Law enforcement officers are empowered to make a prima facie determi-

nation as to whether a noise is unreasonable, which determination may be based upon, but need not be limited to, a consideration of the

following factors:

- (1) The time of day;
- (2) The size of any gathering of persons creating or contributing to the noise.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Heather Brooks  
Alamosa City Manager

## Robert S. Willett for District Attorney

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As your District Attorney, I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming primary. I also want to say a few words about our present national circumstances and how this relates to the criminal justice system, both here and nationally.

It is safe to say we are in a state of national crisis. It is important that we all understand that people are under stress and uncertainty. Treating all people with fairness, respect, and empathy is more important than ever. Changes are coming in the criminal justice system. My office recognizes this as all the more reason to carry on with the innovations and alternatives to traditional methods of criminal justice we have brought about.

We have already implemented innovative and important changes to criminal justice in our Valley, including a functioning and effective juvenile diversion program for young people caught up in the criminal justice system to make amends for wrongful acts while at the same time giving them an opportunity to not have a criminal record follow them through life. We also have an adult diversion program which uses the same incentive for adults accused of criminal acts to resolve their cases outside of the criminal justice system while still holding them accountable to victims and the community. We have partnered with the Center for Restorative Programs and Tu Casa to obtain grant funding and initiate programs to help in resolving criminal cases in the San Luis Valley without having to send people to the Front Range for these services. And although the state has cut our funding for adult diversion as a result of the pandemic, I am working with Representatives Buentello and our own Donald Valdez to restore at least some partial funding. That is how important this program is. I have also been recently selected by the statewide District Attorneys' Council to present training to our area law enforcement officers on domestic violence and sexual assault investigation. We are also undergoing an evaluation of our office by an outside national organization to see how we stack up against other prosecutor's offices nationwide and to make recommendations how to serve you better.

These are just a few of the things we have done during my term in office. I believe we are at a watershed moment and we need to take the long view in dealing with these issues at this critical time in our history.

These are not normal times. Even before the present pandemic and national turmoil the federal government has neglected its core responsibilities. It now falls to local and state leadership, with a reduction in funding, to handle many more roles and provide essential services in a just and equitable manner. Maturity, integrity, competence, and experience in public service and public safety matters at a time like this. Your decision matters like never before.

I ask that you support me with your vote in the upcoming primary in my run to continue as your District Attorney. Thank you.

Robert S. Willett  
District Attorney

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# Lifestyle

## Rio Grande County hosts work session, discusses COVID-19 cases

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

**DEL NORTE** — Rio Grande County Commissioners hosted a public work session Monday, June 1, to discuss the current COVID outbreak in Center and to hear from Rio Grande Emergency Manager Art Wittner.

According to Rio Grande Commissioner Chairman John Noffske, the county is reporting between 11 and 15 active COVID cases as a result of the outbreak that occurred in Center. Noffske explained that the current numbers are difficult to determine due to the time it takes for test results to be reported to the appropriate entities who gather information and release it to the public.

"It is very frustrating, and you would think we would have a system in place that would report real-time data. We have, as of June 1, 11 to 15 active cases and are awaiting results from two to three possible additional cases," stated Noffske.

During the work session, Wittner explained that Saguache Emergency Manager Robert Woelz is working closely with Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Coordinator

Sadie Martinez and Social Services Director Amy Williams to reach out to the community and gain their trust to help contain the spread of the virus throughout both counties.

"We are in a unique situation here because of where the county line is in the town limits of Center. We are working with the state and local agencies to reach out to the community with the help of Isaac Gordy-Patinkin to slow the spread of the virus. Community outreach is our top priority right now. We are speaking with the public to gain trust from migrant workers in the area and have someone who speaks fluent Spanish, true Spanish with a Mayan Dialect that is only spoken and not written. It is taught through speech only."

Noffske continued to explain that though the cases in the county are rising, it has not reached their trigger point for the variance yet and they hope to have a better understanding of the numbers in the coming days. "The numbers could potentially drop because some are in complete isolation. The part of the variance that triggers a shutdown is vague and the orders to go to more restrictive measures will come from

the CDPHE, not from us."

Commissioners are considering a second variance request but due to the changes occurring at state levels, they are only at the beginning of the discussion and have no idea what the second variance will look like. "We really want to hear from the businesses throughout the county and get an understanding of what they need next. We can't sit here at the county level and guess, so we are reaching out to business owners to gain perspective on our next move."

Noffske also stated that the county's Public Health

Department is beginning

to implement some of the changes that were put in place last week and that the department now has the ability to handle more than 10 active cases in the county. "We were only recently made aware of a list of registered nurses that have signed up to help with contact tracing and checkups for people with active symptoms of the virus. This has made it easier for us to handle our caseload. Realistically, we can handle more than 10 at this time due to the changes that were made in the department."



Courtesy photo by Teresa Bennis

This electronic sign, posted by the Colorado Department of Transportation on the Rio Grande and Saguache county border in Center, reminds Center residents and visitors that the virus is rampant and to stay home during the COVID-19 outbreak in Center.

## Applications open June 5 for CPW's new secondary big game draw

**DENVER** — Beginning Friday, June 5, hunters will have the option to apply to draw a license in Colorado Parks and Wildlife's new secondary big game draw. The secondary draw replaces the old leftover draw. The secondary draw opens after the results of the annual primary big game draw have been posted.

New in 2020, the secondary draw is open to everyone, whether they applied for the primary draw or not. Most elk, deer, pronghorn and bear licenses not issued through the primary draw will now be made available in the secondary draw.

### What's different?

The new secondary draw means increased opportunity. The old leftover draw was only available to customers who participated in the primary draw, did not draw, and only offered deer and elk licenses. The new secondary draw offers two more species: bear and pronghorn licenses, in addition to deer and elk licenses, and is open to all customers whether they applied in the primary draw or not.

The new process provides a preference for youth hunters. Youth hunters have 100% preference in the secondary draw. The secondary draw processes all youth application choices prior to processing adult choices. A hunt could be completely drawn by youth before the adult application stage of the draw.

What to know before you apply

The application fee. You'll still be charged a fee for applying, whether or not you draw a license. The \$7 resident and \$9 nonresident application fees apply per species for the secondary draw as well as the primary draw.

**No primary draw?** No problem. You can apply

for the secondary big game draw without having applied for the primary big game draw.

A qualifying license is required. Resident and nonresident hunters must purchase or have purchased one of the following:

- 2020 annual spring turkey license
- 2020 annual small game license
- 2020 annual youth small game license

Qualifying license valid for Colorado residents only include:

- 2020 annual resident combination small game/fishing license
- Veteran's lifetime resident combination small game/fishing license
- Annual resident senior combo small game/fishing (the previous licenses are valid March 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021)
- A disabled resident first responder lifetime combo small game/fishing

No preference points. You don't use any preference points if you draw a license in the secondary draw. You also cannot apply for a preference point in the secondary draw.

No group hunts. You cannot apply as a group in the secondary draw.

### When can I apply?

Secondary draw applications will be accepted beginning at 8 p.m., June 5 - July 7, 8 p.m. MST.

A list of hunt codes eligible for the secondary draw will be posted online on June 5.

Any licenses remaining after the secondary draw as well as those which are eligible for public reissue (except for Ranching for Wildlife licenses) will be placed on the leftover list and available for purchase beginning at 9 a.m. MST on August 4.

Applications for both the primary and secondary draws are only available online or by phone.

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# Lifestyle

## Dingfelder hired as Monte Vista Police Chief

By REBECCA COPLEY

**MONTE VISTA** — “The most important accomplishment of any law enforcement agency must be establishing and maintaining a positive relationship with the community they serve,” stated George Dingfelder who was recently hired as the new Chief of police for Monte Vista.

Dingfelder was raised on a ranch in southeastern Montana, and after graduating high school he immediately joined the U.S. Army. There he spent over six years as a military police officer. During Dingfelder’s time in the service, he was in Alabama, Georgia, Korea, and finished his service at Ft. Carson. After finishing his military career, Dingfelder was hired by the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) in January 1995. In June of that year, after completing CSP Academy, Dingfelder was assigned to Monte Vista as his first duty station.

For the past 25 ½ years Dingfelder has served as a part of the Colorado State Patrol. During his tenure with the State Patrol, he has been able to spend most of it in rural Colorado and the San Luis Valley. “I spent a couple of years in Eagle County when I got promoted to Sergeant with CSP but came back to the SLV when the first opportunity arose. I ended my career with the CSP as the District Commander for Southwest Colorado where I oversaw field operations for Alamosa, Durango, and Montrose troops,” said Dingfelder.

Along the way, Dingfelder has also accomplished a great deal of higher education. He has a BAS in Public Administration from Colorado Mesa University and a master’s in Criminology from Grand Canyon University. Dingfelder also graduated

from Northwestern University’s School of Police Staff and Command in 2008 and graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2019.

When asked what made him interested in becoming the Police Chief for Monte Vista Dingfelder answered saying, “I came to the SLV, specifically Monte Vista, 25 years ago with the intent to stay two years and transfer back to the front range. I quickly realized how much the San Luis Valley reminded me of growing up in Montana. The rural values and lifestyle were what I missed the most while I was in the Army. Coming to Monte Vista and the San Luis Valley in 1995 immediately felt like home.”

Dingfelder also shared that early on in his career with CSP he knew his long-term goal was to retire and continue in law enforcement as a Chief of Police somewhere in rural America. When the position opened up in Monte Vista, Dingfelder knew the timing and opportunity were right, “I know the community from having started my civilian law enforcement career in Monte Vista and I knew the City leadership has done an excellent job moving Monte Vista in the right direction in all areas. I felt Monte Vista was a great fit and threw my name into the mix,” said Dingfelder, sharing how fortunate he felt to have been hired saying, “I am honored and humbled to take on this role.”

When asked what he hopes to accomplish for Monte Vista in his new role of Police Chief Dingfelder answered saying, “First and foremost, we do work for the citizens, visitors, and business

owners of Monte Vista and it is an honor and privilege to be entrusted with those responsibilities. Currently, I believe the Department has done a great job in establishing a positive relationship with the community and citizens. We will continue to build on that and be responsive to the needs of the community by providing competent and professional law enforcement services. At the end of the day, it is not about what I want to accomplish, it is what is best for the citizens and the City. We will ask for input from the citizens on what they

want to see and what they expect from their Police Department.”

Dingfelder hopes to continue to foster community engagement as the force has already been doing, “We will be mindful and respectful of everyone we serve. The Department is doing some great community engagement already by hosting Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out and other community events. But we have the opportunity every day to engage our community through the normal course of business when we meet citizens and the community. It is my ex-

pectation that we will be fair and honest and treat everyone with dignity and respect even when we are doing our job and arresting someone. As well, we will be responsive and available to the citizens,” stated Dingfelder.

When Dingfelder is not working he enjoys spending time with his wife Stephanie and their two children. They enjoy going to Denver for sporting events or watching plays at the Creede Repertory Theater. Dingfelder is an avid Colorado Avalanche and Rockies fan and tries to attend games often. When he is not doing any of those things Ding-



Courtesy photo of George Dingfelder

felder says you can find him in the gym or going for a run.

Dingfelder started as the Police Chief of Monte Vista on June 1.

## Scholarship overcomes adversity

**MONTE VISTA** — The Sgt. Glen E. Martinez Memorial Scholarship 5K Run/Walk and Veterans Golf Tournament which is usually held on Memorial Weekend was canceled due to the COVID-19 situation to maintain the safety of all participants and their families. Unfortunately, the event will not be rescheduled again this year. Despite that, awardees will still be selected and presented scholarships. Scholarship donors have awarded the \$1000 to each two of the most deserving Monte Vista High School Seniors who excelled in Academics, Athletics

and Community Service and are pursuing higher education. For the 2020 scholarship cycle, the two outstanding seniors are Levi Trujillo and Larissa Medina.

This scholarship began in 2009 when Glen a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, was killed in action on May 02, 2008, while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Glen was a studious Monte Vista High School graduate who loved his sports, believed his academics were very important and was involved in community service. Ron and Carol Martinez, Glen’s parents, set up the scholarship in his memory



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Glen E. Martinez Scholarship recipients Larissa Medina (center left) and Levi Trujillo (center right) pose with founders Ron and Carol Martinez

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## Public Notices

### DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS FILED IN WATER DIVISION 3.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of May 2020 in which the court ordered publication.

2020CW7 The Ardell E. Versaw & Estalita M. Versaw Rev. Living Trust Dated November 3, 2014, 56040 County Road B, Center, CO 81125, 719-754-3363, versawc@gmail.com. Application for Change of Water Right in Saguache County.

Permit No. 3260-F and 3260-F-R. Date of original decree: January 30, 1975, Case No: W-667, District Court-Water Div. 3. Legal Description of structure as described in most recent decree: SW1/4 NW1/4, Section 34, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 2506 feet from North Section line and 24 feet from West Section line, in Saguache County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined. Appropriation date: July 1, 1961. Total amount decreed to structure: Absolute 1500 gpm. Decreed use: Irrigation. Amount of water applicant intends to change: Absolute 1500 gpm. Detailed description of proposed change: Applicant obtained replacement well permit no. 3260-F-R in November of 2019. That permit allowed for the subject well to be replaced within 200 feet of the original decreed location. Currently the well does not produce as it should and needs to be replaced. Applicant believes this in part due to a large quantity of potatoes that were buried on the neighboring property to the West years ago. The well has pumped potato sludge in the past. In discussion with the well driller about replacing the well under permit no. 3260-F-R the Applicant now believes that it would be best to locate the well further away from this potato sludge and replace the well in a location without that interference. The Applicant wishes to change the point of diversion of the subject well to its currently decreed location to the other side of the quarter section to a point in the NE of the NW1/4 of 34-41N-9E, NMPM. The point would be at approximately UTM coordinates Zone 13 NAD 83 Easting 414173 Northing 4179730, which is approximately 3,050' to the NE on the Applicant's property. The exact location will be determined once the well is drilled. The source aquifer will remain the same as well as the lands that will be irrigated. Location information in UTM format: Decreed location: UTM coordinates Northing 4179220 Easting 4139900 Zone 13. Source of UTM: CDSS Mapviewer. Proposed location: Northing 4179730 Easting 414173 Zone 13. Source of UTM: CDSS Mapviewer. Legal description using the PLSS: SW1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 34, Township 41N, Range 9E, NMPM. Distance from section lines: 2506 feet from N and 24 feet from W. Source of PLSS information: CDSS Mapviewer. Proposed legal description: NE1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 34, Township 41N, Range 9E, NMPM. Distance from section lines: 911 feet from N and 116 feet from E. Source of PLSS information: CDSS Mapviewer.

2020CW8 Eric Pfannenstiel 4005 East CR 2 1/2 North, Monte Vista, CO 81144 epfannenstiel@brockcasley.com, 303-981-9292. Kurt Pfannenstiel 7226 County Rd 158, Elizabeth, CO 80107, 303-358-9834. Application for Change of Water Right in Rio Grande County.

Name of structure: Well No. 5, Case No. W-1260, Permit No. 10703, WDID 2010400. Date of original decree: December 4, 1975, Case No. W-1260 was decreed to Greg A. Gosar & Suzanne Gosar. Legal description: NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 23, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM at a point 2600 feet from South Section line and 20 feet from West Section line, in Rio Grande County. Decreed source of water: Unconfined aquifer, depth of well is 70 feet, casing 16" perforations 20' - 70'. Appropriation date: June 30, 1937. Total amount decreed to structure: 1510 gpm being 3.36 cfs. Decreed use: Irrigation. Replacement well: A replacement well permit was issued on August 29, 2002. The well was completed August 8, 2003 and pump installation was completed August 20, 2003 under Permit No. 10703-R-R. The well was completed to a depth of 80 feet. The well was perforated from 20 - 80 feet. Legal description of replacement well: SE1/4 NW1/4 Section 23, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM at a point 2700 feet from the South Section line and 1470 feet from the West Section line in Rio Grande County. After completion, the well was assigned WDID 2014377 and is located by GPS at UTM, NAD83 405496 mE, 4163183 mN. The original Well No. 10703-R was never abandoned and continues to be used as an irrigation well. Both wells have been properly metered according to the DWR Measurement rules since 2007. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 1510 gpm being 3.36 cfs, Absolute. Detailed description of proposed change: The applicant seeks approval to use the original Well No. 5, Case No. W-1260 (WDID 2010400) in combination with the replacement well, Permit No. 10703-R-R (WDID 2014377), to irrigate the historical land within the S1/2 NW1/4 and the N1/2 SW1/4 Section 23, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, with total decreed amount for both wells of 1510 gpm being 3.36 cfs. Well No 10703-R-R would be an alternate point of diversion to Well No. 5, Case No. W-1260, Permit No. 10703-R (WDID 2010400). Legal descriptions of decreed location and actual or new location of structure: Well No. 10703-R-R (WDID 2014377) is located: SE1/4 NW1/4 Section 23, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM by GPS at UTM, NAD83 405496 mE, 4163183 mN. Rio Grande County, Names and addresses of Owners: Eric Pfannenstiel, 4005 East CR 2 1/2 North, Monte Vista, CO 81144 and Kurt Pfannenstiel 7226 County Rd 158, Elizabeth, CO 80107.

2020CW3007 CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR WATER RIGHTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE RIO GRANDE RIVER IN ALAMOSA COUNTY, APPLICATION TO CONFIRM HEADGATE RELOCATION PURSUANT TO C.R.S. § 37-86-111 1. Name, mailing address, email address and telephone number of applicant: United States of America, Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, c/o Brian S. Caruso, Ph.D., P.E., Regional Hydrologist 134 Union Blvd., Lakewood, CO 80228, (303) 226-4491, Brian\_Caruso@fws.gov. 2. Overview: The Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge ("Refuge") is operated by the United States Fish & Wildlife Service ("USFWS"). It was established in 1962. The Refuge is located southeast of Alamosa, and the west side of the Refuge borders the Rio Grande River. The Refuge consists of wetlands, dense stands of willows, tall grasses, and numerous other plant species. The water rights described below (collectively, "Subject Water Rights") are decreed to divert from the Rio Grande River, from the same point of diversion, into the New Ditch and Stewart Ditch, and have historically provided an important source of water for maintaining the wetlands and plant species within the Refuge. (Because the New Ditch and the Stewart Ditch share the same physical structure, to avoid confusion the USFWS will refer to the structure as the New Ditch/Stewart Ditch.) In recent years the stream channel of the Rio Grande River has significantly changed, which has prevented the USFWS from receiving the proper inflow of water into the New Ditch/Stewart Ditch. See Exhibit 1, attached to this application. Through this application, USFWS seeks a decree confirming the relocation of the head of the New Ditch/Stewart Ditch pursuant to section 37-86-111, C.R.S. (2019). The new headgate location will allow the USFWS to secure a sufficient flow of water into the New Ditch/Stewart Ditch for the Subject Water Rights. The USFWS does not request any new water rights in this application, or any changes to the decreed use, place of use, or amounts for the Subject Water Rights. It seeks only to confirm the headgate relocation for the Subject Water Rights under section 37-86-111. In the alternative, the USFWS seeks a simple change in the point of diversion for the Subject Water Rights pursuant to section 37-92-305(3.5), C.R.S. (2019). 3. Decreed water rights for which headgate relocation is sought under C.R.S. § 37-86-111. A. Structure Name: New Ditch (aka Rio Grande Ditch No. 159) Priority No. 1903-22. i. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: A decree entered by the District Court of Costilla County on April 9, 1903 (original decree); Civil Action 1557, entered by the District Court of Alamosa County on December 21, 1936 (change in point of diversion for Priority No. 1903-22); Civil Action 2673, entered by the District Court of Alamosa County on January 27, 1960 (most recent decree that adjudicated the legal description for the point of diversion for Priority No. 1903-22). ii. Legal description of point of diversion as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: At a point on the Easterly bank of the Rio Grande River, whence the West Quarter corner of Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 11 East, N.M.P.M., bears North 62°59' West 1.145.1 feet. iii. Decreed source of water: Rio Grande River. iv. Appropriation date: June 30, 1898. v. Total amount decreed to structure: 2.61 cfs., absolute. vi. Decreed use: Irrigation. C. Structure Name: New Ditch (aka Rio Grande Ditch No. 159) Priority No. 1903-62. i. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: A decree entered by the District Court of Costilla County on April 9, 1903 (original decree); Civil Action 1557, entered by the District Court of Alamosa County on December 21, 1936 (change in point of diversion for Priority No. 1903-62); Civil Action 2673, entered by the District Court of Alamosa County on January 27, 1960 (most recent decree that adjudicated the legal description for the point of diversion for Priority No. 1903-62). ii. Legal description of point of diversion as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: At a point on the Easterly bank of the Rio Grande River, whence the West Quarter corner of Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 11 East, N.M.P.M., bears North 62°59' West 1.145.1 feet. iii. Decreed source of water: Rio Grande River. iv. Appropriation Date: June 30, 1902. v. Total amount decreed to structure: 5.21 cfs., absolute. vi. Decreed use: Irrigation. D. Structure Name: New Ditch Enlargement, Priority No. 1959-25. i. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: Civil Action 2673, entered by the District Court of Alamosa County on January 27, 1960. ii. Legal description of point of diversion as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: At a point on the Easterly bank of the Rio Grande River, whence the West Quarter corner of Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 11 East, N.M.P.M., bears North 62°59' West 1.145.1 feet. iii. Decreed source of water: Rio Grande River. iv. Appropriation Date: December 31, 1951. v. Total amount decreed to structure: 20 cfs., absolute. vi. Decreed use: Irrigation. vii. Remarks: The Stewart Ditch shares the same legal description as the New Ditch. See Civil Action 2673. However, the New Ditch continues farther south after the Stewart Ditch ends. The Stewart Ditch water right and the New Ditch water rights, described above, irrigate different lands. 4. Detailed description of requested headgate relocation under C.R.S. § 37-86-111. Section 37-86-111 provides: (1) in case the channel of a natural stream becomes so out cut, lowered, turned aside, or otherwise changed from any cause as to prevent any ditch, canal, or feeder of any reservoir from receiving the proper inflow of water to which it may be entitled from the natural stream, the owners of the ditch, canal, or feeder have the right to relocate the head of the ditch, canal, or feeder to such distance to the stream that supplies it as may be necessary for securing a sufficient flow of water into the ditch, canal, or feeder. For that purpose, they have the same right to maintain proceedings for condemnation of a right-of-way for the relocation as in the case of constructing a new ditch. The priority of right to take water from a stream through such ditch, canal, or feeder remains unaffected in any respect by reason of the relocation; but the relocation must not physically interfere with the complete use or enjoyment of any absolute or decreed conditional water right. (2) If an owner of a water right relocates a surface diversion structure to a new surface point of diversion in compliance with subsection (1) of this section, the owner does not need to file a change of water right application for the new surface point of diversion. As depicted in the aerial photographs filed with this application (Exhibit 1), the USFWS can no longer divert the Subject Water Rights into the New Ditch/Stewart Ditch at the decreed point of diversion because the stream channel has changed. Historically, diversions from the Rio Grande River occurred by utilizing a feeder canal and an earthen dam structure to deliver water into the New Ditch/Stewart Ditch. See Figure Nos. 173, Ex. 1. In 2001, the earthen dam structure washed out. The damage to the structure can be seen in Ex. 1, Figure No. 4. In order to continue using the Subject Water Rights, the USFWS began a restoration project. That project was completed in 2011 and can be seen in Ex. 1, Figure No. 5. The restoration included significant changes to the stream channel and also the construction of a new feeder canal for the New Ditch/Stewart Ditch. Since completion of the restoration project, the USFWS attempted to utilize a new diversion structure near the head of the new feeder canal, but that structure ultimately failed in 2016. The USFWS began work to fix the diversion structure in June 2018. However, the stretch of the Rio Grande River near the structure flooded during the 2019 irrigation season, causing extensive erosion at the structure site. The structure needs to be reinstalled. The USFWS has identified a new location, depicted in Figure 6, Ex. 1, where it can secure a sufficient flow of water into the New Ditch. The 2016 image in Figure 6, Ex. 1, is consistent with where the Rio Grande River and feeder canal are currently located. For convenience, the new headgate location is also depicted on Exhibit 2, filed with this application. The USFWS seeks to confirm the relocation of the head of the ditch for the Subject Water Rights pursuant to its statutory right under C.R.S. § 37-86-11. The relocation will not physically interfere with the complete use or enjoyment of any absolute or conditional water rights. The USFWS does not request any new water rights in this application, or any changes to the decreed use, places of use, or amounts for the Subject Water Rights. The USFWS will install necessary measuring devices, as required by the Division Engineer. In the alternative, the USFWS seeks a simple change in the point of diversion for the Subject Water Rights pursuant to section 37-92-305(3.5), C.R.S. There are no intervening surface diversion points or inflows between the decreed point of diversion for the Subject Water Rights and the new headgate location, depicted on Exhibit 2. And, as discussed above, the USFWS seeks only to move the headgate location for the Subject Water Rights in this application; it seeks no other changes to the Subject Water Rights. 5. Location of the new surface point of diversion: UTM: Zone 13, Easting: 430852.02, Northing: 4142100.6 PLSS: SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 28, T37N, R11E, NM P.M., Alamosa County, CO. 6. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion structure, or modification to any existing diversion structure is or will be constructed: Not applicable. The new headgate location is located on federal land within the Refuge. WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THESE APPLICATIONS MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY AND WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE OR BE FOREVER BARRED. You are further notified that you have until the last day of July 2020, to file with the Water Clerk, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101, a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of service must be filed with the Water Clerk. A \$192.00 filing fee is required. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. No. 1482 Published in the Valley Courier on June 6, 2020.

1960 (most recent decree that adjudicated the legal description for the point of diversion for Priority No. 1903-49A). ii. Legal description of point of diversion as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: At a point on the Easterly bank of the Rio Grande River, whence the West Quarter corner of Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 11 East, N.M.P.M., bears North 62°59' West 1.145.1 feet. iii. Decreed source of water: Rio Grande River. iv. Appropriation date: June 30, 1898. v. Total amount decreed to structure: 2.61 cfs., absolute. vi. Decreed use: Irrigation. C. Structure Name: New Ditch (aka Rio Grande Ditch No. 159) Priority No. 1903-62. i. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: A decree entered by the District Court of Costilla County on April 9, 1903 (original decree); Civil Action 1557, entered by the District Court of Alamosa County on December 21, 1936 (change in point of diversion for Priority No. 1903-62); Civil Action 2673, entered by the District Court of Alamosa County on January 27, 1960 (most recent decree that adjudicated the legal description for the point of diversion for Priority No. 1903-62). ii. Legal description of point of diversion as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: At a point on the Easterly bank of the Rio Grande River, whence the West Quarter corner of Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 11 East, N.M.P.M., bears North 62°59' West 1.145.1 feet. iii. Decreed source of water: Rio Grande River. iv. Appropriation Date: June 30, 1902. v. Total amount decreed to structure: 5.21 cfs., absolute. vi. Decreed use: Irrigation. D. Structure Name: New Ditch Enlargement, Priority No. 1959-25. i. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: Civil Action 2673, entered by the District Court of Alamosa County on January 27, 1960. ii. Legal description of point of diversion as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: At a point on the Easterly bank of the Rio Grande River, whence the West Quarter corner of Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 11 East, N.M.P.M., bears North 62°59' West 1.145.1 feet. iii. Decreed source of water: Rio Grande River. iv. Appropriation Date: December 31, 1951. v. Total amount decreed to structure: 20 cfs., absolute. vi. Decreed use: Irrigation. vii. Remarks: The Stewart Ditch shares the same legal description as the New Ditch. See Civil Action 2673. However, the New Ditch continues farther south after the Stewart Ditch ends. The Stewart Ditch water right and the New Ditch water rights, described above, irrigate different lands. 4. Detailed description of requested headgate relocation under C.R.S. § 37-86-111. Section 37-86-111 provides: (1) in case the channel of a natural stream becomes so out cut, lowered, turned aside, or otherwise changed from any cause as to prevent any ditch, canal, or feeder of any reservoir from receiving the proper inflow of water to which it may be entitled from the natural stream, the owners of the ditch, canal, or feeder have the right to relocate the head of the ditch, canal, or feeder to such distance to the stream that supplies it as may be necessary for securing a sufficient flow of water into the ditch, canal, or feeder. For that purpose, they have the same right to maintain proceedings for condemnation of a right-of-way for the relocation as in the case of constructing a new ditch. The priority of right to take water from a stream through such ditch, canal, or feeder remains unaffected in any respect by reason of the relocation; but the relocation must not physically interfere with the complete use or enjoyment of any absolute or decreed conditional water right. (2) If an owner of a water right relocates a surface diversion structure to a new surface point of diversion in compliance with subsection (1) of this section, the owner does not need to file a change of water right application for the new surface point of diversion. As depicted in the aerial photographs filed with this application (Exhibit 1), the USFWS can no longer divert the Subject Water Rights into the New Ditch/Stewart Ditch at the decreed point of diversion because the stream channel has changed. Historically, diversions from the Rio Grande River occurred by utilizing a feeder canal and an earthen dam structure to deliver water into the New Ditch/Stewart Ditch. See Figure Nos. 173, Ex. 1. In 2001, the earthen dam structure washed out. The damage to the structure can be seen in Ex. 1, Figure No. 4. In order to continue using the Subject Water Rights, the USFWS began a restoration project. That project was completed in 2011 and can be seen in Ex. 1, Figure No. 5. The restoration included significant changes to the stream channel and also the construction of a new feeder canal for the New Ditch/Stewart Ditch. Since completion of the restoration project, the USFWS attempted to utilize a new diversion structure near the head of the new feeder canal, but that structure ultimately failed in 2016. The USFWS began work to fix the diversion structure in June 2018. However, the stretch of the Rio Grande River near the structure flooded during the 2019 irrigation season, causing extensive erosion at the structure site. The structure needs to be reinstalled. The USFWS has identified a new location, depicted in Figure 6, Ex. 1, where it can secure a sufficient flow of water into the New Ditch. The 2016 image in Figure 6, Ex. 1, is consistent with where the Rio Grande River and feeder canal are currently located. For convenience, the new headgate location is also depicted on Exhibit 2, filed with this application. The USFWS seeks to confirm the relocation of the head of the ditch for the Subject Water Rights pursuant to its statutory right under C.R.S. § 37-86-11. The relocation will not physically interfere with the complete use or enjoyment of any absolute or conditional water rights. The USFWS does not request any new water rights in this application, or any changes to the decreed use, places of use, or amounts for the Subject Water Rights. The USFWS will install necessary measuring devices, as required by the Division Engineer. In the alternative, the USFWS seeks a simple change in the point of diversion for the Subject Water Rights pursuant to section 37-92-305(3.5), C.R.S. There are no intervening surface diversion points or inflows between the decreed point of diversion for the Subject Water Rights and the new headgate location, depicted on Exhibit 2. And, as discussed above, the USFWS seeks only to move the headgate location for the Subject Water Rights in this application; it seeks no other changes to the Subject Water Rights. 5. Location of the new surface point of diversion: UTM: Zone 13, Easting: 430852.02, Northing: 4142100.6 PLSS: SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 28, T37N, R11E, NM P.M., Alamosa County, CO. 6. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion structure, or modification to any existing diversion structure is or will be constructed: Not applicable. The new headgate location is located on federal land within the Refuge. WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THESE APPLICATIONS MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY AND WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE OR BE FOREVER BARRED. You are further notified that you have until the last day of July 2020, to file with the Water Clerk, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101, a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of service must be filed with the Water Clerk. A \$192.00 filing fee is required. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. No. 1482 Published in the Valley Courier on June 6, 2020.

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

**District Court**  
Saguache County  
Court Address: P.O. Box 197, Saguache, CO 81149 (719)655-2522  
In re the Parental Responsibilities concerning:  
L.W., DOB 2/6/2013  
Petitioner: SHANNAN WOLFE  
V.  
Respondent: DALE UNDERWAGER  
Case Number: 2020DR7  
Division 1  
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NOTICE TO RESPONDENT  
County, District Court Case No. 2020DR7  
DALE UNDERWAGER, YOU ARE NOTIFIED, pursuant to C.R.S. 14-10-107 (4) and 14-10-123, that an action has been filed to Allocate Parental Responsibilities regarding your child, L.W., with SHANNAN WOLFE. You are further notified that a copy of the PETITION and SUMMONS may be obtained from the clerk of court during regular business hours and that a default judgment may be entered against you if you fail to appear or file a response within 35 days after the date of publication.  
Date April 24, 2020  
BRANDIE TAYLOR  
Clerk of Court  
BY: Mary L Parker  
DR Specialist  
No. 1459  
Published in the Valley Courier on May 30, June 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2020.

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Deadline for bids is June 12, 2020 by 5:00 pm.  
CRHDC reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and waive all formalities.  
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NO. 1468  
Published in the Valley Courier on May 30, June 2, 5, and 6, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**  
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of the Alamosa School District RE-11J, Alamosa, Colorado, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and has been filed in the Administration office of the School District, 209 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa, CO, 81101, where it is available for public inspection during business hours. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption and a public hearing held thereon at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District at the Board Room, 209 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101 on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.  
Colorado statutes provide that it is not necessary for the Board of Education to formally adopt the proposed budget on May 28, 2020, but if the proposed budget is to be adopted at some future meeting, the date, time, and place of any continued meeting shall be announced by the Board of Education and entered into the minutes of the meeting at which adoption of the proposed budget is considered. Any person paying school taxes in said District may, either at such meeting or at any time prior to the final adoption of the proposed budget, file or register his/her objections thereto.  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J  
Dated this 28th day of May, 2020.  
No. 1485  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12, 2020.

**Request of Notice of Lien Sales to be published on the following listed Units.**  
Household & Misc items  
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Natascha Coronado  
795 Jefferson St.  
Monte Vista, CO 81144  
Household & Misc items  
Unit No. 57  
Raymond Speight  
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Date: 6-13-20  
Requested Publishing Dates:  
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Tri Me Storage LLC  
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Monte Vista, CO 81144  
No. 1486  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Alamosa Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM, in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Minor Subdivision submitted by Jose De Jesus Juarez and Flor Miryrea Juarez. The applicant is proposing to subdivide to make 4 tracts.  
The legal description of the property is:  
Tract 2 as shown on the Marcelo Juarez Division of Land, the Plat of which was recorded October 7, 1993 under Reception No. 265626 in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Alamosa County, Colorado, in Alamosa County, Colorado. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, in person attendance will not be allowed in order to protect the public. In compliance with Colorado Open Meetings Law, you may participate by teleconference or Zoom. The teleconference number is 605-313-6288 and the access code 433756#. The Zoom Meeting ID is: 270-314-6874. Accessibility may be limited due to network capacity. Comments may also be submitted by email to landuse@alamosacounty.org before 4:30 PM on June 9, 2020.  
Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours.  
Rachel Baird  
Land Use Administrator  
Alamosa County  
No. 1487  
Published in the Valley Courier: June 6, 2020

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Alamosa County Land Use Administrator will be held on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 2:00 PM, at the Alamosa County Annex Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Replat submitted by Kenneth McEachern. The applicants are proposing to vacate five lots of the Zapata subdivision to create a single 5.68-acre lot.  
The legal description is:  
Parcel No: 514505201022, 514505201023, 514505201024, 514505201017, and 514505201018  
Lots 38, 39, 40, 27, and 28, Block 3, Zapata, Unit 1, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado.  
Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours.  
Rachel Baird  
Land Use Administrator  
Alamosa County  
No. 1488  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 6, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PASSAGE Ordinance No. 13-2020**  
Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 13-2020, an ordinance approving an intergovernmental agreement with the Alamosa County Fire Protection District to operate and maintain a burn facility for firefighter training.  
Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.  
Alamosa City Council  
Holly C. Martinez  
City Clerk  
No. 1489  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 6, 2020.

**099 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**101 MEMORIALS**



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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](mailto:apply@southconejos.com). Applications will be accepted until June 17th, 2020.(6/17)

**SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL** District is currently seeking a full-time special education teacher, secondary math teacher, and part-time art 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](mailto:apply@southconejos.com). Applications will be accepted until June 17th, 2020.(6/17)

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**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](http://www.northconejos.com). Submit application to Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE.(6/9)

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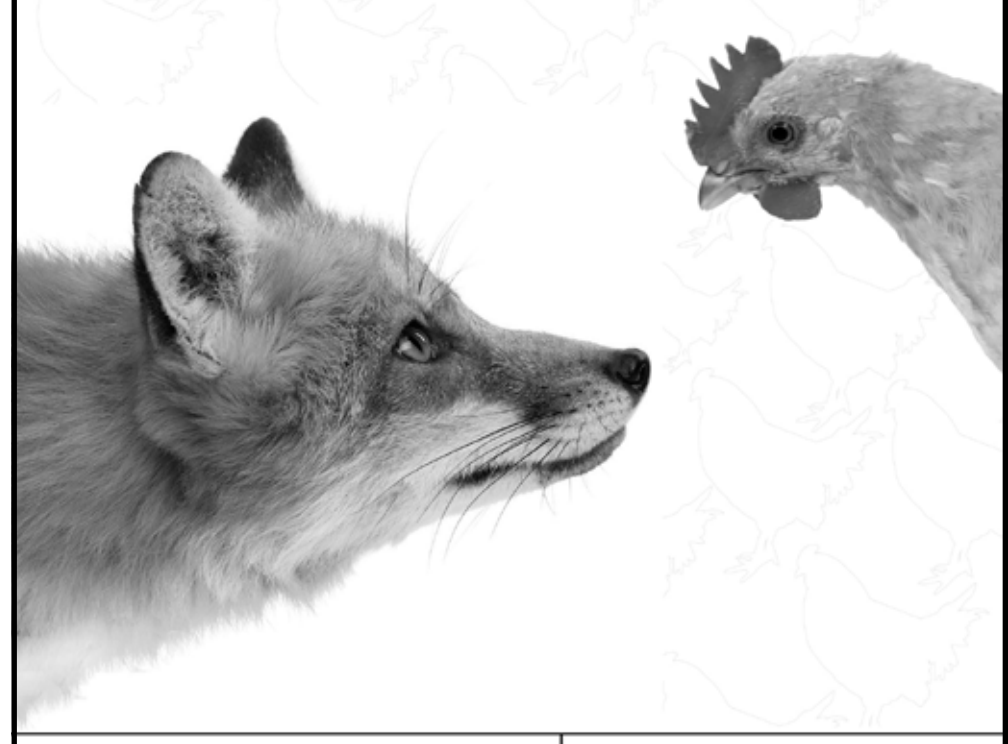
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**THE TOWN OF ANTONITO** is seeking well qualified legal counsel, with expertise and experience in municipal law. Applicants must be available the second Thursday of every month and for special meetings, when applicable. This is a yearly contract position 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)

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

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for a Middle School Science Teacher. A complete list of desired qualifications is available on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application at http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html, by Tuesday, June 2, 2020, or until the position is filled.(6/10)

**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)

**THE SAGUACHE COUNTY** Land Use Office is accepting applications for a full time Saguache County Code Enforcement Officer. Applicants must have a valid Colorado Diversion 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)

## 221 HELP WANTED

**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)

**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 nmcrauliffe@slvbooces.org. Application deadline is June 8, 2020 or until positions are filled.(6/10)

**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 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.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4030. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: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)

## 221 HELP WANTED

**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 bookkeeping 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@tricontyseniors.com.(6/26)

**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)

## 341 - GARAGE SALES

**3 FAMILY YARD** Sale!! Friday 6/5 and Saturday 6/6. 56 Meadow Lane, Monte Vista. Queen mattress set; teenage boys clothes and shoes; sheets, decorative pillows; vintage linens; T.V.'s; household items; much, much more. MASKS REQUESTED.(6/6)

## 350 - FARM EQUIPMENT

**JD MODEL 530** Round Baler \$2,000. JD-46A Front End Load \$500. JD 2 Bottom Spinner PLOW \$300. JD 3 Spinner PLOW \$400. Call 719-480-0502.(6/10)

## 351 LIVESTOCK

**HERITAGE BREED TURKEY** POULTS - Bourbon Reds from free range parents. \$20 each or \$35 for 2. Limited number available. Ready to butcher at 28 weeks (toms average 30 lbs, hens 15 lbs.) Straight run only. 719-850-2832.(TFN-E)

**PIGS FOR SALE** \$1.00 lb. live weight. 570-395-0184 (TFN)

## 360 - MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

**ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS.** Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN)

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

**ALL DOGS ADOPTED** FROM THE VALLEY HUMANE LEAGUE HAVE TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED BEFORE GOING TO THEIR NEW HOME. (TFN)

**NEED CATS FOR** mousers? Want to adopt kittens? Help trap/neuter/release efforts? Donate food/litter/supplies? Low cost spay/neuter clinic for cats. http://www.catsaliveslv.com 719-298-7028. (TFN)

**FREE TO GOOD** home. Adults and kittens. NO MOUSERS OR BARN CATS. Spay/neuter clinics coming to Alamosa in near future. Call Donna K 719-589-5952 or 719-580-9078. (TFN)

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

**FREE 3 KITTENS,** 3mths old and house trained. Call 719-490-9511.(6/6)

**OOPS! GOT PUPPIES** who need a home? San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society is a non-profit animal rescue dedicated to stopping the euthanasia of healthy adoptable pets. Having pets altered is the number one way to stop pet overpopulation. If your pet has had puppies contact us. We will take the puppies into our rescue and spay the mama dog for free after the puppies are weaned. If needed we will also provide dog food & gas money to get the dogs to us to help in this situation. Spay/neuter is one of the greatest gifts you can provide your pet, your family and your community. We have found good responsible homes for over 8,000 animals. Contact 719-587-9663 (WOOF); email: woof@slvaws.org. (TFN)

## 387 - WANTED TO BUY

**LOOKING FOR** A 2 or 3 bedroom Mobile Home 1981 or higher for \$15,000 or under. Call or text 719-580-9525(TFN-E)

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

**HOME FOR SALE** 869 Basalt Dr., Alamosa. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 car garage. \$225,000. Call 719-378-2045.(6/10)

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Excellent Service, Expert Advice  
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**NEW**  
**\$325,000** - Exclusive Cabin setting on large lot with Crago River access. Plenty of summer left to buy and use this awesome cabin that sleeps 7 comfortably. This extra-large 5-acre lot is flat with amazing mountain views, an oversized 1 car detached garage and a fire pit. Open floorplan has a master bedroom on the main floor, nice kitchen, and a large open loft area for additional sleeping space or interior play. Check out the 3D virtual tour for an interior tour and 360 pan shots on the exterior before you schedule your private showing 272 Aspen Trail, Alamosa. MLS# 709610

**NEW**  
**\$319,000** - Rare opportunity! This one-of-a-kind property is just a few minutes north of Alamosa on North River Road. The home sits on 10 acres of sub-irrigated pasture land and includes several outbuildings and corvalls. The farm of the century, 1906 square foot, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home has been modernized with an updated kitchen complete with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. There are plenty of places to store toys and own several horses or other animals. Call today for your private tour! 4835 N River Road, Alamosa. MLS# 709617

**NEW**  
**\$227,500** - Brand new stick built home that is in the final stages of construction. Features include an open floor plan, white kitchen cabinets with solid wood drawers, stainless steel appliances, wood laminate flooring, carpet will be in bedrooms, forced air heating & stylish bamboo in master. Large master bedroom with big walk-in closet, shower, large linen closet & separate toilet room. Metal siding, metal roof, augmented well with outside watering. 2 car attached garage, back patio for grilling, over 2 acres, and more. Call today for more details. 5157 Road 9 S, Alamosa. MLS# 779181

**REDUCED**  
**\$138,500** - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Bungalow style home close to downtown, T5IC, and ASH. Great for investment or primary residence. Good size 8 bedrooms. Living room and dining room are open to each other. Oak cabinetry in kitchen with refrigerator, oven/range, and dishwasher as included appliances. Separate laundry room has extra square footage for additional living or office area. Detached 1 car garage and covered patio, sprinkler system and more. Call today for more details. 409 Alamosa Ave., Alamosa. MLS# 769034

## 525 GUNS

**ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS.** Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN)

## 601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**ONE BEDROOM** APT. 208 Ross, Alamosa, no pets, garage, \$625 plus electric, \$650 deposit. 719-580-1266.(6/23)

## Century Property Management & Sales, LLC

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**  
For all your rental needs please call 719-589-5744 or stop by 823 Main St. Alamosa, CO 81101  
www.alamosarentals.com

## Accepting Applications for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Family living at an affordable price. Immediate Availability

**Casa de Cortez**  
751 Mussels Lane Center, CO  
**754-3261**  
Rental assistance available to qualified households.  
TTY 1-800-659-2656  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider

## Accepting Applications for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Family living at an affordable price. Immediate Availability

**Casita del Sol**  
1405 W. 11th Street Alamosa, CO  
**589-8663**  
Rental assistance available to qualified households.  
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## 601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Accepting Applications for 2 Bedroom Apartments - Handicap Units Available. Rent based on income for qualified households.

**Gateway Villa Apartments**  
929 Spruce St. Del Norte, CO  
**657-3654**  
TTY 1-800-659-2656  
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## Accepting Applications for 2 Bedroom Apartments. Newly remodeled Units Immediate Availability

**Valle Vista Apartments**  
58 E. Central Ave. Center, CO  
**754-2608**  
Rental assistance available to qualified households.  
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## Accepting Applications for 2 & 3 bedroom family units. Family living at an affordable price. Immediate Availability

**Valley Grande Apartments**  
2256 East Drive Monte Vista, CO  
**852-4302**  
Rental assistance available to qualified households.  
TTY 1-800-659-2656  
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## Accepting Applications for waiting list for 2 & 3 bedroom family units. Handicap accessible units available. Immediate Availability

**West View Villas**  
510 Dunham Monte Vista, CO  
**852-3949**  
TTY 1-800-659-2656  
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## 601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**Newly Remodeled Apartments AVAILABLE NOW**  
Rent starts at \$680 a month. Vouchers accepted

**Mt. Blanca View Apts.**  
201 Market Street Alamosa, CO  
**589-2850**  
-Qualified Applicants (62 years of age or older, disabled regardless of age)  
-On-site Laundry  
-Community Room for Activities  
-Handicapped Accessible  
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**NICE 1 BEDROOM** apartment across from ASU. Washer/Dryer included. 719-251-3597 (6/6)

## 611 - HOMES FOR RENT

**BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM,** 2 bath country home with fireplace will be available June 1, 2020. 1st. last, security & utility deposit. 1-year lease. References. Monthly rent is \$800 plus utilities. Contact Cheryl 719-480-0502. Leave a message. (6/13)

## 702 - AUTOS FOR SALE

**2011 FORD SHELBY** Cobra, glass roof. 15,000 miles. \$48,500/obo. Call 719-588-5198. (6/17)

## 737 RVS

**1987 NOMAD TRAVEL** trailer. 25th fifth wheel. 1-owner original. \$5,000 obo. Call 719-580-2290.(6/26)

# Colorado

Can anything beat 1.1 million Colorado tourists every week?  
How about 2 million newspaper readers.

Yes, people love our state. On average, we've got more than 1.1 million people roaming around who don't live here. After all, Colorado is the #1 destination in the whole U.S. for outdoor and adventure, according to Trip Advisor. Pretty impressive! Until you remember that twice as many people are reading Colorado's daily and weekly newspapers every week. That's 2 million people who not only live here, but shop here.

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# Comics

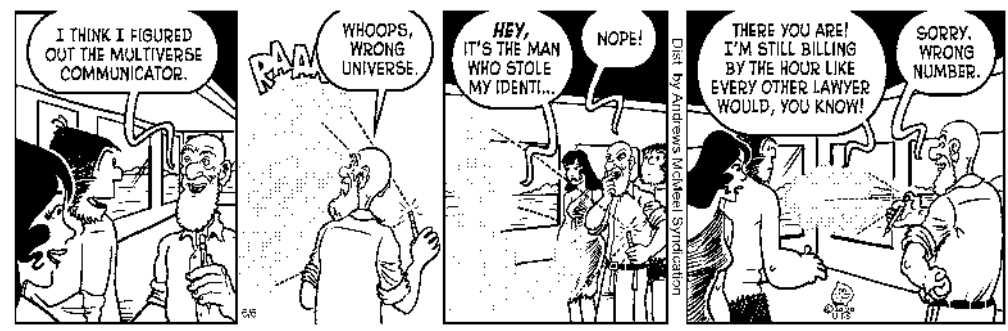
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  - 8 Mind's picture
  - 9 Darkness
  - 10 DJ's supply
  - 12 Fit in
  - 18 Boss, briefly
  - 20 Wane
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  - 24 Paris thirst- quencher
  - 25 Algeria's cont.
  - 26 Beaks
  - 27 Plains dweller
  - 30 Umbrella part
  - 32 Make a choice
  - 33 Buddy
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  - 36 Silly
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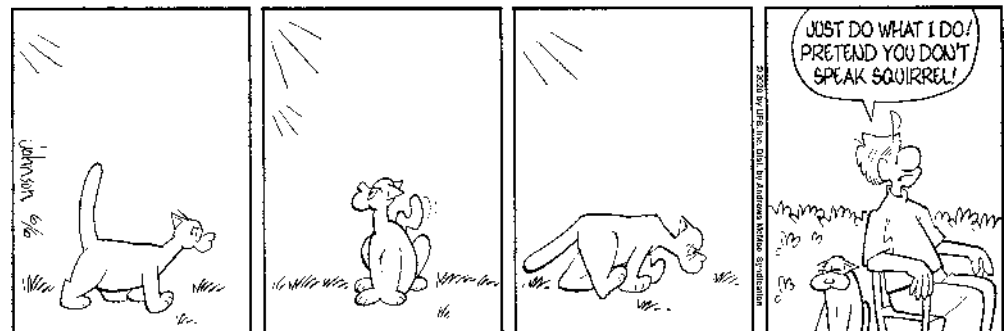


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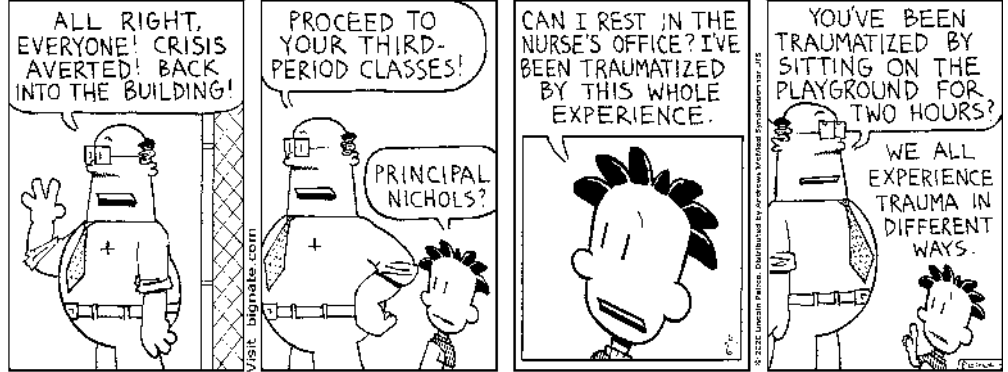
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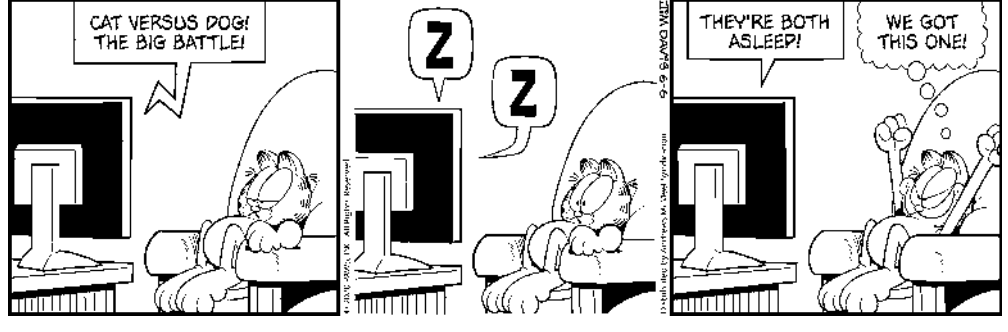
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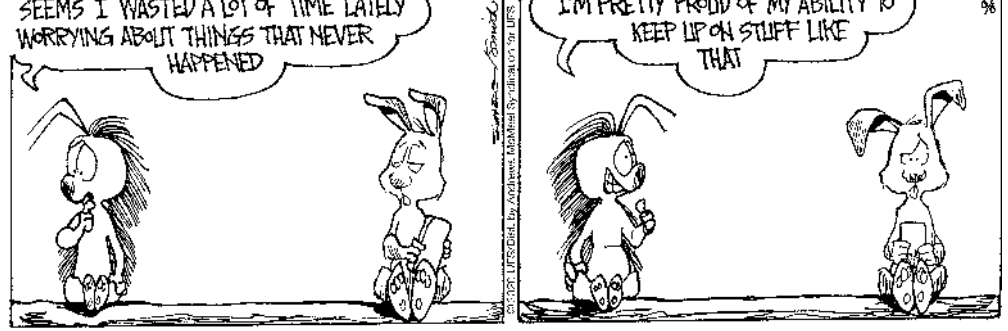
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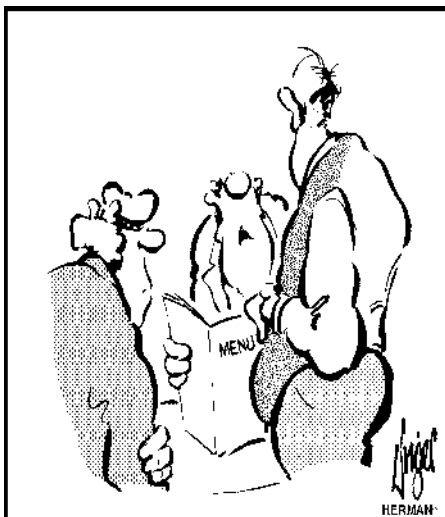
## THE GRIZZWELLS



## PEANUTS



## HERMAN



"We ate at home, but we just want to see how much we saved."

## 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.

"YKL YXCL KWN YZPHLC! YKL SPLL JLH TS YKL MPOC WPL JWPRKXHV YTVLYKLP YT AXRYTPF!" — VLH. CMXVKY C. LXNLHKTMLP, C-CWF, 1944

TODAY'S CLUE: 7 snerbe 0

Previous Solution: "I wouldn't even think about taking drugs. I think it's ridiculous! People are throwing their lives away." — Elijah Wood

## Mom fears history will repeat for daughter marrying young

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for 18 years. The main reason for my divorce was that I married too young and wasn't ready to be a wife and mother. My daughter has just announced her engagement to a truly wonderful man, but she's only 19. I want to support her, but I'm afraid she's making the same mistake I did. I have tried talking to her about it, but she is sure she is making the right decision.

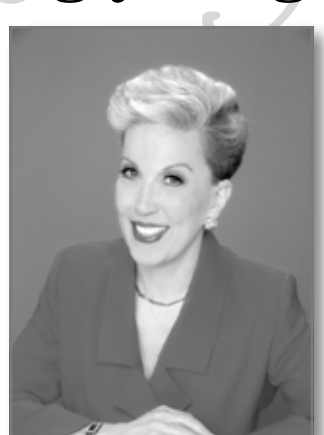
I am tight on money now, and I don't want to pay for an expensive wedding if it's going to be a waste later on if my daughter gets a divorce. But I do want to be by her side and support her during one of the most important times of her life. What should I do? -- EXPERIENCED MOM

DEAR MOM: Your daughter already knows you're concerned about her marrying so young and the reasons why. Ultimately, this is her decision -- or mistake -- to make. Explain that you won't be able to contribute financially to her wedding because money is tight right now, but that you are there to support her emotionally now and forever. Tell her, too, that many successful marriages begin at a courthouse, and you wish her better luck than you had.

DEAR ABBY: My wife of 38 years passed away a year and a half ago. My ex-wife, to whom I was married for

14 years, and who is the mother of our adult kids, is single again after four failed marriages. She's making overtures about getting together again. She is assertive, likes to spend and was very jealous.

At my age, I could use the help, but it would require selling my house and moving several states away. She's really pushing, but I'm just not sure. It would be nice to have someone around because I am lonely. She is a neat lady, but I just don't know. Help! -- PROPOSITIONED IN THE MIDWEST



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR PROPOSITIONED: Surely you can find someone to fill your loneliness other than a woman you divorced for at least two solid reasons. I have two words of advice for you: When in doubt -- DON'T! Your common sense is fueling your ambivalence. Please pay attention to it. At most, maintain a long-distance friendship with her.

DEAR ABBY: During a recent trip to the supermarket, I noticed a couple in their 50s who were shopping for produce. The woman picked up eight different avocados before selecting one. (I counted.) The man touched three different bags of oranges before placing one in their cart. This was repeated with each item and a half ago, they shopped for!

I considered asking

them to stop touching the food, but I didn't want a confrontation. How would you have handled this? Can you please encourage your readers to minimize what they touch for the sake of public safety? -- CONCERNED SHOPPER

DEAR CONCERNED: I would have handled it by talking about it to the store manager. In California, signs are posted asking customers to please handle merchandise as little as possible, and shoppers are encouraged not only to wear masks and practice social distancing while shopping for groceries, but also to wear gloves.

Once you bring your groceries home, you should wipe them down, and ALWAYS wash your hands thoroughly for the recommended 20 seconds.