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School Board meeting

LA JARA — A Regular Board Meeting for the North Conejos School District Board of Education will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. This meeting will be conducted entirely via teleconferencing or videoconferencing. Agendas are available at the District Administration Office 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, Colorado, or on our website www.northconejos.com.

SDC BOE

MOSCA — The Sangre de Cristo School Board of Education regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday May 12th, 2020 in the school Library at 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca CO with an Executive Session from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. and an Open Session starting at 6:30 p.m. Copies of agendas are posted at school site, website, the Hooper and Mosca Post Offices, and the Mosca Pit Stop. Meetings are open to the public.



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## 'Chasing Excellence' honors Coach Vigil

Penned by former Courier editor Pat Melgares

By MICHAEL MELGARES

Special to the Courier ALAMOSA — The never-before-told underdog story of Colorado-born Joe I. Vigil from humble beginnings on the south side of Alamosa to Olympic greatness is now available for pre-order.

Chasing Excellence: The Remarkable Life and Inspiring Vigilosophy of Coach Joe I. Vigil is available online from Flagstaff, Arizona-based Soulstice Publishing, www.soul-

sticepublishing.com. The book sells for \$19.95.

Born in Antonito, Colorado one month after the Great Depression, Vigil was raised for most of his life in Alamosa, where his single mother worked tirelessly just to put food on the table for him and his two brothers.

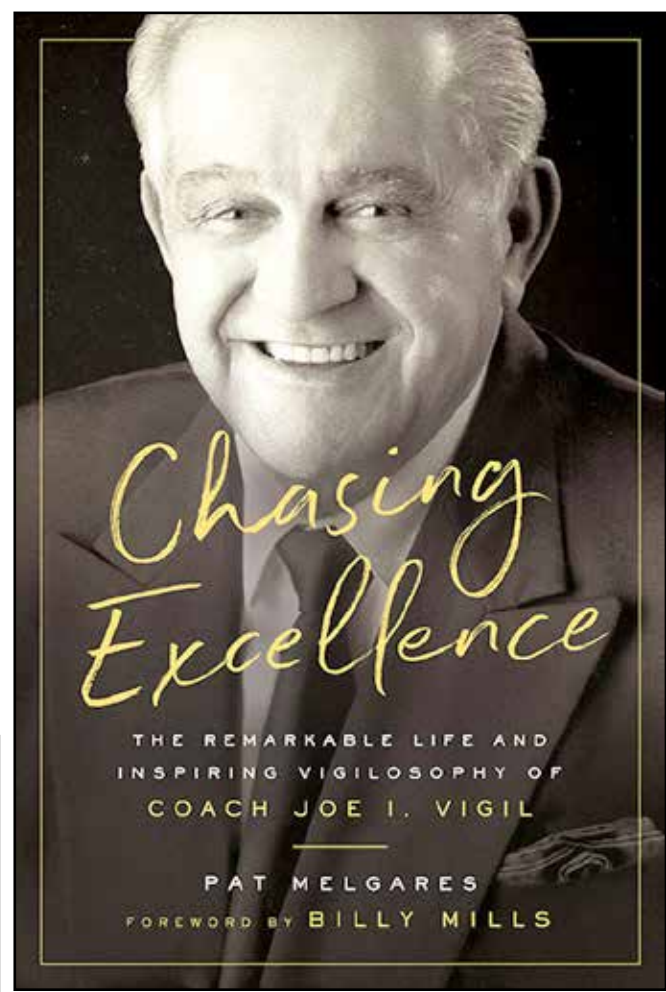
Vigil, now 90 years old and still coaching Olympic athletes, has achieved remarkable success, coaching 19 collegiate national championship teams, 87 individual national champions, 425 All Americans, and 22 Olympians.

The blueprint for reaching such heights? In Chasing Excellence, author Pat Melgares depicts Vigil as a simple man. Born out of

compassion and humility, Vigil's success serves as an example of how anyone can overcome trying circumstances and long odds to achieve their goals.

Vigil's refreshingly kind-hearted approach to life, Melgares says, provides a cornerstone to everything from his interpersonal relationships to his Vigilosophy as a distance running coach. The book provides firsthand accounts of how Vigil has influenced countless lives, from world class athletes like Deena Kastor, Meb Keflezghi and Brenda Martinez to the bartender at the pool hall on Alamosa's State Street.

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## Weekend blaze takes three structures



Courtesy photos

MOGOTE — Valdino (Val) and Frances Gallegos lost their home, all their belongings and three dogs to a house fire Saturday, May 9. Investigation is underway. Total reported building loss is two homes and one hay barn.

The Romeo Volunteer Fire Department is seeking help and donations for the couple.

Needs include food, pet food, paper products, blankets and clothing. Gift cards have also been suggested. The couple is staying at Cañon Bonito.

Val wears large shirts and size 36x29 or 38x29 pants, Frances wears large shirts and size 12 pants. Any and all donations are appreciated. A box is at 14709 Cty Rd P, La Jara, actually just outside of Romeo, for those donations. Text or call 719-298-6396 if more information is needed or items need to be picked up. A GoFundMe page has been set up, sponsored by Romeo Fire.

## Investigation seeks extent of outbreak

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Alamosa County Public Health continues to investigate the outbreak at the Colorado Mushroom Farm. Since the outbreak was discovered on May 6, 93 employees and family members have been tested for COVID-19. Of those, 19 tests have come back positive, 65 tests have been negative, and 9 are still pending. (Case numbers for the San Luis Valley region as a whole continue to be updated daily at <http://www.slvemergency.org/>

sly-covid-19.)

Management at the mushroom facility has been working well with Public Health, supporting informational meetings with employees, employee testing and other follow up as recommended by Public Health. "We are grateful for the staff and community partners who have stepped forward to help address language and outreach needs for those whose first language is not English.

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## SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 7:00 p.m. on May 11, 2020. All numbers are cumulative. If there are discrepancies between these numbers and those showing on the state's data website, use these local numbers.

### 59 SLV POSITIVE CASES

- Alamosa County - 34
- Conejos County - 1
- Costilla County - 3
- Mineral County - 2
- Rio Grande County - 7
- Saguache County - 12

### 13 HOSPITALIZED

### 21 ISOLATION COMPLETED

These are SLV positive cases that have completed their isolation period and have been free of symptoms for more than 72 hours.

### 2 DEATHS

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Frieda Davis

**ANTONITO** — Frieda Davis passed away peacefully on April 29, 2020, in Burbank, California at the age of 89. Frieda was the 12th of 13 children born to Pedro and Deluvina Salazar on November 22, 1930, in Antonito, Colorado. She attended school in Antonito graduating from Antonito High School in 1949. During her high school years, she was editor of the school news-

paper, participated in theater drama and even wrote and directed a play foretelling the future of her senior class. After school and on Saturdays, Frieda did bookkeeping for her father at the Rainbow Garage. She met her future husband, Richard Davis, Sr. (d. 2005) on a blind date while he was an airman stationed at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado. They were married on August

17, 1952. Frieda and her husband moved to Burbank, California and made it their home for over 50 years, raising 3 children. Frieda's faith was very important to her and she was an active parishioner of St. Finbar Catholic Church also teaching religious education for many years. Frieda was proud of her hometown of Antonito, Colorado and loved to organize high school and

family reunions often making trips to Colorado for gatherings. Frieda earned her certificate of proficiency in bookkeeping and worked for California companies; Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, Stainless Steel Products and Wilshire Mortgage before retiring in 1990.

Frieda is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Richard Davis, Sr, her parents, and 11 siblings. She is survived by her three children; Sandie Rathbun (Lewis), Richard



Davis, Jr. (Sherry) and Randall Davis (Mychi), seven grandchildren; Chris Rathbun, Ryan

Rathbun, Sarah Quiring (Toby), Amy Rathbun Tran (Binh), Christina Veluzat (Marc), Jessie Davis, and Elliot Davis, ten great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and her last surviving sibling, Orlando Salazar.

Services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center Foundation, <https://www.providence.org/locations/saint-joseph-medical-center/foundation>.

### Joe R. Casias

**LA JARA** — Longtime and well known La Jara resident Joe R. Casias, 93, died May 8, 2020, at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Alamosa.

Joe's life began on July 8, 1926, in Vigil Colorado, the proud son of Pedro and Elauteria Martinez Casias.

He married Frieda Ruybal in November of 1949. They had a long and wonderful life together. She preceded him in death in 2013.

Together with his wife they raised and are survived by their children Loretta (Mike) Gonzales and Sandra

(John) Lucero; his grandchildren Aaron Lucero, Todd (Shauna and family) Lucero, Lisa Vigil (Steve), and

Michael Gonzales; his great-grandchildren Autumn (Mannie) Vigil, Connor Vigil, and Jordan Lucero (Ryan); and his great-grandchild Liam Ortiz; as well as his sister Julia Garcia of Clifton,



AZ and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Joe was a Conejos County Commissioner for 16 years. He belonged to the Colorado Council of

Government (COG), Colorado Small Counties Committee, and served on the boards of the Guadalupe

Credit Union and Colorado HMO. He was also a member of the Romeo Fire Department for many years.

He always stated that he was a jack of all trades and a master of none. He enjoyed farming, mechanic

work, and carpentry. He also loved to fish and hunt small game, gardening (he hated weeds) and loved

to visit with family and friends. He also liked to travel and see the sights. Joe had a good sense of humor and never lacked a joke to share. He enjoyed being around people and helping them any way he could.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents; his siblings Pete Casias, Jr., Rose Chavez, Elosia Valdez, Mary

Mares, and Ernest Casias; as well as his wife Frieda.

Cremation was chosen and a Memorial Service will be announced at a future date.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online remarks, words of comfort and

remembrances for Joe's family, please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com)

### Ellis R. Weir

**LA VETA** — Ellis R. Weir of La Veta, passed away May 6, 2020, in Pueblo, Colorado, at the age of 78. He was born in Pueblo on September 13, 1941,

to Robert R. Weir and Mae (Smith) Weir. He graduated from La Veta High School in La Veta, Colorado. Ellis married Eleanor Ward on May 21, 1983, in Trinidad, Colorado. Ellis owned Weir Trucking LLC.

Ellis is survived by



his wife Eleanor Weir; children Walter, Bob and Daria, Joanna and

Jeff, and Judy; sister Helen and Ward Jones of Dillingham, Alaska; 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Mae.

Ellis will be laid to rest at the La Veta Cemetery during a private ceremony. A public memorial service will be held at a later date. Online condolences, [www.imperialfunerals.com](http://www.imperialfunerals.com)

### Jacqueline Marie Flynn

**ALAMOSA** — Jacqueline Marie Flynn, 67, went to her eternal rest on May 8, 2020, at the University Hospital in Denver with her loving family by her side. Jaci was born on

March 4, 1953, in Denver, Colorado, the daughter of Joe C. Trujillo and Esther Garcia. She was united in marriage to her husband Thomas Carl Flynn on August 10, 1992, and the two had a long and loving union until her passing. She was the past president of the V.F.W. women's auxiliary. Jaci was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend who enjoyed going camping, fishing, crocheting, cooking, babysitting and bragging about her grandchildren. Her family was her greatest accomplishment and what she was most proud of. She



will be dearly missed.

She will live on through her husband Tom Flynn of Alamosa, CO; daughters Carol (Charles) Trujillo of Alamosa, CO; Marilyn (Josh) Moss of Albuquerque, NM; son Julio (Nadia) Villagomez of Alamosa, CO; her grandchildren Kathryn, Synthia, David, Victoria, Sarah, Jack, Mariah, Joseph, Lielani, Lionel, great-grandchildren Brysen, Kingsley, Zinia, sisters Bernadette

Trujillo and Josette (Joe) Romero both of Alamosa, CO; Gerri (Edward) Ortiz of Capulin, CO; brothers Charles (Carol) Trujillo, Andrew Trujillo, Tim Trujillo all of Alamosa, CO; Gabriel (Betty) Trujillo of Monte Vista, CO; Christopher (Lori) Trujillo of Reno, NV. she is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews cousin and friends.

Jaci was preceded in death by her parents Joe and Esther Trujillo, paternal grandparents and her parent-in-laws Mabel and Paul Flynn and one brother Guy Trujillo.

Cremation was chosen and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

### Robert William "Bob" Myers

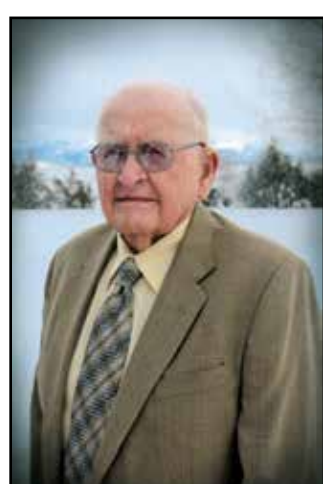
**MONTE VISTA** — Life-long Valley resident, Robert William "Bob" Myers, died May 10, 2020. He was born in Monte Vista,

CO on June 24, 1926, to Willie Jennings Myers and Edith "Betty" Gibson Myers. He was raised on a farm in the Sargent area and graduated from Sargent High School in 1944. After high school, he enlisted in the US Navy and served aboard the

USS Fargo at the end of World War II. When his Naval service ended, he attended Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College, now Colorado State University, in Ft Collins. It was while

attending college that he met Bernice Marlatt of Longmont on a blind date. That blind date led to a wedding on May 23, 1948, and a marriage that lasted over 68 years. Bob and Bernice settled on a farm east of Center where they farmed for 54 years and raised their four children.

Bob was a knowledgeable and hard-working farmer. He loved the mountains surrounding the San Luis Valley. He was a hunter, fisherman and enjoyed "jeeping" with family and friends. He was an avid John Deere enthusiast, collecting and restoring many antique John Deere tractors. Other interests included history, geology, astronomy, and reading. Bob and Bernice enjoyed traveling.



They not only traveled in the United States, but were lucky enough to visit every continent on Earth. Among their most memorable trips were three cruises to Antarctica and touring with the Two-Cylinder Club in Europe and Australia. They enjoyed taking their 5th wheel trailer to Mexico in the winter months where they would camp near the beach with their wonderful friends.

Bob served many years on the San Luis Valley Irrigation District board, the Colorado Groundwater Commission, the San

Luis Valley Water Conservancy District board and as a director of the Federal Land Bank Association. Bob twice received the Coors Grower of the Year Award and one year the Coors Environmental Conservation Award. He was a member of the Center United Methodist Church where he served in many different roles.

He is survived by his daughters Linda Kay Myers Haverland of Littleton, CO and Janet Lee Myers of Center, his son John D Myers (Ginny Bond) of Hooper. He was a very special Grandpa to eleven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Bernice, his brother James R Myers of Center, his son Steven William Myers of Alamosa and his son-in-law Jack Kuntz of Center.

Cremation was chosen. A Celebration of Life will be held as soon as family and friends can gather once again. Memorial contributions can be made to Center United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, words of comfort and remarks for Bob's family, please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com)

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

5083.

#### SUNDAY

5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa

7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

#### MONDAY

12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa

5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte

7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede

7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

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# Valley News

## Message from Mayor Ty Coleman

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa's Mayor Ty Coleman took the time to direct a message to Alamosa during the COVID-19 crisis.

"As I thought about this message today, I thought about you. All the people in Alamosa. Our town is full of hard-working, caring, diverse individuals I am proud to call friends. Thank you, fellow Alamosans, for your continued patience and cooperation as we work through this pandemic together. We are in this together.

As we move into the next phase of opening Alamosa for business, we must find balance between opening while keeping consumers and business owners safe. It's not a hard thing to do; it's just kind of awkward. However, our actions during this time will determine the future of our economy as well as the health of



our most vulnerable populations. Every single person is key.

In this Safer-at-Home phase, all individuals are encouraged to stay at home as much as possible, wash your hands frequently, and wear a mask in public. If you are age 65 or older, or if you have an underlying health condition, it is even more critical for you to continue to stay at home for your own protection. If you are fortunate to be healthy, be considerate of others and the risk you may pose to them if you turn out to be a carrier of the virus without even knowing it. That's where face coverings come in. Covering your mouth and nose while you are out in public to protect those around you.

This month to honor Mental Health Awareness, San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group and others are offering free resources throughout the month of May. Check out their Facebook page at

SLVBHG or call (719) 589-3671.

Also, congratulations to graduating seniors at ASU, Alamosa High School, TSJC, and the 13 cadets graduating from Police Academy! The hassle is worth the tassel! We look forward to working with you in our community soon.

We encourage you to shop and buy curbside meals from local restaurants. But please! Do so carefully so we can get back on track and back to as much normal activity as possible.

As retail establishments continue to open up, it is critical that we shop local! It's all up to you!"

Mayor Coleman went on to answer frequently asked questions about the city's response to COVID-19. To read the full statement be sure to visit <https://cityofalamosa.org/press-release-5-11-2020-message-from-the-mayor/>

## Rio Grande National Forest releases new Land Management Plan

**MONTE VISTA** – The Rio Grande National Forest announced today the release of its new Land Management Plan, which provides management guidance for the 1.8 million-acre national forest located in south-central Colorado. The plan sets the framework for all management activities on the Forest for the next 10 to 15 years.

"The Land Management Plan empowers us to make land management decisions to improve forest conditions and provide clean air, water and forest products to the communities that rely on the Rio Grande National Forest," said Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas. "I am pleased that years of dedicated

collaboration on behalf of Forest staff, partners and interested parties have allowed us to reach this important milestone."

In the first three years of implementation, the Land Management Plan will support nearly 1,600 jobs in the recreation, timber and grazing industries equaling \$50 million in labor income. The plan also promotes healthy watersheds that supply clean, abundant water to the San Luis Valley, which supports an agricultural industry worth more than \$500 million.

The plan prioritizes the use of active management to foster sustainable and productive use of the forest. Compared to the 1996 plan, this new plan is less prescriptive and

emphasizes flexibility and commitments to working with the public. Management direction has been updated for all plant and wildlife species. The Land Management Plan also recommends 40,052 acres be added to the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness Area and three miles of river added to the eligible and suitable Wild, Scenic and Recreation river system. Protecting cultural values, including having availability and access to firewood and Forest botanical products for use by the local community, allowing multiple-use access to the forest and improving recreation opportunities remain key priorities.

The Land Management Plan emphasizes part-

nerships and citizen science efforts that provide the efficient monitoring necessary to ensure that work done on the ground is meeting current and future needs. The Land Management Plan also recognizes the role of naturally ignited fires on the landscape and encourages them to be used as a tool to restore natural processes, improve forest conditions and protect communities from destructive wildfires.

The final record of decision, also being released, responds to instructions from the objection reviewing official and describes the selected alternative, which has become the Land Management Plan. The Rio Grande National Forest previously pub-

lished a draft record of decision and a final environmental impact statement, which analyzes the environmental, social and economic effects of the Land Management Plan and lays out management alternatives.

The Rio Grande National Forest Land Management Plan, final record of decision, environmental impact statement and associated documents are available online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46078>.

## Commissioners meet Wednesday

**ALAMOSA** – Monthly reports from elected officials will be heard Wednesday, May 13 when the Alamosa County Board of Commissioners meets for its regular meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting will again be conducted virtually with Zoom. Join in Zoom 253-215-8782 meeting code 270-314-6874.

Other scheduled reports include Xcel Energy on wildfire mitigation, a MOU with the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, a Covid-19 update from public health, a liquor license transfer for Discount Liquor and a variance approval.

Commissioners plan an afternoon work session on the county budget beginning at 1:30.

## 2020 Mountain Shoot Out photography show

**CREEDE** — The Creede Arts Council is calling all area photographers to submit work for exhibit in this year's Mountain Shoot Out regional juried photography show. We are proud to announce Ed Knight as this year's judge. The deadline for submissions is June 12, 2020. The show will run from June 26 through September 15 at the Creede Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center.

Photographs will be selected for exhibition and award. A Peoples' Choice Award for favorite photograph will be awarded at the end of the show. The Peoples' Choice award photograph may be purchased and permanently displayed in the Creede Visitors Center.

The deadline for submissions is June 12, 2020. Please contact the Creede Arts Council at [creedearts@outlook.com](mailto:creedearts@outlook.com) or



2019's winning submission. Carolyn Keller's "Driving with the Top Down" visit our website [www.creedartsandcouncil.com](http://www.creedartsandcouncil.com) for more information and to download the entry form.

## Vigil

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Melgares is a former Adams State University runner who fostered an intimate connection with Vigil during his time under the legendary coach's tutelage.

"I am proud more than anything to say he and I are friends," Melgares said. Melgares grew up on the south side of Alamosa admiring Vigil's coaching success during the 1970s and 1980s. Prior to running for his dream program at the college level, he attended Alamosa High School, just as Vigil once did.

Melgares recounts the life of his friend and legendary former coach through a diverse compilation of stories told by figures throughout Vigil's life. Olympians, family members, strangers, and even adversaries all describe the unique, individual impacts Vigil had on them in Chasing Excellence.

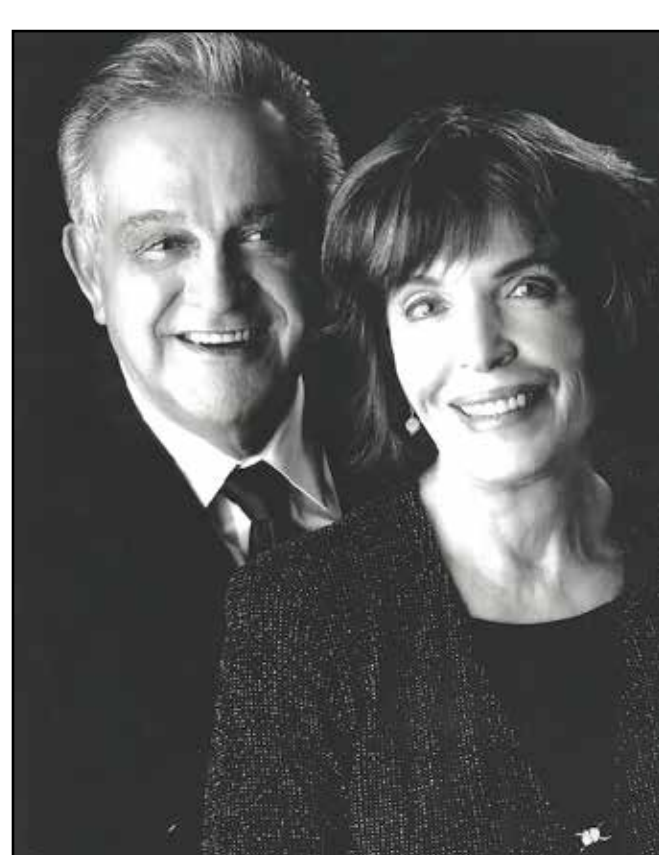
Melgares said a common theme in the book is that achieving success is not always a perfect path. "That fact plays out numerous times in this book. He's born into poverty yet

avoids the pitfalls that others in his same situation often fall victim to and rises to Eagle Scout, straight-A student, college athlete and Olympic coach," he said.

Melgares notes that Vigil worked tirelessly to earn his remarkable success. He said in writing his former coach's biography that there was no shortage of Vigilantes – a term given to those who have run or studied under Vigil -- to testify to his work ethic, because Vigil is known to generously defer to others before taking credit himself.

"Coach Vigil is one of those treasured leaders who is more likely to give credit to those around him when things go well, and take responsibility when things don't go so well," Melgares said.

He added: "The remarkable nature of this decorated Olympic coach is the essence of Chasing Excellence. Vigil was not a golden child whose path to success was paved before he could even spell 'coach'. He isn't a show-boater hungry for the spotlight. Coach finds success



World-renown running coach Dr. Joe I. Vigil is shown with his wife Caroline. The biography is dedicated to her, who Coach says has supported his busy life and has provided inspiration to him for 45 years.

through his humility and compassion for others. That's who he is. He is a common man. Anybody can be like Joe I. Vigil if they're willing to work

and sacrifice." While pre-orders for Chasing Excellence opened on May 8, the book will be available in hard copy by early July, 2020.

## COVID

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Bilingual communication and public information have been a priority throughout this response," says Della Vieira, Alamosa County Public Health Director.

Testing has been done in partnership with SLV Health and Valley-Wide Health Systems, with help from the Costilla County, Conejo County and Rio Grande County Public Health Agencies. SLV Environmental Health Specialists have also played a part in confirming that the facility is meeting safety standards. Food processing facilities have been the site of multiple outbreaks around the country. As essential business operations, employees have continued to have contact with others throughout the Stay and Home and Safer at Home phases. An outbreak is a reminder to all of us that minimizing contact with others through social distancing and other measures is still important for preventing the spread of disease.

The weather is warming and people are anxious to travel. Would-be visitors from out of state are

advised to familiarize themselves with Colorado's current COVID-19 guidance, which can be found on Colorado's Safer at Home website: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home>. Colorado's Safer at Home guidance still recommends staying close to home for recreation. If visitors do eventually decide to come visit, they are asked to please protect local residents and themselves by wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing, and washing their hands frequently. Please also note that under the current state order, gatherings should be limited to 10 persons or less.

If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, contact one of the nurse call-lines listed below.

Rio Grande Hospital: 719-657-4990

SLV Health: 719-589-2511 ext. 9

Valley-Wide Health Systems: 719-589-3658 ext. 9

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# Lifestyle

## Mosquito season is approaching

**The spread of Coronavirus from mosquitoes is not of concern, but the threat of West Nile Virus remains.**

ALAMOSA — In the San Luis Valley during the early part of May, temperatures begin to warm-up. The mountain snowpack begins to melt, and the spring run-off begins. Ranchers, farmers, and property owners start to flood irrigate their pastures and fields. The river rises, which provides sub water pockets and backflows on the outer banks. These areas soon become the prime habitat for mosquito breeding grounds and larval growth. Within a few short weeks, we begin to see (and feel) our fair share of flying adult mosquitoes out. Seeking a tasty blood meal with the intent of using the blood's protein for egg production; all so that she can prepare herself to produce and lay up to 300 eggs. And that is just one cycle. A female mosquito can produce several egg cycles within her life span.

Many can probably remember last summer in 2019 the incredible run-off from a much-needed moisture-filled winter. The Rio Grande was spilling over in places and threatening to do so in others. The outer banks swelled and subbed. There was standing water in places that did not have water on it in many years. With that, many can probably remember the increased nuisance of the mosquitoes in 2019 as well. The Alamosa Mosquito Control District (AMCD) certainly remembers as it was extremely difficult to control the influx of mosquitoes. At this point the prediction for 2020, we are looking at a much dryer year. The early spring did not bring as much moisture to the mountains and the run-off will be lower in comparison to 2019. However, there will still be a decent amount of standing water and plenty of mosquito habitat.

AMCD has already started some early season larviciding.

Larvicide is where staff look for mosquitoes standing water habitat while they are in their

larval stage of growth.

In the larval stage, the insects are in a more confined area and in dense populations. They are much easier to control in this state. The product used is a bacterium that mosquito larvae find as a food source. Once ingested, the bacteria rupture the gut and the larva cannot survive. The bacterium is species-specific to mosquito larvae and does not affect other aquatic organisms such as dragonfly larva, water mites, fish, or tadpoles just to name a few. It is biodegradable and does not harm livestock or pets. Larvicide is and has always been the first line of defense in the Alamosa Mosquito Control District's integrated pest management program. Starting in late May to early June, the community will start to see and hear the fog spray trucks, "Foggers", or the airplane flying above in the rural areas. Overall, temperatures begin to get warmer which increases the growth rate of mosquito larva, more flood irrigated water in and outside of The District's boundary lines is present; and the specific species of mosquitoes that emerge during this time of year are ready for their first blood meal and egg production cycle. The use of the foggers and airplane are the second line of defense when adult mosquito populations exceed thresholds found in the District's surveillance trap network. Adulticide fogging both by the trucks and airplane can be difficult in our area.

The spray that is used can only be appropriately applied if the wind is below 10 miles per hour. The evening winds here in the SLV often hinder the evening spray routes. This also makes treatments difficult at times because the peak activity for mosquitoes is during the evening before dusk. The spray is designed to contact the mosquito's body while active in the

air, which is one reason why we spray during the evening hours. The second reason is concern for bees. Bees begin their day foraging for nectar near dawn and work diligently until dusk before returning to their hive for the night. To preserve the bees, we wait until the evening hours to spray when they are "in bed" to avoid contacting them. AMCD also does its best to diligently keep a look out for hives within The District. If hives are present the fog drivers and pilot are instructed to turn their spray off while passing by.

Mosquitoes are not only a nuisance and cause itchy skin when bitten. The biggest concern from Alamosa Mosquito Control District's standpoint is that they are a public health risk. Mosquitoes are known to carry many viruses such as Zika, Malaria, Dengue Fever, Encephalitis, and West Nile Virus just to name a few. These viruses can make people very ill, and even be fatal. West Nile Virus (WNV) has been present in Alamosa Mosquito Control District since at least 2003. There were 3 positive mosquito pools tested for WNV in 2019. Our world is currently facing the COVID-19 pandemic.

One question that has been asked frequently is "can Coronavirus be spread through mosquito bites?" The answer is no. Both the CDC and WHO have supported this answer in that "For a virus to pass to a person through a mosquito or tick bite, the virus must be able to replicate inside the mosquito or tick." Helping defend people from the known mosquito-borne viruses remains just as important, if not more. If someone contracts a mosquito-borne disease their immune system is weakened which can increase greater health risks if Coronavirus is later contracted.



## Sheriff's office issues fire ban

ANTONITO — Due to the continued critical fire weather and atmospheric conditions Conejos County Sheriff Garth Crowther has initiated Stage 2 fire restrictions for all of unincorporated areas of Conejos County. Fires, campfires, charcoal grills, coal and wood burning stoves are prohibited including use in developed recreation sites. Devices using pressurized liquid or gas that include a shut-off valve and wood stoves used to heat a residence are allowed. Smoking is allowed only within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or buildings where smoking is permitted. Welding or operating acetylene or other torches with open flame is prohibited, unless it is within an enclosed building. Also prohibited are all explosives, including fireworks, exploding targets, and tracers or incendiary ammunition.

Operating or using any internal combustion engine, such as a chainsaw, generator or all-terrain vehicle is only allowed with a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting USDA Forest Service or SAE approval. Additionally, chainsaw operators must have a chemical pressurized fire



extinguisher and round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use. The entire Stage 2 fire restrictions order may be viewed on the Rio Grande National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande>.

For more information, call the Conejos County Sheriff's Office at 719-376-2196. This Order will be in effect from 12:01 am on May 12th, 2020 and will remain in force until rescinded.

Mosquitoes have been around for thousands of years; since the Jurassic period. They are obviously a hardy insect, who have thrived and adapted to all environments to still be around today. The motto often recited in the mosquito control industry is "it is impossible to eliminate mosquitoes, but we do

our best to mitigate them." As Alamosa Mosquito Control District continues to do what it can to defend against mosquitoes and health risks the public can make substantial contributions to their own safety by following "the 3 D's."

• Drain: Empty out water containers at

least once per week

• Dress: Wear long sleeves, long pants, and light-colored, loose-fitting clothing

• Defend: Properly apply an approved repellent such as DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon-eucalyptus or any other EPA-registered repellent.

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IN THE INTEREST OF:  
O.R. (D.O.B. 12/11/2018) A CHILD,  
LAND CONCERNING:  
L.R. (D.O.B. 02/17/1980) MOTHER  
"JOHN DOE" FATHER,  
RESPONDENTS.  
Attorney for Rio Grande County Dept. of Social Services:  
W. Ryan Dunn  
Address: PO Box 40 Del Norte, CO 81132  
Phone: 719 657-3381 Fax: 719 657-4013  
E-Mail: attorney.riograndecds@gmail.com Reg No: 39307  
Case Number: 2018JV54  
Div.: Crim.  
ALIAS SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION  
TO: JOHN DOE (UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF O.R.)  
You are hereby notified that a Verified Petition for Adjudication of Dependency and Neglect of the above-named child has been filed in the above-named Court in which it is represented to the Court that the child, is dependent or neglected for the reasons set forth more fully in said Petition, the original of which is on file in the above Court and copies of which will be made available to you upon request during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk of the District Court in Rio Grande County.  
You are further notified that the Court has set a hearing on the following date and time:  
DATE: May 18, 2020  
TIME: 11:30 A.M.  
LOCATION: RIO GRANDE COMBINED COURT  
PARTIES SHALL APPEAR BY PHONE by calling (415) 655-0001 and entering the 9-digit meeting number (927 191 190) or BY VIDEO SYSTEM @judicial.webex.com and entering the 9-digit meeting number (927 191 190).  
You are further notified that TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD LEGAL RELATIONSHIP IS A POSSIBLE REMEDY AVAILABLE IF THIS PETITION ALLEGING THAT THE CHILD/REN IS/ARE DEPENDENT OR NEGLECTED IS SUSTAINED. A SEPARATE HEARING MUST BE HELD BEFORE SUCH TERMINATION IS ORDERED. TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD LEGAL RELATIONSHIP MEANS THAT THE CHILD/REN WHO IS/ARE SUBJECT TO THIS PETITION WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION.  
Pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Colorado Rules of Juvenile Procedure, a responsive pleading is not required, although you may file one, if you so desire, nor is it necessary for you to deny any allegations of the Petition, except jurisdictional matters of age and residence of the child/ren which shall be deemed admitted unless specifically denied.  
You are further informed that if you choose to appear at the hearing at the time and place hereinabove stated, you shall be fully advised by the Court of your constitutional and legal rights pursuant to C.R.S. 19-3-202, as amended. You may demand a trial by jury of not more than six. Unless a jury is demanded, it shall be deemed to be waived.  
You have the right to be represented by counsel at every stage of the proceedings. If you request representation by an attorney and you are found to be without financial means to afford an attorney, an attorney will be appointed for you by the Court.  
You are further advised that, if the court finds that the allegations in the Petition are supported by the necessary standards of proof, the Court shall hold a dispositional hearing, but that in a proper case, providing prior notice thereof is given to you, and, you are now so advised, the dispositional hearing may be had co-extensively with the adjudicatory hearing.  
If you fail to enter your appearance, or if you fail to deny jurisdictional matters, if any, as permitted by law, the above matter, and any other related matters that may come before the Court will be decided without further notice to you.  
Furthermore, you have the following additional rights:  
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2) The right to know the nature of the allegations contained in the Petition;  
3) Any admission on your part must be voluntary;  
4) If you admit the allegations of the Petition, the Court is not bound by any promises or representations made by anyone about the dispositional alternatives by the Court;  
5) The Court may appoint an attorney as a Guardian ad Litem to represent the interest of the child/ren.  
6) The right to present evidence;  
7) The right to cross examine witnesses;  
8) The right to appeal;  
9) In order for the Court to find the child/ren to be neglected or dependent, it must be proven to a judge or jury by the preponderance of evidence;  
10) In order to terminate the parent-child legal relationship, the Court would have to find at a separate hearing by clear and convincing evidence either of the following:  
a) That the child/ren has/have been adjudicated dependent and neglected and has/have been abandoned by his/her/their parent or parents.  
b) That the child/ren is/are adjudicated dependent or neglected, and the Court has found by clear and convincing evidence that no appropriate treatment plan can be devised to address the unfitness of the parent or parents.  
c) That the child/ren is/are adjudicated dependent or neglected and all of the following exist:  
(I) That an appropriate treatment plan approved by the Court has not been reasonably complied with by the parent or parents or has not been successful;  
(II) That the parent is unfit;  
(III) That the conduct or condition of the parent or parents is unlikely to change within a reasonable amount of time;  
DONE AND SIGNED THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2020.  
By: /s/ W. RYAN DUNN  
W. RYAN DUNN, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
No. 1439  
Published in the Valley Courier on May 12, 2020.

**Notice of Approval Land Management Plan for the Rio Grande National Forest**  
Dan Dallas, Forest Supervisor for the Rio Grande National Forest signed the Record of Decision for the revised Land Management Plan on May 11, 2020. The Record of Decision documents the rationale for approving the Land Management Plan and is consistent with the Reviewing Official's responses to objections and instructions. This is the first Land Management Plan in the Rocky Mountain Region to be completed in accordance with the 2012 planning rule (36 CFR 219). The revised Land Management Plan for the Rio Grande National Forest will become effective 30 days following publication in the Federal Register, which is June 12, 2020. To view the final Record of Decision, environmental impact statement, and Land Management Plan please visit the Forest Plan Revision website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/riogrande/landmanagement/projects/?cid=stelprd3819044>. For more information about the Rio Grande National Forest Land Management Plan contact Forest Planner, Judi Perez, weekdays from 8 AM to 4:30 PM at (719) 852-6240 or by email at [judi.perez@usda.gov](mailto:judi.perez@usda.gov). Written requests for information may also be sent to Rio Grande National Forest, Attn: Plan Revision, 1803 W Highway 160, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144. No. 1430  
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**099 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SEEKING CHARACTER ARTIST**, pencil or chalk. Call 719-849-0483.(5/20)

**163 LOST & FOUND**

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

**221 HELP WANTED**

**SIGNING BONUS-\$1,000 AT** hire, \$1,000 after completing one year of service. Conejos County is seeking a Caseworker for the Department of Social Services and offering a signing bonus. Annual Salary \$35,000. Responsibilities include: Intake and/or ongoing social casework services to families/adults, attending drug court, performing assessments, counseling, and crisis intervention. Duties are to protect children and adults from situations of abuse, neglect and other forms of maltreatment. Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Psychology or related field required. One-year experience preferred. Applications are available at Conejos County Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos, CO 81129, or via email upon request at [cricci@co.conejos.co.us](mailto:cricci@co.conejos.co.us). Deadline is May 7, 2020. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 EEOE.(5/15)

**SANGRE DE CRISTO** School District is seeking a girls High School Basketball coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or [bstagner@sangreschools.org](mailto:bstagner@sangreschools.org).(5/26)

**221 HELP WANTED**

**APARTMENT MANAGER. OVER** the Rainbow Apartments, downtown Alamosa seeks a live-in, skilled property manager. Responsibilities include lease management, facility upkeep, handling tenant needs and issues. Qualifications: mature, good communication and computer skills, good references. Knowledge of human services helpful. Compensation includes salary, apartment, paid utilities and benefits. Serious applicants, please submit resume to [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net).(5/29)

**CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT** of Social Services is seeking a Case Manager (CM). Responsibilities include: Determines eligibility for Food Stamps, Adult programs, Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid. Ability to apply critical thinking to a wide range of situations. Must have strong computer and interviewing skills. A broad knowledge of community services a plus. High School Diploma or equivalent required, two years of education and customer service experience preferred. County Application Form Required. Applications are available at Conejos County Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos, CO 81129, or via email upon request at [cricci@co.conejos.co.us](mailto:cricci@co.conejos.co.us). Deadline is Wednesday, May 6, 2020. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 EEOE.(5/15)

**SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a Secondary Social Studies/History Teacher position. Please visit our website for additional information and application: [www.sargent.k12.co.us](http://www.sargent.k12.co.us) or call 719 852-4023, option 6. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE(5/22)

**221 HELP WANTED**

**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for the following position: Administrative Assistant (AES 3-5) Bilingual preferred. Applications are available online at <https://dist.alamosa.k12.co.us> For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(5/16)

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**SANGRE DE CRISTO** School District is looking for highly motivated Middle School Science Teacher that has a desire to teach and the ability to pass their passion of learning onto students. For more information please contact Mr. Stagner at 719-378-2310 or [bstagner@sangreschools.org](mailto:bstagner@sangreschools.org). Teaching applications may be downloaded from [sdc.schoolsdc.net](http://sdc.schoolsdc.net). Positions open until filled.(5/26)

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**221 HELP WANTED**

**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for the following position at Alamosa High School: English Language Para/Translator AA Degree or 24 hours of college credit is required. Bilingual preferred. Applications are available online at <https://alamosa.k12.co.us>. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(5/12)

**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for the following: OMS Band/Choir & AHS Band/Music Electives Teacher Looking for a qualified, enthusiastic applicant to teach band/choir classes at Ortega Middle School & Alamosa High School. Position requires daily travel between schools. Potential extra-curricular stipend for pep band, music festivals, honor band/choir, 5th grade band. Must possess a Colorado Teachers License. Applications are available online at <http://alamosa.k12.co.us>. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(5/12)

**221 HELP WANTED**

**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for the following position at Ortega Middle School: Boys & Girls Cross-Country Head Coach Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosa.k12.co.us>. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(5/12)

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**THE RIO GRANDE** County Sheriff's Office is compiling a list of prospective personnel for the position of Lieutenant within the Sheriff's Office. This is open to both internal and external applicants. Persons applying from outside the Rio Grande Sheriff's Office must complete a county application. The applicant should have ten (10) years of law enforcement employment as Colorado POST Certified Officer. Must have at least three (3) years accumulative time as a Law Enforcement Supervisor. Must have completed supervisor/leadership training, and have basic investigative training or internal investigation training. Salary range is DOE. Application process closes May 15, 2020, at close of business. Those interested may come to the Rio Grande Sheriff's Office and pickup an application packet, with submission requirements and outline of duties. Rio Grande Sheriff's Office is located at 640 Cherry Street, Del Norte, CO 81132. The Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.(5/19)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for an Elementary Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Successful applicants will: Hold or be able to obtain a valid teaching license from the Colorado Department of Education with an Elementary Education endorsement. Prioritize relationships with all stakeholders while creating engaging learning experiences. Demonstrate strong classroom instruction and management skills. Possess strong interpersonal skills and a growth mindset. Applications are available for download on the district website at <http://mountainvalleyschool.org>. Please include a resume, cover letter, and 3 current letters of recommendation. Completed applications can be submitted to Attn: Travis Garoutte, Mountain Valley School District, PO BOX 127 Saguache, CO 81149 or emailed to [garouttet@valley.k12.co.us](mailto:garouttet@valley.k12.co.us). For more information, please call 719-655-0268. Mountain Valley School is an Equal Opportunity Employer.(5/19)

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**MONTEVISTASCHOOL** District is accepting applications for an Alternative Education Campus & Online Secondary Science Teacher. The Byron Syring DELTA Center & the Monte Vista On-Line Academy seek an enthusiastic, interactive, relationship-based science teacher to join a dynamic team serving nontraditional students. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted 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 by May 5, 2020, or until the position is filled. The application may be accessed on the district website <http://www2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(5/12)

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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

43 Like Beethoven  
45 Harlow or Stapleton  
48 Hwys.  
50 Made cat noises  
52 — — grip!  
55 Baldwin or Guinness  
57 Distant  
58 Moby Dick foe  
59 Bulletproof attire  
60 Ms. Hagen  
61 Doctrines  
62 Sorority letters  
63 Easy toss

**DOWN**

1 Ms. Dinesen  
2 Column order  
3 Rustle  
4 Vinegar bottles  
5 In case  
6 Juice-based drink  
7 Gives silent assent

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8 Go about stealthily  
9 Facilitate  
10 Arith. term  
11 Yr. fractions  
19 Alma —  
21 Pretend  
24 Norse deity  
25 Frisbee, e.g.  
27 Maui dance  
28 Cow-headed goddess  
29 Host's plea  
31 Call — — cab  
32 Note before la  
33 In the thick of

34 Perturb  
36 YouTube offering  
41 Rural addr.  
42 Releases a CD  
44 Sheiks, usually  
46 Terrible  
47 "Peachy keen!"  
49 Keep  
50 Oater  
51 Colorless  
52 Moo goo — pan  
53 Codgers' queries  
54 Highland topper  
56 Permit

## ALLEY OOP

Panel 1: ZYNONG! (A man in a suit is being thrown through the air by a man in a tank top.)

Panel 2: PRETTY GOOD, ALLEY. RESCUING DR. WONMUG TOOK YOU TEN DAYS.

Panel 3: OOPS, LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN.

Panel 4: AMAZING JOB, ALLEY. RESCUING DR. WONMUG ONLY TOOK YOU TEN MINUTES!

## ARLO & JANIS

Panel 1: WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GETTING A SURTAN!

Panel 2: THIS IS THE NEW NIHILISM! 'TO HECK WITH IT ALL!'

Panel 3: SHALL I FETCH YOUR CIGARETTE CASE AND OPIUM PIPE? HA HA, VERY FUNNY.

Panel 4: A DIET SODA WOULD BE GREAT, THOUGH!

## BIG NATE

Panel 1: ISN'T IT AWESOME THAT WE HELPED SAVE MR. ROSA'S JOB? I KNOW! OUR OPINION ACTUALLY COUNTED FOR SOMETHING!

Panel 2: I GUESS WE STUDENTS HAVE MORE POWER THAN WE REALIZE!

Panel 3: QUIET OVER HERE! YOU TALK ONLY WHEN I GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO TALK!

Panel 4: MAYBE "POWER" IS THE WRONG WORD. WE'RE JUST RATS IN A STINKIN' MAZE.

## THE BORN LOSER

Panel 1: THORNAPPLE HAS BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT HAVING PROBLEMS WITH HIS COMPUTER.

Panel 2: I WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY PROBLEMS WITH HIS COMPUTER, SO I JUST REPLACED IT.

Panel 3: I'M AFRAID THE COMPUTER ISN'T WHAT NEEDED TO BE REPLACED!

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Panel 1: WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING. WE'VE CHANGED AND FED HER. SHE'S DRIVING ME CRAZY!

Panel 2: PUT HER DOWN FOR A WHILE, JOHN. IT WON'T HURT TO LET HER CRY FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

Panel 3: WAAAAAARRRRHHHHH YOU DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN FOR THEM, AND THEY STILL KEEP YOU UP ALL NIGHT, WONDERING IF THEY'RE OK, WISHING THEY'D TELL YOU WHAT'S WRONG.

Panel 4: WAAAAAARRRRHHHHH WHY DO BABIES DO THIS TO US, EL? ...TO PREPARE US FOR WHEN THEY BECOME TEENS.

## FRANK & ERNEST

Panel 1: OXYGEN, HYDROGEN, CARBON... WITH A COMBINATION LIKE THAT, YOU'RE BOUND TO GET INFECTED.

## GARFIELD

Panel 1: I LOVE YOU, GARFIELD.

Panel 2: WANNA KNOW WHY?

Panel 3: SURE, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T BREAK INTO SONG.

## THE GRIZZWELLS

Panel 1: THIS SHOW IS REALLY GETTING ON MY NERVES.

Panel 2: IT ALWAYS DOES.

Panel 3: WHY DO YOU EVEN BOTHER WATCHING THE NEWS?

Panel 4: I KEEP HOPING THE PLOT WILL CHANGE.

## PEANUTS

Panel 1: OLGA KORBUG HAS BEEN BUGGING ME FOR LESSONS!

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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## HERMAN

Panel 1: Herman is talking to a woman.

Panel 2: Herman is holding a large object.

Panel 3: Herman says, "This should hold it!"

## Late wife's best friend stiff-arms man's interest

DEAR ABBY: My wife passed away, and I have fallen in love with her best friend. She feels she would be disrespecting my wife's name if she went out with me. How can I let her know my wife would not object to us dating?

I don't know how to get her to understand my vows to my wife have been fulfilled with her passing. I will never forget her, and she will always be in my heart. But I feel I have room in my heart for this woman. She is a great person, and at some point I would like to have her as my wife. Advice, please?

DEAR GOING: You have stated your points both succinctly and pragmatically. It's understandable that you would be drawn to her, considering the close relationship you already had, I assume for many years. If you have told this lady what you have written to me as plainly as you stated it in your letter, and her feelings remain unchanged, it is possible that she is not as attracted to you as you are to her. And, if that's the case, she should say so in plain English so you can look elsewhere.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I got engaged a few months ago and have been getting mixed messages from our parents about please try not to do it with

our wedding next year. Overall, they seem happy for us, but they don't show much interest in our relationship, or the wedding either.

Since we are gay, we are unsure whose, if any, parents we should ask to help us pay for the wedding. My fiance's parents are very conservative and most likely wouldn't volunteer to contribute. My parents are likely the only ones who would help, but they haven't made any offers.

We both have full-time jobs, but they are middle to low income, so help would be appreciated. Part of me resents them for not offering any help since their parents pitched in for their festivities and because they will undoubtedly expect invitations. Any advice you can give would be appreciated.

DEAR MARRYING: Welcome to the world of gay weddings, a subject that has cropped up since 2015, when it was legalized in all 50 states. There are no hard and fast rules covering this. Modern couples, both straight and gay, often pay for their own weddings to the extent their budgets allow.

While you and your fiance might raise the subject of pitching in with your parents, in the inter-getting mixed messages of family harmony, please try not to do it with



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

prior resentments or expectations. Whether they agree or decline, you will be fine, and your day will be special.

DEAR ABBY: I was invited to a baby shower. Because of the virus that's going around, many people weren't planning on going, so they canceled the party. Should I still take them the gift I bought for their baby? Or should I just forget it because they canceled the baby shower?

DEAR BEARING A GIFT: Do not "just forget it." The kind -- and generous -- way to handle it would be to give the mother-to-be the gift, remembering that, in spite of the shower being canceled, she will need things for her baby.

# Lifestyle

## May is Older Americans Month

A time to celebrate older adults and raise awareness of important aging issues facing communities across the country.

### Older Americans Month History

When Older Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthday. About a third of older Americans lived in poverty and there were few programs to meet their needs. Interest in older Americans and their concerns was growing. A meeting in April 1963 between President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens led to designating May as "Senior Citizens Month," the prelude to "Older Americans Month."

Historically, Older Americans Month has been a time to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older persons to our country, in particular those who defended our country. Every President since Kennedy has issued a formal proclamation during or before the month of May asking that the entire nation pay tribute in some way to older persons in their communities. Older Americans Month is celebrated across the country through ceremonies, events, fairs, and other such activities.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the country earlier this year, Area Agencies on Aging have been on the front lines of the crisis. Whether they have adapted programs to meet changing needs

in their communities, ensured meals are delivered to those who need them, or telephonic assurance calls to help reduce social isolation for homebound older adults, AAAs have shown time and time again that Older Adults make a difference in the community.

South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., your local Area Agency on Aging continues to ensure homebound meals are delivered. Reassurance calls continue to those isolated, homemaker and respite services in some cases are continuing while providing these services. Hot Grab n' Go congregate meals are currently available in Alamosa, La Jara and San Luis. Grab n' Go's will start soon at other community meal sites. In-house congregation for meals at our meal sites is still not permitted by the State of Colorado. Updates will be posted as changes occur. We serve the San Luis Valley and We are here for YOU! Questions regarding services or know of someone in need...call us - 719-589-4511.

Let us always remember that as a prosperous country, we are enjoying the fruits of the labor of our older citizens, it is therefore only honorable to expect that we will do our best to do right by them in whatever way we can, according to our own ability and level of responsibility.

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**



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## Boomer makes the rounds



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ALAMOSA — Miriam Lipke, Adams State Spring 2020 graduate in piano performance, is visited at her house on what would have been graduation day by Adam's State University's Grizzly mascot 'Boomer' and the Alumni Office. Adams State University Commencement ceremonies were moved to June 6 at noon online due to the COVID-19 safer at home rules.

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