

Opinion

God Bless America...

HOLLYWOOD — God Bless America, and how's everybody? Los Angeles voters stunned pundits in the special election Tuesday when GOP candidate Mike Garcia upset a Democrat in a U.S. House race. It says a lot. Who knew that all you had to do was close down the beaches for a couple of months and L.A. would start electing Republicans to Congress.

The Comedy Store faced shutdown until September after Governor Newsom's edict refusing to open up showrooms and clubs. It makes no sense that we aren't open. With Donald Trump and Joe Biden as our choices for president you'd think comedians would be classified as essential workers. Dr. Fauci informed Congress Tuesday that the virus will determine if we have a baseball and football season. There's just never any cheerful news. The Centers for Disease Control warned Wednesday that the second wave of celebrities singing inspirational songs may be worse than the first.



Argus Hamilton

Matthew McConaughey went on Fox News and called for an end to the bitter partisanship and for us to come together. The death of his Hollywood career will be counted as another casualty of the virus. As long as Trump is president, this town refuses to say that everything is alright, alright, alright.

Los Angeles County officials announced Tuesday they will certainly keep stay-at-home orders in place throughout the county all the way through the month of July. Well, that's that. Now all I need is some advice on where to buy the best fireworks to set off in my kitchen on Independence Day.

National Geographic reported the Asian Murder Hornets now swarming into America may find their cross-ocean journey a fatal quest. This past week, Murder Hornets were found dead all over Southeast Oklahoma. They ran into our mosquitoes, who live on Meth Blood and Mountain Dew.

Business Week reported that retailers as they open up are offering products to customers that cater to home confinement. I swear, a hardware store in West Hollywood has begun selling duct tape that is scented. Just because you don't want them to escape doesn't mean they can't smell nice.

Joe Biden said he knew nothing about the unmasking of General Flynn's identity in the FBI Russia hoax but Republicans say he's lying. Let's be fair. For a year, Republicans have said Joe Biden doesn't know anything, and now that he says he didn't know anything, they don't believe him.

President Trump expressed strong opposition to Nancy Pelosi's attempt to have voting by mail in her spending bill out today. After being home-confined for two months, Americans may accept voting by mail. Many feel we shouldn't have to put our pants on to choose between Biden and Trump.

Joe Biden denied he knew of the unmasking of General Flynn on Good Morning America and then, when corrected, Joe volunteered that both he and Obama knew. You can imagine Obama's exasperation. Today Joe Biden called Barack and promised to pardon him once he becomes Senator.

Joe Biden admitted Tuesday he and President Obama were informed of the FBI investigation into the 2016 Trump campaign but weren't aware of any misconduct. He can be his old sharp self at times. Under intense questioning, Joe Biden denied sexually assaulting General Michael Flynn.

Ozzy Osborne surfaced on the cover of the London Daily Mail lying in bed with wife Sharon and their nine dogs on Mother's Day. He's been gone awhile. Whenever Ozzy goes missing, they print his picture on the side of cartons of skim milk, because he's generally only about 2% there.

President Trump praised FEMA for its handling of the arrival of the corona virus in March, the tornadoes in April and now the Murder Hornets' arrival in May. What a year. Has anyone checked on the molten hot eruption of the giant Yellowstone Super Volcano or is that next month's episode?



Is Coronavirus a concern at the grocery store?

At this time, the CDC, FDA and USDA are not aware of any reports that suggest COVID-19 can be transmitted by food or food packaging. Current evidence shows the biggest risk of transmission of COVID-19 is being around individuals who are symptomatic as well as those who are asymptomatic (infected but not showing symptoms.) Food businesses should be following employee health policies and local health department recommendations to keep these individuals home.

Can you get sick with COVID-19 from touching food or packaging if the coronavirus was present on it? There is no indication that food packaging material has a significant connection to virus transmission. If you

are concerned, handling of food packaging can be followed with handwashing and/or using hand sanitizer.

How should produce be handled? Avoid touching multiple produce items when making selections. As per good food handling practices in general, wash hands before food preparation or eating, avoid touching the face and consider supplementing handwashing with hand sanitizer.

What steps can someone take to minimize risk when shopping at the grocery store? Use hand sanitizer when entering stores, and

wash hands and/or use sanitizer as soon as possible after leaving. (Go home and wash your hands with soap and water, lathering for a full 20 seconds.) Use the sanitizing wipes provided by the store on the handles of the shopping cart as you enter the store. Try to maintain social distancing as much as possible while shopping. Avoid touching surfaces or items unnecessarily and avoid touching your mouth, nose, or face. Do not go shopping when showing symptoms or if you think you have been exposed to the virus.

What is the grocery store

doing to minimize risk? Many stores are following CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfection. Some are limiting hours to allow for additional cleaning and disinfection. Stores may also be providing sanitizer to customers and asking sick employees or customers to leave.

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Mary Ellen Fleming

LETTERS

After prom

Dear Valued Community, First, we want to thank you for your generous donations to our Alamosa students and the After Prom efforts. Unfortunately, due to all the changes that have taken place as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak, we were not able to hold a prom or After Prom for our students this year. These are traditional events that are organized to keep our students safe and healthy, and this year, the way to keep them safe, meant not holding these annual activities. We met as an After Prom committee to discuss options for the money that was raised.

The committee agreed that all of the money raised through business donations would be rolled over to support next year's After Prom. We will also make sure that all of the businesses that donated this year, will not be asked to donate again next year, as you have already supported our efforts through your contributions. We understand that these are challenging times for all of us and that small businesses are being hit especially hard. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the plans we have made, please feel free to reach out to us, and we will be happy to make ar-

rangements per your request. You can contact Alicia Cook at aliciac@alconstruction.com, Jennifer Alonzo at jfapublisher@gmail.com, or Carrie Zimmerman at t.c.zimm@hotmail.com. We truly appreciate your ongoing support for our students. We know that our community is committed to our children's well-being, and that is evident in your thoughtful gift to supporting After Prom. Please stay safe and healthy. Thanks again! Sincerely, The After Prom Committee

Rural institutions serve more than their students

This past Saturday, May 9, would have been our regular spring commencement ceremony, a day when our esteemed faculty and staff would have joined with graduates and their families and friends to celebrate the realization of their dreams.

Graduation Day is always the happiest day of the year at Adams State University. Plachy Hall overflows with proud parents and grandparents, and graduates proudly display their hard-earned diplomas as photographs are snapped to capture one of life's greatest moments.

We weren't able to hold our traditional graduation this year due to COVID-19. Instead we will conduct a virtual graduation via a livestream format on June 6, and we will do our very best to make our spring graduating class feel special and proud. It won't be the same as a jam-packed Plachy Hall, this we know. But our students deserve the very best, and we will honor them and shower them with as much appreciation as we possibly can.

In honoring our newest graduates and thousands who came before them, we also must continue to tell the story of Adams State. Our most recent efforts have been to tell the story of Adams State to state legislators, and particularly to the legislature's Joint Budget Committee. The JBC has the impossible task of bringing the state's next fiscal year budget in line with dramatically reduced state revenues due to decimation of the state's economy from the pandemic, and the JBC's recommendations on higher education funding is critically important to Adams State and to the San Luis Valley.

Simply put Adams State University changes lives. We know this is true with direct stories from our students who attend and have graduated from Adams. We also have been acknowledged for increasing social mobility of our graduates as they advance in their careers and professional lives as evident with our recent rating from US News & World Report annual review

of higher education. As Colorado's premier Hispanic Serving Institution, Adams State University draws on its rural location in the San Luis Valley, to serve and empower all students, especially those from historically underserved populations. We transform lives which is emblematic of our mission and purpose as a strong regional rural university.

In telling the story of Adams State, we always make sure to tell the story in context of our hometown of Alamosa and the San Luis Valley. How Adams State fares, so fares the Valley, and we've worked hard to make this connection undeniably clear to JBC members and state legislators as a whole.

The University holds the key to recovery and resiliency going forward for rural Colorado. As an institution of higher education catering to students who come from small towns across the state, we know rural Colorado will need higher education institutions, now more than ever, to provide the platform for economic stimulation, for innovation and to continue to be the mechanism for upward mobility.

We're confident the JBC understands this and understands Adams State's vital importance to the San Luis Valley. They've seen the numbers:

- An \$83 million total annual economic impact.
- Payroll and direct annual spending of \$21.4 million.
- Visitor spending of \$6.8 million to attend athletic events, art shows, theater shows and musical performances.
- Nearly 75 percent of all teachers and administrators working today in K-12 schools across the San Luis Valley holding a degree from Adams State.

We have created a fiscally leaner institution over the last two years with a reduced operating budget by over \$3 million. We have increased our academic offerings to continue to be relevant and necessary to our communities. We continue to lever-

age our assets of our agriculture business program with our regional rural agricultural and farming industry, we are a leader in the region for providing highly trained nurses, teachers, counselors, we continue to convene our community leaders with engaging economic development offerings. We expanded our innovations to create Adams State Online with robust offerings to include students from outside our region. Adams State continues to be extraordinarily adaptive and understands the key to our future is to imbed new business models while providing our well-known highly supportive and caring environment.

We are a proud rural university and appreciate our responsibilities for stewards of place. We serve one of the highest percentages of Colorado residents who are Pell eligible (with the highest financial need), the highest percentage of students from diverse backgrounds, and we have one of the highest percentages of first-generation students who often need additional support to maneuver the collegiate experiences.

At the same time, we also know the JBC and legislators have difficult decisions to make in the coming weeks as they balance the budget for a new fiscal year beginning July 1. No institution, no agency, no organization relying on state funding will be spared and we all realize we will have our annual appropriation from the state trimmed significantly.

Our hope and expectation, however, is the JBC, the state legislature, and Gov. Polis give special consideration to Adams State because the institution does play an outsized role in the health and well-being of its hometown and home region. Legislators and Gov. Polis must recognize this dynamic and treat Adams State as an economic driver for south-central Colorado, not simply an outstanding regional comprehensive liberal arts public university.



Comics

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rough shelter
 - 4 Dell wares
 - 7 Class
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 - 11 Aloha tokens
 - 13 Treasure hunt aid
 - 14 Was in front
 - 15 Feed the kitty
 - 16 Ethereal
 - 17 Amble
 - 19 Wild oxen of Tibet
 - 20 Wall Street deg.
 - 21 Big quarrels
 - 23 Broth
 - 26 Jet-setters' needs
 - 28 Kennel sound
 - 29 Kettle
 - 30 Get through to
 - 34 North Woods animal
 - 36 Vast stretch of time
 - 38 Fan's shout
- DOWN**
- 1 "2001" computer
 - 2 Luau strings
 - 3 Mock fanfare (hyph.)
 - 4 Fallback strategy (2 wds.)
 - 5 Peso fraction
 - 6 Location
 - 7 Homer opus
 - 8 Skulks about
 - 9 Islets
 - 12 Medieval laborers
 - 13 Horse
 - 18 Sports off.
 - 22 Be entitled to
 - 23 Hammett's Spade
 - 24 El Dorado loot
 - 25 Sci-fi lander
 - 27 Piece of news
 - 29 Prepare apples
 - 31 Yes vote
 - 32 So-so mark
 - 33 Chinese dynasty
 - 35 Repress
 - 37 Big bird
 - 40 What embers become
 - 41 Colorful carp
 - 42 Verdict-giver
 - 43 Burglar deterrent
 - 45 Ms. Winfrey
 - 46 Spanish painter
 - 48 Elec. units
 - 49 Ego
 - 50 Labor
 - 54 Whale domain

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ALLEY OOP

WHERE WERE YOU GUYS? I WAS IN 2485 FOR ALMOST A YEAR!

WE TRAVELED ALL OVER TIME LOOKING FOR YOU. FROM THE BIG BANG TO THE HEAT DEATH OF THE UNIVERSE.

FINALLY, WE WENT BACK TO THE MOMENT THAT COPIOUS SENT YOU TO THE FUTURE AND LOOKED AT THE DATE ON THE TIME CUBE.

AND WE BROUGHT YOU BACK TO JUST A SHORT WHILE AFTER YOU LEFT.

SO AFTER A YEAR, YOU FINALLY DID THE EASIEST THING POSSIBLE?

WE REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO CHEAT!

ARLO & JANIS

ARLO CAN BE SO FUNNY ABOUT A LITTLE SUNBATHING I DON'T LIE OUT NEARLY AS MUCH AS I ONCE DID... AND A BIT OF BUM CAN BE...

OH, 笨蛋!!

BIG NATE

I HATE IT WHEN TEACHERS PLAY FAVORITES! THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO TREAT US ALL THE SAME!

MRS. GODFREY LOVES HER SOME GINA, BUT SHE TREATS ME LIKE GARBAGE!

WELL, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?

GINA NEVER GIVES MRS. GODFREY ANY TROUBLE! YOU GIVE HER TROUBLE ALL THE TIME!

ME? HOW DO I GIVE HER TROUBLE?

WELL, YESTERDAY— THAT WASN'T MY FAULT. I WAS ALL HOPPED UP ON MOUNTAIN DEW CODE RED.

THE BORN LOSER

I'M MAKING A SPECIAL TREAT TO ACCOMPANY DINNER TONIGHT!

WHAT IS IT?

TWICE-BAKED POTATOES.

SOUNDS LIKE LEFTOVERS AGAIN!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

THIS IS THE APARTMENT; ONE BEDROOM, GROUND FLOOR.

I'LL TAKE IT.

FINE, I'LL NEED FIRST AND LAST MONTH'S RENT.

AND THE NAME?

NAME? OH, UH... FIONA. FIONA BRASS.

HERE'S THE KEY, FIONA. ...TSK... IT TAKES ALL KINDS!

FRANK & ERNEST

IT'S JUST A GUESS, BUT RIGHT NOW THERE PROBABLY ARE MORE WELL-ORGANIZED SOCK DRAWERS OUT THERE THAN EVER BEFORE.

GARFIELD

I PULLED A MUSCLE.

I'M SURPRISED.

WHAT WERE YOU DOING?

CHEWING.

NOW I'M NOT SURPRISED.

THE GRIZZWELLS

APPARENTLY FIONA'S PRETTY HOMESICK THESE DAYS.

THAT'S TOO BAD, BUDDY.

MAYBE SHE SHOULD TAKE A NICE HIKE IN THE WOODS.

NO WAY! SHE WOULD RATHER HANG AROUND THE HOUSE AND DRIVE ME CRAZY.

PEANUTS

HELLO, PEPPERMINT PATTY?

HI, CHUCK! GEE, WHAT A SURPRISE... HOW'VE Y'BEEN?

FINE, THANK YOU... I'LL GET RIGHT TO THE POINT... HOW ABOUT YOUR TEAM PLAYING OUR TEAM IN A BENEFIT BASEBALL GAME, YOU KNOW LIKE THEY HAVE FOR HEART ASSOCIATIONS AND THINGS?

WHAT WOULD OUR GAME BE FOR, CHUCK, THE COMMON COLD?

SUDOKU

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HERMAN

"I'm sorry, sir, visiting hours are over."

Wife resists husband's plan to cut ties with his family

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law is the WORST! She has no respect for me. She has stolen, lied and gossiped about me numerous times. Each time, I chose to forgive and move on.

Recently, my husband made clear that he wants to cut ties with his mother and siblings because they constantly belittle his success and ask to borrow money. My problem is, I can't agree to it. I despise his mother, but I was raised to believe families should never sever ties. I believe every family has its ups and downs.

My husband and I constantly argue because I continue to communicate with his mother and extend invitations to her. Abby, I just want to do the right thing, but I can't seem to figure out what the right thing to do is.

-- S.O.S. IN GUAM

DEARS.O.S.: Your husband's family is a threat to your financial stability and emotional health. Unless you want continuing discord in your marriage, respect your husband's wishes. Recognize that his family is extremely dysfunctional and do as he asks. If you don't, the arguments will escalate until they damage your relationship with him.

DEAR ABBY: After being in a bad marriage for 40 years, I finally left

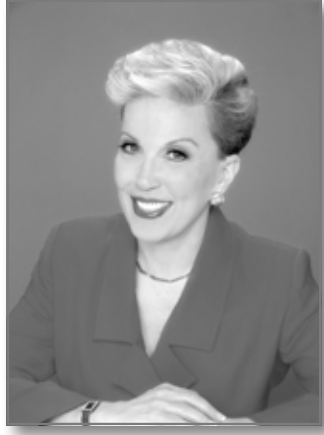
my husband in 2011. After two years of separation and therapy, we reconciled. During the time I was gone, he leaned on his longtime friends for support and shared lots of personal information about me, some of which was untrue.

The other evening while we were having dinner and drinks, a mutual friend and I were talking about health, and I told him I was hiding a certain hip problem from my husband. He asked why, because my husband had told him about it years ago. (I can't imagine why.)

The reason I left was my husband's anger at me over a hospital emergency room bill. I told this friend that my husband's concern for my health is not sincere because he had recently blown up at me for mentioning an upcoming doctor visit. I am on Medicare. Now I'm worried that I may have wrecked their friendship by revealing how uncaring a husband he really is. How did I get here? -- QUESTIONING MYSELF

DEAR QUESTIONING: How did you get here? You got here by remarriage to a man who has such a big issue with spending money on health. If you stay with him, it could be catastrophic.

DEAR ABBY: I was taught (at home and in



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

school) to speak first when entering a room, a building, etc. However, my wife's family doesn't practice this. Recently, her sister, upon entering a room I was in, failed to speak first. After I said hello, she said, "I was wondering when you were going to say something." Are there etiquette guidelines that speak to this situation? -- ENTERING IN THE EAST

DEAR ENTERING: If there is a rule about who should speak first, I confess I have never heard of it. I know that it is proper for a woman to extend her hand (first) in a social situation if she wants to observe the formality, but that's as far as it goes. When it comes to who says hello first, common sense should rule.

Lifestyle

What we can do together

ALAMOSA — What do you do when the world shifts all around you? You look at your priorities. For the Alamosa School District and La Puente it was clear that food access was going to be increasingly important in the months to come. Both saw the need growing very quickly. Supporters of La Puente's Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley made sure that there was enough money to buy food but finding food to buy was an alarming concern. Local sources had been hit hard and didn't have extra to sell.

Alamosa Schools, like many valley schools, wondered how long their food budget would last as they saw need increase among their students and families. While La Puente sent out feelers for food sources, they eventually solved the immediate needs by contracting directly with a wholesaler to by a semi-truck of food. At the same

time, La Puente became the recipient on a large load of diapers, formula and wipes, and the Alamosa Food Bank agreed to act as storage. So when one of the feelers led to a food lead, the Food Bank Network didn't have the capacity to store or sort a very generous donation from an unlikely source.

When the network of ARC Thrift Stores on the Front Range closed to the public, they added a food drive while they continued to receive other donations. This drive produced an amazing amount of food, so when Janet Foos, an ARC representative, heard of the struggle to find food she reached out to La Puente and offered to share. This food would be needed, only the Food Bank had a semi coming and all those diapers and couldn't take on more at the time. La Puente's Development Director, Amanda Pearson knew that the Alamosa Schools

were feeding a lot of people, and with the schools empty, they also had some storage capacity. She called her friend, Jeremy Silva, who had been focusing on meal delivery, since his role at the transportation department was not as essential with no children to transport. Jeremy and Janet started to work out the details. It took some time for the ARC to put together the load for Alamosa, but their big-hearted staff were worried about Alamosa kids, so they sent \$500 in Safeway gift cards for the school to buy food while they put the large food donation together. On May 8 the donation was ready. ARC took it their Pueblo store. Again, community came together to pick it up. Charlie Sanchez from Energy Resource Center had the right equipment. He and his crew helped the school district to bring 4 pallets of food back to help with meals.

Basin plan update process discussed

By **DAWN KREBS**

Special to the Valley Courier

ALAMOSA — At the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable meeting on May 12, Emma Reesor, executive director of the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project, and Daniel Boyes, Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project program manager, gave an overview on the process for updating the Rio Grande Basin Implementation Plan.

The plan was originally developed in 2015 by the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable, one of nine roundtables in Colorado which were formed after the state launched an initiative to look into growing water demands.

"Since the original plan in 2015, we have new data and local plans that have been developed," said Boyes. "This is an opportunity to update the projects from the original plan, as well as developing new projects to continue to meet basin

water needs."

The roundtable discusses water-related issues that have an impact here in the San Luis Valley, and also assists in the funding for projects that focus on water-related needs. Since its formation, the roundtable - made up of local community members - has funded more than three dozen projects in the area, including infrastructure and river restoration such as Terrace Irrigation Company's Outlet Works repair, Jackson Ranch conservation easement and the Cenicero Ranch assessment.

"This update is an opportunity for the roundtable members to take stock of what's changed since 2015, and use that information to continue developing valuable projects to meet the basin's water needs," he said.

For more information about the roundtable, go online to www.rgbrt.org.



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Conour Animal Shelter receives 'Feed the Hungry' grant

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – American Humane, the country's first national humane organization, today announced that Upper Rio Grande Animal Society Conour Animal Shelter is a recipient of American Humane's Feed the Hungry grant. Located in Monte Vista, Colorado, the Conour Animal Shelter is a no kill shelter for dogs directly serving Rio Grande County, Saguache County and Mineral County.

"The very sad reality for shelters and rescue organizations today is that they are struggling to keep kibble in food bowls and litter in boxes," said Dr. Robin Ganzert, president and CEO of American Humane. "We must take action to ensure organizations that are housing animals left by the wayside during this sweeping pandemic have the basic resources needed to ensure the safe and humane treatment of animals in their care. To stand by and do nothing during this time is unconscionable."

Like every other business or organization in America, rescue shelters are battling to maintain basic services and care for their animal residents in the face of the current worldwide pandemic. Thousands of animals are being left without homes and facilities are in desperate need of general supplies. In response to the overwhelming number of calls received from animal rescuers, shelters and first responders, American Humane launched the Feed the Hungry fund to feed and care for animals across the country who have been abandoned as a result of the coronavirus

crisis. The fund seeks to raise much-needed resources to help shelters and rescue organizations that are not only fighting to keep the lights on, but also to keep critical supplies like food stocked.

The Upper Rio Grande Animal Society Conour Animal Shelter provides a safe environment for the shelter and care of animals in need and is dedicated to preventing the cruelty and abuse of all animals. The organization aims to nourish the relationship between companion animals and humans through education, media exposure and readily available information and assistance. The shelter provides a home to more than 300 dogs a year, including those who were abandoned, abused, neglected, lost or relinquished by their owners. The Feed the Hungry grant will provide much-needed food, toys and veterinary care to the homeless animals.

To help shelters continue to save lives during this unprecedented crisis, consider donating today. Learn more at www.americanhumane.org/feedthehungry.

About American Humane

American Humane is the country's first national humane organization. Founded in 1877, American Humane is committed to ensuring the safety, welfare, and well-being of animals, and our leadership programs are first to serve in promoting and nurturing the bonds between animals and people. For more information or to support our work, please visit <https://www.americanhumane.org/>

Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce joins in launch of America's Recovery Fund Coalition Group

ALAMOSA – The Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce announced it has joined America's Recovery Fund Coalition, an alliance of more than 100 trade associations and business organizations, including the Save Small Business Coalition (SSBC), advocating for a grant-based federal assistance program to power the resilience of American enterprise. Together, the Coalition's members span 30 business sectors and employ 45 percent of the nation's workforce – more than 58 million workers.

"Our small businesses are the foundation of our community, and as community leaders we cannot allow them disappear. The Coalition is one of many steps we are taking to ensure they make it through these unprecedented shut down," said Erin Keck, Executive Director of the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce (ACCC)

In a letter sent to President Trump, congressional leaders, and the Secretary of the Treasury, the Coalition noted:

"Today we are announcing the creation of America's Recovery Fund Coalition, a group of over 100 organizations advocating for a grant-based federal assistance program to power the resilience of American enterprise.

America's Recovery Fund Coalition includes members representing more than 30 business sectors that together employ 58 million Americans and comprising more than 45 percent of the private

workforce." The Coalition went on to state:

"Existing programs like the Paycheck Protection Program were a well-intentioned effort to help defray the impact of the COVID-19 economic crisis, but we must build upon the current options and address the overwhelming need for additional capital support to businesses. A broad-based, efficient recovery fund that does not pick winners and losers is the best path forward.

Without such a fund, our retailers, theatres, restaurants, and many other industries will be decimated – and our communities will be poorer both economically and culturally as a result. "America's Recovery Fund Coalition believes Congress must urgently create a federal direct assistance fund to provide rapid liquidity to businesses impaired by the COVID-19 national emergency. We believe the fund should be designed to help businesses maintain ongoing capital obligations during the prolonged crisis and the next months of economic healing,

enabling employees to continue receiving pay, maintain benefits, and helping employers rehire former employees while workplaces get back on their feet and safely re-open to the public."

To learn more about America's Recovery Fund Coalition visit www.AmericasRecoveryFund.org.

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Deadline is 5:00 pm on Friday, May 15

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COME BE PART of something incredible-join the team at Centennial School District R-1! We are currently seeking community-minded, student-centered educators for the following positions: High School Social Studies, K-12 Music, K-12 Spanish, and Special Education Paraprofessional. To apply for one of these positions visit <https://www.centennial.k12.co.us/o/centennial-r1/page/teaching-certified-staff-positions> or send resume, cover letter, unofficial transcripts, three current letters of reference, and a copy of any appropriate licenses to tmelster@centennial-school.net.(5/20)

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