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Kindergarten

MOSCA—Sangre de Cristo school is accepting applications for the Preschool and Kindergarten 2020-21 school year. For Preschool, children need to have turned 4 years old by June 1st 2020 unless there are developmental concerns or English Language Learner. Apply ASAP. For a Preschool application packet please contact Jenene Holcomb at jholcomb@sangreschools.org. For Kindergarten information please contact Krista Culver at kculver@sangreschools.org. You may also contact Sangre de Cristo Schools at (719) 378-2321, please leave your contact name, number and address and a packet will be sent in the mail.

County Annex Building closed

ALAMOSA — Beginning Tuesday, May 4, the Assessor's Office will be open by appointment only to hear appeals. Property appeals will be handled by fax, e-mail and telephone. However, should you wish to visit with us in person, we will be setting up appointments to discuss your property valuation and/or classification. Please call our office at 719-589-6365 to set up an appointment.

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SkyWest Airline recommended for SLV Regional

By **KEITH R. CERNY**
Courier Publisher
ALAMOSA—Following the unanimous recommendation from the airport advisory board, the Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners also voted unanimously to recommend SkyWest Airlines to be the next Essential Air Service (EAS) provider at SLV Regional Airport. That vote and discussion came Monday afternoon at a special meeting called for that purpose as

a recommendation is due to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on Wednesday, May 6. The new two-year term for EAS at the Alamosa airport is Oct. 1, 2020. County Administrator Gigi Dennis said the ultimate decision is up to the DOT who could choose the airline that requested the smallest subsidy from the government. The DOT subsidizes EAS air carriers to provide commercial service to rural areas distanced from a major airport.

Current EAS provider Boutique Air requested the largest subsidy, followed by SkyWest and third applicant Denver Air Connection with the smallest request. Commissioners agreed with Airport Manager Will Hickman and Randy Wright, vice chairman of the airport advisory board,

concerning SkyWest's connections with United Airlines and the promise of growing enplanements here, and the positive impact on local economic development. The ability to book flights with United Airlines to and from the SLV was cited as well as more liberal baggage policies

with recommending SkyWest. Average one-way airfare with SkyWest is projected to be around \$80. Based in St. George, Utah, SkyWest operates in partnership with Alaska Airlines, American Airlines and Delta Air Lines in addition to United. ■ See **SKYWEST** page 3

Cautiously reopening

Daily SLV Emergency report

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Monday, business offices were allowed to open at 50% capacity. It is exciting to see local businesses reopening and to begin to use some services again. While the valley begins transitioning over the next few weeks to a "new normal," remember that the best way we can support these businesses is to keep each other safe. The fewer people that become sick, the better chance our businesses will have to stay open and thrive. Our local public health agencies and regional environmental health specialists are here to support businesses by providing education on how to keep themselves and their customers safe. Let's talk about numbers and COVID-19 testing. First, some context. Two weeks ago, the San Luis Valley was able to expand testing beyond just the most serious cases and the health care providers caring for them. With the expanded ability

to test, we may start to see significant changes in numbers. As we capture more data, the numbers will become more accurate across the region. One important factor that will impact the numbers in the weeks to come is the level of social distancing by the public. We need to maintain a high level of social distancing to avoid a rise in cases. As of today, 383 test samples have been collected from San Luis Valley residents. Of those, 39 tests are currently pending results. From the completed tests and resulting investigations, we have identified 31 positive cases of COVID-19. There have been 2 deaths. Conejos County had its first confirmed case last week. What was thought to be a second Conejos case has been determined to be an Alamosa County resident. Alamosa County now has fifteen confirmed cases. San Luis Valley case counts are updated every weekday www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19.

■ See **COVID** page 3

Kiwanis support the food bank



Courtesy photo
MONTE VISTA — Colette Skeff, President of the Monte Vista Kiwanis Club applied for a COVID 19 Emergency Grant April 17, 2020 in the amount of \$500 through the Rocky Mountain Kiwanis Foundation to support the Monte Vista Food Bank. The club was awarded the grant April 24, 2020 and approved to match the funds in the amount of \$500. The club also wanted to show support for the food bank with a food drive during this time. Thank you to the club members for coming through with a big selection of food items and to Mike and Linda Couch for using their home as a drop off and delivering the items on May 1.

Romero for Costilla County

My name is Steven Romero.

I am the current Chair of the Board of County Commissioners. It is an honor and privilege to represent the communities of Costilla County. I have been active in the community now for 20 years and I am knowledgeable in all aspects of government and county function. Although I have only been in office for one year, I feel it has been a very successful one and I would like to share some of the accomplishments in my first year in office. We brought in over \$3.5 million in grants in a single year. This is more in grant money than we receive in the entire general fund through property taxes and a record for Costilla County. This money funded many different projects such as open space and wildlife habitat protection, road paving, fire mitigation and recovery, veteran's assistance, and many more. In addition to the \$3.5 million that went to the County General Fund, I Co-wrote a \$238,758 grant for a new fire truck for the Fire Protection District. Lobbied and helped pass Senate bill 19-001 which brought \$1.5 million into the San



Luis Valley for the MAT (medication-assisted treatment) program to treat opioid addiction. This program prescribes medicine to people struggling with opioid addiction and has high success rates. Methamphetamine and opioids have ruined hundreds of people's lives in our community and we need help. Researched Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) for our county to become more efficient with our road and bridge department. Costilla County has over 400 miles of road that we do not receive funding for. You can imagine the cost of maintaining this much road. Implemented safety meetings to keep workers safe and insurance premiums at a minimum. For the first time in county history, our Bio-Diesel passed ASTM standard.

We started the Rito Seco walking path project which will create a path from the Stations of the Cross to Centennial School along the historic Rito Seco. One of the things I'm most proud of is developing open space and wildlife corridors that can be turned into a county park and wildlife preserve. This plan has the potential to change the economy of the county and bring in millions of dollars in tourism and sustainable development while protecting the natural resources and agricultural economy. This has been a 20-year venture for me personally that now has the momentum of becoming a reality. Looking Forward There are too many issues to talk about in one article however these are some of the very important issues that I will continue to address. Keeping property taxes affordable. Property taxes are determined by the mills of the taxing entities such as the school district, ambulance district, county general fund, fire district, and other special districts that tax landowners for services provided. ■ See **ROMERO** page 3

SLV COVID 19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 5:00 p.m. on May 4, 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.

31	SLV POSITIVE CASES
	Alamosa County - 15
	Conejos County - 1
	Costilla County - 3
	Mineral County - 2
	Rio Grande County - 7
	Saguache County - 3
11	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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OBITUARIES

Jeanne "Gigi" E. Darricades



They moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1981 where she joined Intermountain Health Care Inc. serving in various capacities, including Director of Medical Affairs. While in Salt Lake City she earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Utah, and subsequently was admitted to the Bar in New Mexico, Wyoming and Colorado. Mike and Gigi moved to Gillette, Wyoming, where she practiced Health Care Law. They moved to Colorado in 1997, first living in the City of Craig where Gigi practiced Health Care Law. Gigi and Mike then settled in the City of Alamosa in 2000, and Gigi continued to practice Health Care Law. She subsequently practiced Environmental Law, becoming an expert in Land Conservation Law, representing the Rio Grande Land Trust and numerous private landowners.

In 2011 she was appointed President and CEO of Valley-Wide Health Systems, again returning to her passion of rural health care. In this capacity, she and her Management Team added clinics to the organization in San Luis, Antonito, Monte Vista and Canon City. The new Canon City Health Center was dedicated to Gigi on June 11, 2019. She served as an Officer on a number of statewide boards, including the Medicaid Provider

Rate Advisory Committee, Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care, Colorado Community Managed Health Care Network, and Colorado Community Health Network. The latter organization recognized her contributions by naming her the CHAMPS 2018 Stanley J. Brasher Legacy Award Winner, recognizing her dedication to solving problems of health, poverty, and human rights. In 2020 the organization declared March 6th. Gigi Darricades Day, stating that "She had earned the admiration and respect of her colleagues and staff for her dedication, professionalism, leadership, enthusiasm, fabulous sense of humor, and a legal mind with a big heart". She retired from Valley Wide in 2019.

In Alamosa, she embraced the community by serving on several Boards including KRZA, the community radio station, the San Luis

Valley Immigrant Resource Center, Adams State College, and the San Luis Valley Federal Bank. She was a supporter of nonprofits, including La Puente, the San Luis Valley Animal League and the Boys and Girls Club, the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project, and the Rio Grande Land Trust. Gigi enjoyed traveling with Mike as they visited England, Africa, Cuba, and Canada. While in New Mexico she fell in love with ballooning and in Utah she obtained her Commercial Hot Air Balloon Certification. She and Mike participated in numerous balloon rallies and they organized a trip to England to fly there with friends. She also loved challenges on the ground and enjoyed White Water Rafting.

Gigi's love for animals

gave her much joy always having dogs and cats in her life. At the time of her death, her animals were close by. The cats were Coco and Pixie and the dog Lady, who she enjoyed walking along the nearby Rio Grande.

In addition to her parents, Gigi is preceded in death by her sister Irene "Renee" Cox, husband of niece Stephen Sproule and great-nephew

Danny Sproule. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Mike Gibson. Also surviving Gigi is her sister Constance "Tonton" (Edwin) Baumgartner of Merced, California, brother-in-law Sandy Cox of Langley, B.C. Canada, sister-in-law Miriam (Simon) Richardson of Bedford, England. Gigi will be sadly missed as she was like a second mother to all her nieces, nephews and great-nieces

and nephews who include: Holly (Stephen deceased) Sproule, Frances (George) Gallegos, Scott (Laura) Baumgartner, Bill (Melanie) Cox, Cathy (Vince) Lambert, Jacob, Maggie, Drew, Francisca, Brett, Samantha, Taylor, Elsie, Ashley, Curtis, Alexandra, Kiara, Wyatt, Riley, Courtney Reid, Oliver (Sarah) and Owen Richardson.

"Raise your eyes to the skies as we know Gigi loved to fly".

A Celebration of life will be planned in the future when conditions around the country are safe for a gathering of family and friends.

If you would like to make a financial donation in Gigi's name please make it to the San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center, 225 6th Street, Suite B, P.O. Box 1534, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Chuck DeHerrera



LA JARA — This is the story of Chuck DeHerrera. Chuck was a deep-hearted person. Dad or "da.da.da." as his youngest would call him, "Uncle Chuck" known by his favorite little niece and nephews, was a kind-hearted man with a child-like outlook for adventure and life.

Chuck's story started on September 7, 1978, the oldest child to Charles and Debbie DeHerrera. Chuck and younger brother Dave were born in Leadville Colorado. Chuck felt like a protector for Dave. He wanted to do all he could for him. When Chuck was still small the family moved to southern Colorado into the San Luis Valley. This is where Chuck would spend his childhood, grow up, make many lifelong friends, and go to school and college. Chuck attended high school at Centauri and graduated in 1996. He was a great athlete. He was known for how fast he could run and still tried as an older adult to relive his athletic glory days. After high school, he went on to attend Adam's State (University) and graduated in 2000.

Following his college graduation, Chuck went on to do many entrepreneurial businesses and jobs. He worked for Verizon as a regional manager and upon leaving that job he met his later to be wife, Leane Drysdale. In July 2008 they married in South Fork, Colorado. Later that summer Chuck left to join the police academy in La Junta, Colorado. After graduating from the Police Academy, he

got a job as a police officer in Antonito Colorado. He had a lot of pride in being a police officer and the service he provided. He wanted to make a difference. His personality and ambition were captivating, and you could easily get caught up in his thoughts. A couple of years down the road Chuck and Leane moved to Farmington, New Mexico. In 2015 his biggest pride and joy was born, "McKenna". These two were inseparable. They were so much alike and both had a great imagination. He was very proud of his daughter admired how smart she is and her empathy towards all. In 2018 his little man "Mateo" was born. Chuck was proud to see Mateo throw a ball. Mateo would light up when his dad was near and would hug him for long periods of time.

Chuck was thoughtful, he was funny, and he was very devoted as a dad. Chuck was also unique when it came to

his sense of fashion, and he was passionate about his family and his country. He loved the saying "May your aim be steady, and your heart be true". He was a great shooter and enjoyed going out to shoot and show others gun safety. He loved to read up on and see new types of guns and even enjoyed the older models. He loved the mountains and the outdoors. Especially La Plata Canyon, where many disastrous camping trips happened due to rain. But he loved it and always made it memorable with fun and lots of laughs.

Chuck leaves behind to cherish his loving memory, his children, McKenna and Mateo DeHerrera, wife Leane DeHerrera, parents Charles DeHerrera, Debbie DeHerrera, brother David (Megan) DeHerrera, brother-in-law Neal (Meghan) Drysdale, sister-in-law Jami (Dusty) Duran, DJ Duran, Jayden Duran, Harper Duran, and Caden Drysdale. There are also numerous supportive aunts, uncles, cousins and friends that will also miss Chuck.

Chuck is preceded into death with by his grandfather Pete DeHerrera, uncle Michael DeHerrera, Godmother/Aunt Janet DeHerrera, Aunt Deb, Mother in law Karen Drysdale, Father in law Edward Drysdale.

Services will be held at a later date when safer for all to attend.

Stephanie B. Yund



DEL NORTE — Stephanie B. Yund, 72, of Del Norte, passed away March 23, 2020 after a long battle against lung cancer. Stephanie was born in Warren, Ohio on August 10, 1947 and grew up in the neighboring community of Kinsman. She earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Otterbein College located in Westerville, Ohio and a Master's in counseling from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Stephanie was a loving mother, devoted wife, and dedicated middle-school math teacher. Her teaching career, which spanned nearly 50 years, began in Ohio before she relocated to Albuquerque for a brief time and then eventually settled in Del Norte, Colorado. During her time in New Mexico, Stephanie met her husband Bob (Robert A.

Yund) and they married in 1976. After retiring from the public school system, Stephanie and Bob continued their love of education by teaching for Adams State in Alamosa, Colorado both on campus and online. Stephanie especially enjoyed baking and traveling; she also treasured memories of hot air ballooning with lifelong friends.

Stephanie's absence

will be felt not only by family, but by her former students and other members of the Del Norte community. Stephanie was preceded in death by her parents, George (Gray) and Helen Brandon, and Bob, her husband of 42 years. She is survived by her brothers Eric of Poway, California and Christopher of El Paso, Texas, sister Denise (Pelowitz) of Los Alamos, New Mexico, daughters Michelle (Serface) of Monte Vista, Colorado and Cara of Del Norte, Colorado, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that monetary donations be sent in Stephanie's memory to the Rio Grande Hospital in Del Norte (310 County Road 14, Del Norte, Colorado 81132).

Amos Richard Varos



MANASSA — Amos Richard Varos, age 77, passed away on April 21, 2020 at Porter Hospital in Denver.

Born in El Prado, New Mexico on April 24, 1942, he was the son of Aaron and Ida (Garcia) Varos. He attended school in Manassa, CO. After attending school in Manassa, he enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Germany, where he served his country for five years. He then moved to Denver and was employed at King Soopers as a meat cutter until he retired.

He enjoyed spending time with his friends at church and most of all with his family.

He will be remembered for his kind heart and fun sense of humor.

He is survived by his two sons, Rick Varos and Daniel Varos both from Denver, his brothers Leo Varos of

La Jara, Dan (Arlene) Varos of Sanford, and sister, Charlene (Bonnie) Romero also of Sanford. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Aaron, mother, Ida and his older sister, Arabella.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be held at a later date.



PENDING OBITUARIES

Mary Olivas

Colorado Springs former San Luis resident Mary Olivas, 90, passed away May 3, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of San Luis.

BIRTHS

Nora Natalie Lundberg

MANASSA — Nora Natalie Lundberg was born March 20, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Health Center of Alamosa to Hanna and Caleb Lundberg. Nora weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19 inches long. Nora's is the second of two including sibling Caleb. Maternal grandparents are Jimmy and Natalie Paine of Antonito. Paternal grandparents are David and Kayla Lundberg of Magna, Utah. Great-grandparents are Ann Hartman, Shirley Paine, Larry and Kelly Mortimer and David and Sue Lundberg.

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Alamosa's school board working the problem

ALAMOSA — Alamosa's May school board meeting began as optimistic as ever—a testament to how good teamwork pays off. Though the district faces many uncertainties at this time, all involved are determined to get by.

The meeting began with teacher and staff celebrations. This week is particularly special, because May 4th to May 8th is Alamosa school district's Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. Assistant Superintendent, Marsha Cody, celebrated Paula Estrada and Michelle Wilson; along with English learning teachers, Gina Ponce and Amanda Alanis. The teachers have gone out of their way to provide English learners with the support they need. These efforts include utilizing online tools

such as, Imagine Learning; and seeking out tutors for students outside of school.

Board Secretary, Katrina Brown, celebrated all of the parents powering through this difficult time. She expressed her gratitude for their tenacity: "This is not easy, whether you're working from home or stuck there-unemployed."

Next, Superintendent, Rob Alejo, gave his updates. Currently, his team is looking into grants to secure funding for further food distribution. The District has been doing an exceptional job of continuing to feed students, even though they are not in school--via scheduled bus stops.

Additionally, his team wrestles with what the upcoming school year will



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look like—particularly transportation in the fall. How does one social distance on a school bus? Some school districts have decided they'll have no more than 12 students on each bus. The problem is: that requires an absurd number of trips for the school bus to make—especially considering each bus usually transports around 48 students.

Marsha Cody resurfaced to give her assistant superintendent update, which largely consisted of problem-solving. How does the District engage in things like discipline and extra

engagement, during COVID? Cody's team is looking for alternatives to out-of-school suspension, seeking a restorative justice approach. Additionally, her team seeks to increase engagement with students who have fallen "off the radar" of online class.

The meeting ended with Alamosa High's principal, Andrew Lavier, describing his progress with the Graduation Procession. Everyone involved is working hard to ensure it goes off without a hitch. The most technical bit will be the live streaming—since the audio needs to both

coordinate the procession and keep the audience engaged. However, the plan is plugging right along. Lavier will maintain social distancing rules as he distributes diplomas—using a mechanical "grabber" to hand them out to students.

While difficult, the staff and teachers of Alamosa's school district have certainly gotten creative in their problem-solving. They'll proceed full steam ahead into the upcoming school year. As Marsha Cody stated: "The school buildings are closed, but the learning continues."

Alamosa County to look into variance

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Board of County Commissioners met on Monday during a conference call. During the call the board discussed the possibility of applying for a variance of the Safer at Home order dubbing it Safely at Work. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) states "Counties may seek a variance from the state's "Safer-at-Home" public health order. Variances are generally less strict than the state's order."

The website goes on with a list of criteria that must be met.

"To obtain a variance from the state's orders, counties must:

- Submit a written application to CDPHE certifying that the county has low case counts and/or can document 14

consecutive days of decline in COVID-19 cases reported in the county.

- The application must include a COVID-19 suppression plan approved by the appropriate local public health authority, all hospitals within the county (unless no hospitals are located in the county) and a majority of county commissioners (or other county-level governing body).

- CDPHE shall review and approve a county-specific COVID-19 suppression plan that meets the department's public health standards. CDPHE shall not provide COVID-19 preparedness grant funding to any county that implements measures that are less restrictive than the standards contained in state orders without first obtaining approval from

CDPHE."

While Alamosa county may have a good suppression plan it may not be able to show decline. It has been six slow crawling weeks since the news of the first COVID-19 cases in the San Luis Valley (SLV) broke on March 24th. Alamosa would register their first case two days later. Since then the virus has spread in the valley at a rate of 5.16 new cases a week. In Alamosa county those numbers are no less consistent inflating at a rate of 2.5 cases a week. These past two weeks Alamosa has confirmed 3 new cases a week to grow from 9 on April 22nd to 15 on May 4th. Combined with the fact that Alamosa Public Health was conducting case investigations that may have involved additional testing this

past weekend of multiple symptomatic people known to have contact with recent confirmed cases. Testing is being done in conjunction with SLV Health and with assistance from neighboring public health agencies. Which was expanded upon in the meeting, there are currently 12 tests that should be back today as

well as 77 people who need to be interviewed.

While those numbers are not terribly encouraging there is still hope. According to the CDPHE website there are two counties whose variances have been approved, Eagle and Mesa county.

Both counties' cumulative cases dwarf Alamosa's. Eagle had 552

and Mesa had 46 as of Monday. The board's plan for the variance is wide arcing and could possibly affect previously shuttered places such as health clubs, places of worship and the movie theater as well as the requirements of masks for employees and customers should it be approved.

Small REC outage set for May 12

SAN LUIS VALLEY— SLV REC members in the following areas will experience an outage on Tuesday, May 12 beginning at approximately 9 a.m.: Ponderosa area/Conifer Drive area in South Fork, Beaver Mesa, Mill Creek, and up the Highway 160 corridor from Ramon's to Wolf Creek. Nearly 300 members will be affected. The majority of the consumers will see a 30-minute

maximum outage; however, a small group will experience an outage up to three hours. All affected members will be contacted prior to the outage. If unexpected hazards are encountered, additional outages may be necessary in the three-hour window. REC apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and will keep the outage as short as safely possible.

Romero

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Vast knowledge of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) and the TABOR/Gallagher Amendment are important for County Commissioners to understand.

Increasing economic development. How do we make our community stand out as a destination for visitors? How do we attract tourists that want to spend time and money here? What resources do we have that make our communities appealing? How can we help our local businesses capitalize on tourism?

Preserving Water Rights. There have been numerous attempts at water exportation from the San Luis Valley to the front range in recent decades. Lobby-

ing interests have pumped millions into the political system in an attempt to export water for the unsustainable growth in Denver and Colorado Springs. Smaller counties like ours will have to team up with other rural counties, conservation groups, conservation districts, and use our judicial system to try to fight the continued threat of water exportation.

While volumes of books have been written on these issues, I feel it is important that the County Commissioner be knowledgeable enough to read and interpret legislation, be well-spoken to represent our point of view to higher authorities, and have a vision of how to succeed in the proposed goals. When

looking at the education, experience, and understanding of what the role of a County Commissioner is, there is a vast difference between my opponent and myself. I know in my heart that I am the best candidate for this position.

I have only had one year in office and while I feel it has been an incredibly successful year, I feel that I am just beginning to gain momentum and really be able to represent our county in the way it deserves and unlock its potential. I am proud to be a resident of Costilla County. I was fortunate enough to get a great education and see different places around the world. However, this is my home, where my friends and family live

and where my heart is. I want to use my education and my experience to represent our communities and the people in our county.

Therefore, I am humbly asking for your support to allow me to proudly represent our County and continue to take our County in a positive direction. I am open to suggestions and feel everyone has something to contribute and I am always available to talk about any issues or concerns you may have.

Thank you for your vote of confidence and your support.

Sincerely,

Steven Romero

SkyWest

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According to its EAS proposal for SLV Regional, SkyWest has a fleet of 484 aircraft and has been connecting small communities to the national transportation system for 47 years. Employing over 13,000 aviation professionals, the airline operates about 2,400 daily flights to 258 destinations across North America.

SkyWest typically operates with the 50-seat CRJ-200, "a quiet and modern twinjet that is both safe and fast." All CRJ-200 aircraft are serviced by a flight attendant and each

plane features a restroom.

In the airline's proposal to Alamosa, it is stated that "SkyWest 50-seat jets provide the best opportunity for passenger growth. Passengers also benefit greatly from seamless connectivity to one of the largest global airlines in the world."

Enplanement growth, meaning the number of passengers using the airport, is crucial to future funding for SLV Regional. Once a plateau of 10,000 annual enplanements is reached the airport is eligible for up to \$1 million an-

nually in Federal Aviation Administration funding for physical improvements, according to Hickman.

The advisory board heard estimates during Wednesday's meeting that 2019 enplanements here may have nearly reached or exceeded 9000. It was said that confirmed verbal reports indicate 9,137 enplanements last year, but that figure includes 1,248 enplanements which are still waiting to be confirmed.

Of that total, 7,616 were attributed to Boutique Air and 273 by two small

medical flight services. Reports are also still being gathered from other private commercial operators.

Commissioner Darius Allen said after two trips to St. George to meet with SkyWest officials, he felt the airline is currently totally committed to serving Alamosa.

"I feel they can get us to 10,000 annual enplanements," he said. "And their proposal said they would employ up to 10 people here at \$50,000 average annual salaries. That's a half-million dollars a

year."

Dennis and several commissioners complimented Boutique for their service to the SLV and their community involvement, but also were critical of a recent email sent to their customers that was misleading. Allen said the airline

claimed 14,000 passengers but failed to mention that was over a two-year period.

Commission Board Chairman Michael Yohn said he has received a lot of comments about the EAS recommendation and that most were in favor of SkyWest.

COVID

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Public Health works with those who have tested positive to investigate who may have come in contact with them and been exposed to the virus. In 31% of investigations so far, person-to-person contact with another positive case has been identified as the source of exposure. In 34% of cases, "community spread" was the source of exposure, meaning that a specific contact could not be identified. Other investigations are still in progress.

It is important to remember that

these testing numbers do not show a complete picture of how many people have COVID-19 in the San Luis Valley. There are still some people who have not been sick enough to seek care or who have not met the criteria for testing. We cannot know for certain what those numbers are, but we know they exist because we continue to have community spread of the illness.

We encourage people to continue to use the nurse call lines if you have symptoms. They are listed below:

- Rio Grande Hospital: 719-657-4990
- SLV Health: 719-589-2511 ext. 9
- Valley-Wide Health Systems: 719-589-3658 ext. 9
- Resources:
 - San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group (719) 589-3671
 - Small Businesses resources: <https://choosecolorado.com/covid19/>
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Lifestyle

Five ways to prepare to reopen

At-A-Glance Resource Guide provided by Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce

ALAMOSA — Make a list of your current business processes and procedures that will require modification before opening (back to a new normal) and create a written plan of action for each. Several points of the plan should be referenced in advertising efforts to show you are serious about customer and employee safety. Call it your COVID-19 Safety Plan, or something similar, then review and revise as necessary. Create a project punch list that includes new protocols, safety procedures, social distancing, and marketing, and discuss these with your staff members to ensure every point is understood.

#1 Respect social distancing

By now, you have been to a store that has placed the stickers on the floor indicating where to stand, saw signs that read, no more than ten people (or less), noticed some doors are marked entry and exit only, and even seen plastic shields in front of checkout counters. You should consider similar procedures. Start gathering necessary supplies and signage to accommodate your COVID-19 plan.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including eye protection, facemasks, gloves may be required. If you do not have any, begin price shopping and purchase

now.

#2 Customer interaction

Some of you may do business by appointment only. How can you make it easier for your clients to schedule online for your services?

- Review your inventory of business supplies and add relevant items in anticipation

- of changes (based on your plan). For example, will hand sanitizer and hand cleaning stations be needed or expected by your customers?

- Consider whether you need to rearrange your store, check out location(s), seating, foot traffic patterns, restroom policies, dressing rooms, etc., as you prepare to keep staff, consumers, and yourself safe.

- Curbside pickup locations should be clearly marked, fast, and accessible. Even though your doors may be open for traffic, people may still be cautious and will appreciate these conveniences.

- Create professional-looking flyers and signs! There are many options (both professionally or self-made), and your chamber team can help you find easy, quick solutions.

#3 Create a new cleaning schedule

Consumers will notice if your store is clean, organized, and safe to enter. Revise your cleaning/sanitation plan and have all the necessary items needed to ensure the ongoing safety of everyone who enters your business. Create a formal cleaning/sanitation schedule and add it to your daily calendar and make sure your staff

is fully aware and able to comply to the new procedures. Include inspection times and checklists for quality control. Keep cleaning supplies visible to your clients and customers. Have a goal of always smelling fresh and recently cleaned and provide easily accessible disinfectant wipes. Communicate your plan so that it's visible for everyone who enters to see the steps you're taking to ensure ongoing safety.

#4 Advertise your COVID-19 safety plan

As businesses begin to reopen, consumers will look for companies sharing their COVID-19 safety plan. Across the country, big franchises, as well as other small businesses that have been able to remain open, have executed this very well, and for some, it has helped their revenue. When you begin to advertise that you're again open for business, follow it up with your plan and protocols. Consumers will take notice and know they are entering a safe environment.

- Update your website, all social media accounts, and any other advertising channels, so your COVID-19 plan is easily found.

- Make videos showcasing your "COVID-19 Plan" in action.

- Have flyers or other handouts listing items available for delivery or curbside pickup.

- Ask customers for online reviews and let them know you'll appreciate them mentioning your store's cleanliness.

- Have fun with this process. Show pictures of you/your staff cleaning, smiling, and happy to be open again.

#5 Stay plugged in

The process of reopening will continuously be revised as our leaders evaluate the current environment. Many people are ready for business as usual, but many others will remain cautious (some overly so) for quite some time. If you cater your plan to the cautious, all consumers will respect your new procedures.

The lack of a "COVID-19 Safety Plan" will undoubtedly cause a loss of some consumers.

The faster we adhere to safety protocols, the quicker we will get back to business as usual.

Remember: Your Chamber is ready to help whenever you need us. Reach out at any time by calling 719-589-3681 or emailing AlamosaCountyChamber@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon and until then, please remember to visit AlamosaChamber.com and follow our Facebook Page @AlamosaCountyChamberofCommerce and sign up for our E-Newsletter for the latest information, updates on local businesses, more in-depth guides and resources, & more.

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MONTE VISTA — Our local growers and shippers continually support and supply our community food banks with fresh potatoes. We're proud of their constant assistance in ensuring there are always fresh potatoes available. Due to Covid-19 increasing community needs, CPAC, representing approximately 150 growers and 15 warehouses has also made monetary donations totaling \$5,000 to the following food banks, to assist with other needs: Monte Vista Food Bank, Saguache County Food Banks (2), and La Puente Food of the SLV.

The Monte Vista Food Bank serves all of Rio Grande County. They have had an influx of patrons. Jennifer Becker, Food Bank Director stat-

ed that they have served 225 people in the last two months during this pandemic. She is grateful for the opportunity to stock their pantry with non-perishable items such as, peanut butter, cereal and canned goods. Jennifer thanked the local growers and shippers for their generous donations of fresh potatoes and their continued support.

Lyndsey Williams with La Puente Food Bank of the SLV said that their 15 food pantries served 3,541 individuals throughout the 6 counties in the SLV in the month of March, which is a 20% increase from last year. The La Puente Food Bank also has a Food Rescue Program; where they work closely with Wal-Mart, Loaf n' Jug, Little Caesar's, and

Starbucks. Through this program, they are able to take surplus perishable items and serve them to their consumers. They rescue roughly 100,000 lbs. of food through this program annually.

Saguache County is comprised of roughly 6,800 residents. Through the Saguache County Food Banks and their affiliated programs, they serve an average of 50-60 people per month, plus an average of 300 people through the distribution of commodities. They work closely with South Central Seniors, to deliver food to senior citizens.

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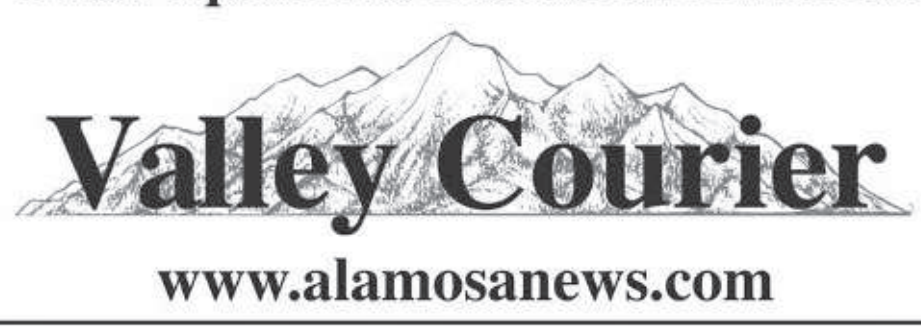
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Respondents: Angel Lopez and John Doe
Case Number: 2020JV24
Div.: Ctrm:
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TO: THE PARENTS, GUARDIANS, LEGAL CUSTODIANS, OR OTHER RESPONDENTS ABOVE NAMED, GREETINGS:
You are hereby notified that a Verified Petition for Adjudication of Dependency and Neglect of the above-named child/ren has been filed in the above-named Court in which it is represented to the Court that the child/ren, A.S.L., is/are 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 Alamosa County.

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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.

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You are further notified that the Court has set said Petition for hearing on the 14th day of May, 2020, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. in the Alamosa District Court, in Alamosa, Colorado.
Parties are to appear by webex by calling 415-655-0001, Enter meeting room: 927 191 190
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 notified that the Court has set said Petition for hearing on the 21st day of May, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the Alamosa District Court, in Alamosa, Colorado.
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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.

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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:
1) The right to subpoena witnesses;
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;
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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:
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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;
WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this ____ day of _____, 2020.
JENNIFER PACHECO
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
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099 ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE CONEJOS COUNTY Department of Social Services is accepting Requests for Proposals to provide mentoring services to our Conejos youth with an emphasis on a youth-to-work program. Ideal services would also include skills that promote the importance of: preventing out-of-wedlock pregnancies, minimizing welfare dependency and incorporation of a two-generation family focused approach on both parent and child needs. Proposals can be sent to P.O. BOX 68, Conejos, CO 81129 c/o Nicholas Barela. Closes 5/15/2020.(5/9)

The City of Alamosa is requesting Bids for the re-roofing of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Contractors are responsible for verifying all measurements, dimensions and core tests. Prior to beginning the project and as part of the submittals to the owner, contractors must submit a project plan that includes safety, power, material storage, with building and landscape protection. Install and adhere Sika Sarnafil Roofing System over the properly prepared substrate. An invitation to bid and scope of work is available at the cityofalamosa.org, or the Building Department, Office of Public Work City of Alamosa. (719)589-6631. Email scoopley@ci.alamosa.co.us. Bids are due by close of business Friday May 15, 2020. A pre bid walk thru is available Friday May 8, 2020 at one o'clock pm.
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099 ANNOUNCEMENTS
CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT of Social Services is accepting Request for Proposals for following services: Intensive Mentoring. Program should model an intervention program designed to teach both parents and youth the skills needed in changing the negative behaviors both at school and within the community and should be targeted at reducing the likelihood of involvement with Child Welfare Services. Proposals can be sent to P.O. BOX 68, Conejos, CO 81129 c/o Nicholas Barela. Closes 5/15/2020.(5/9)

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221 HELP WANTED
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/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@centennialschool.net.(5/20)

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. For more information, please call 719-655-0268. Mountain Valley School is an Equal Opportunity Employer.(5/19)

221 HELP WANTED
THE TOWN OF Center is seeking a part-time Town Treasurer (10 to 20 hrs. weekly). The qualified candidate will plan, manage and schedule all finance and accounting responsibilities for the Town of Center, will authorize and prepare all accounting and financial reporting required by any internal and external sources, and will be required to attend an on-site monthly meetings to review the town's reconciled financials with the town board. The qualified candidate will also have knowledge of and be able to prepare an annual budget. This position also offers the ability to work from home remotely. For a complete job description and application please go to www.centerco.gov. The deadline for applications is May 22, 2020. (5/12)

WANTED: CLASS A CDL Driver with End Dump experience. Call 719-589-9070 or e-mail rmmp.employment@yahoo.com.(5/9)

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 criccj@co.conejos.co.us. Deadline is May 7, 2020. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 EEOE. (5/6)

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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 CITY OF Alamosa is seeking a Full-time Seasonal Maintenance Worker I for the Streets Department. For more information and to apply visit cityofalamosa.org or City Hall at 300 Hunt Avenue. Protected by the EOE law. Deadline date May 8, 2020 at 4:30 pm.(5/8)

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 criccj@co.conejos.co.us. Deadline is Wednesday, May 6, 2020. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 EEOE.(5/6)

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221 HELP WANTED

MEDICAL DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE- A Rural Health Clinic in Lake City, CO seeks a medical director to oversee clinical operations in a beautiful, remote mountain town! The Responsibilities Include: Overseeing two seasoned advanced practice providers, providing primary & urgent care to residents & tourists, & overseeing operations of the laboratory & dispensary. This position offers a flexible schedule and negotiable pay. Malpractice costs would be covered by the clinic. Interested applicants can send their CV to: lakecitymc@gmail.com OR call (970) 944-2331 with any questions. CV due date is June 15, 2020.(5/12)

221 HELP WANTED

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a Secondary Spanish/PE Teacher. Applicants must have a current Colorado teaching license. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE & E.(5/5)

221 HELP WANTED

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for Girls high school head basketball coach; applicants must be willing to meet all CHSAA guidelines. For more information, please see the school website for detailed information or contact Mr. Lucero at mlucero@sierragrande-school.net. Applications available on website or at Sierra Grande School District at 17523 Hwy 160, Blanca, Co 81123 or www.sierragrande-school.net. Application deadline is open until filled. Sierra Grande is an equal opportunity employer.(5/8)

221 HELP WANTED

THE UPPER RIO GRANDE (previously Del Norte) School District is seeking applications for a Jr/Sr High School Principal for the 2020/2021 school year. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Principal license. Previous experience as a Principal or Asst. Principal is preferred. Applications may be obtained online at www.dncsd.org. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Chris Burr, Superintendent, cburr@urtigers.co, 719-657-4040.(5/9)

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District is accepting applications for a Third Grade Teacher. 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://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/12)

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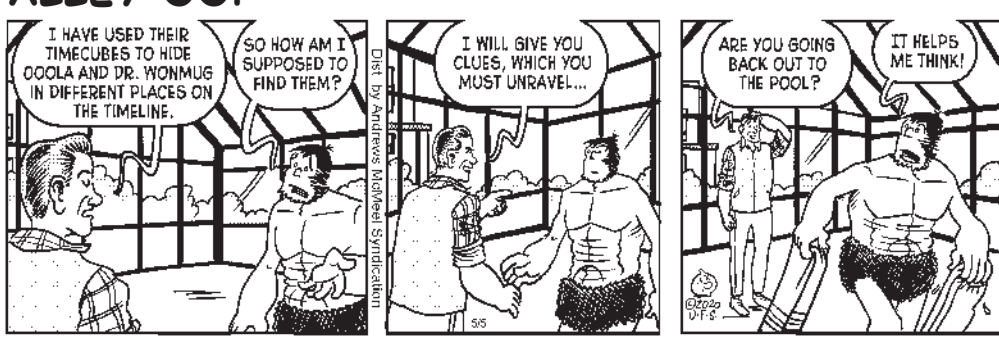
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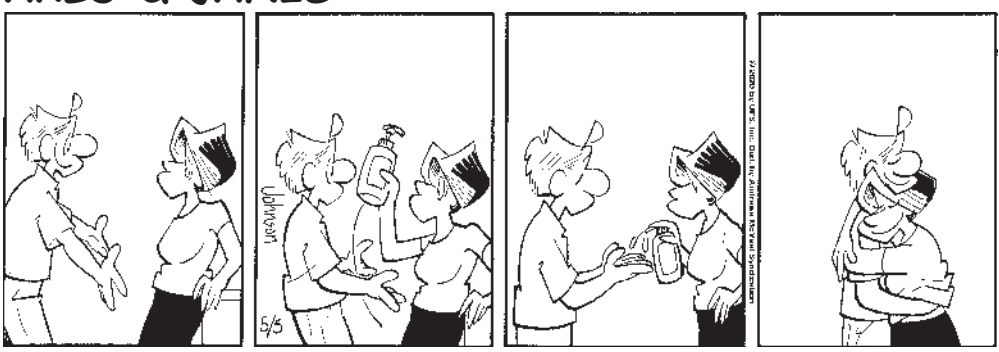
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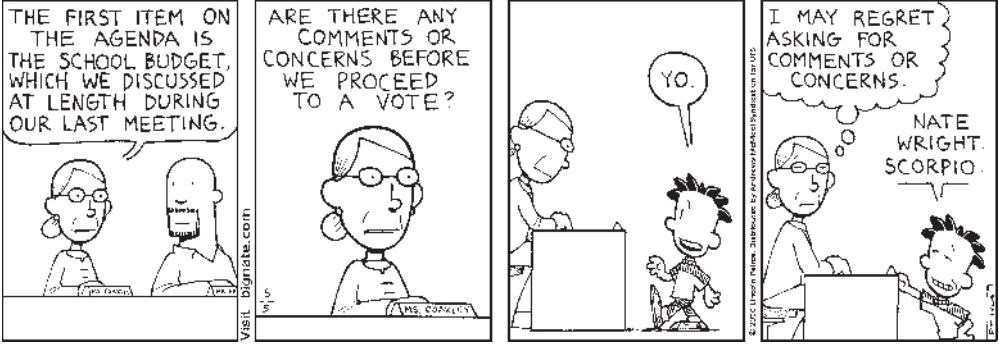
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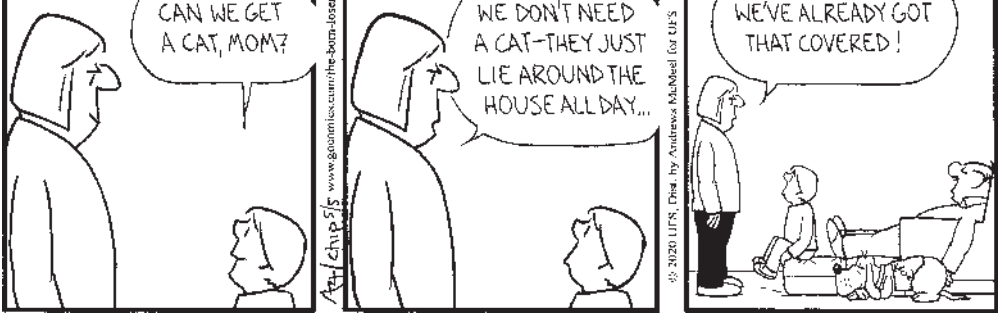
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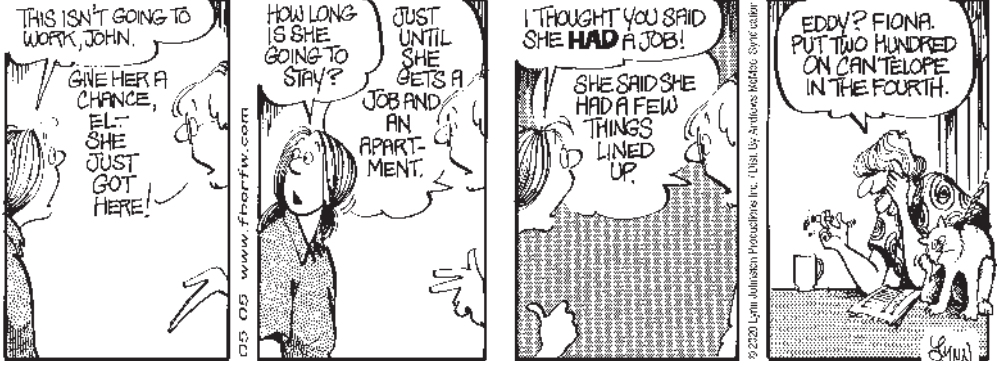
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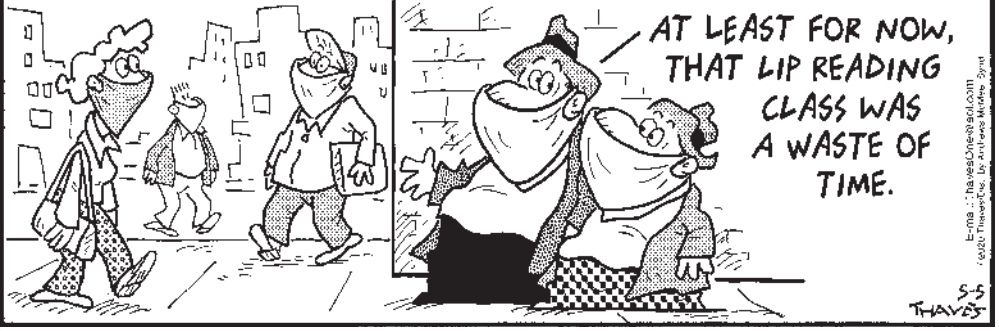
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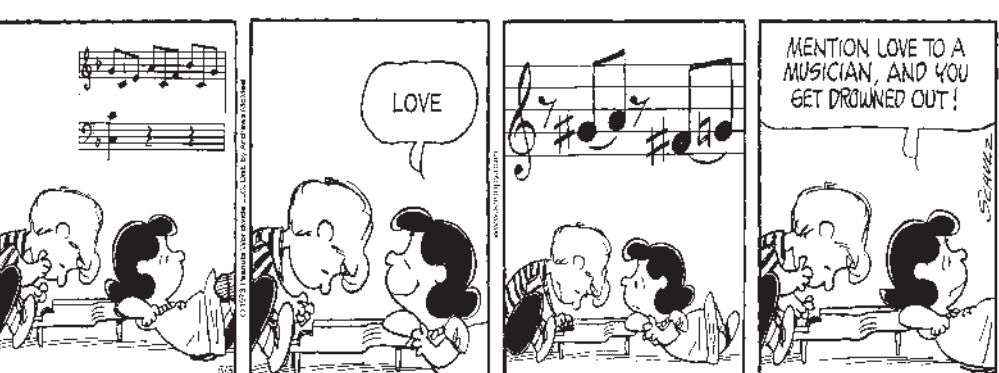
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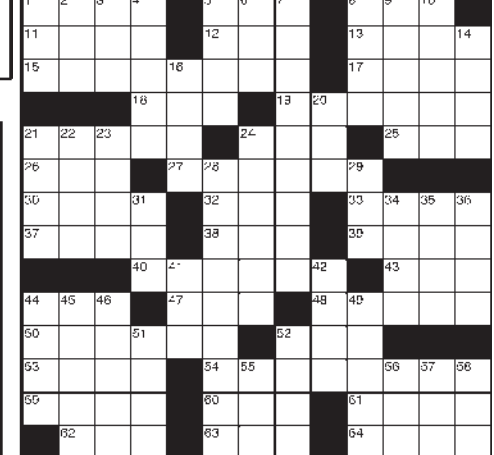


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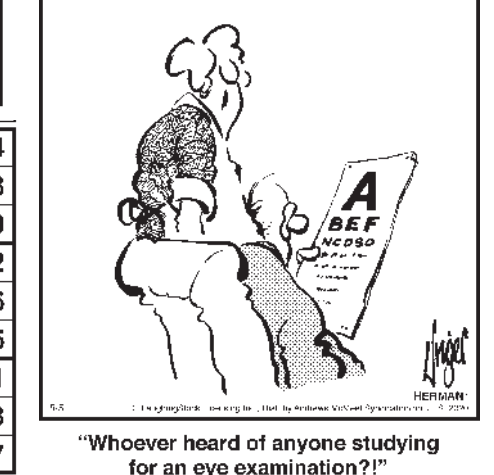
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"Whoever heard of anyone studying for an eye examination?!"

Churlish customers make life even more stressful for clerk

DEAR ABBY: I work in the deli department of a grocery store and have been struggling lately. With everything that is going on, people are overwhelmed and have been taking it out on us. I asked one person, "How are you doing today?" The response I got was, "I'm not interested in conversation. Just feed me!" Another who came to the register didn't utter a single word except to exclaim, when I offered her a bottle opener for her soda, "I've got it!" Then she snatched her change out of my hand. I don't even get the brunt of it; the cashiers have to handle the worst of it.

We employees are stressed out about the same things everyone else is. We are struggling to get the same products everyone else is searching desperately for. I had to shop at five different stores to get what I need and still haven't found many things. Between the stress of the virus and the stress of being treated so rudely, my mental health is running low. I have struggled on and off with depression and anxiety, and many of my coping methods are unavailable to me due to closures. Could you please remind your readers that we are all in the same boat and need to be kind to one another, and direct those of us who are struggling

emotionally to resources we can access during this time of panic? -- STRUGGLING IN RETAIL

DEAR STRUGGLING: I agree that many people react badly when under stress, as the customers you described have done. But many others respect and appreciate the efforts you and so many others in the food supply chain make every day -- at some risk to your own health. I am one of them.

Because you have had issues with depression and anxiety in the past, consider contacting the therapist you worked with and ask if the person is doing online sessions. These days, many of them are. Just talking with someone -- friends or like-minded co-workers -- about what you are experiencing could bring some relief.

However, if that isn't possible, consider exploring whether there are online support groups for retail workers such as you. If there aren't, consider starting one so you and others can exchange ideas about coping with these extremely stressful circumstances in which we all find ourselves.

DEAR ABBY: My husband loves our cat too much. He buys "Miss Kitty" special treats, pets her, talks nicely to her, another, and direct those of us who are struggling



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

her sit on his lap while he watches TV for hours. It's like I'm nonexistent. I wish he would be that nice to me.

He's a good provider and, when we are away from the house, I have his full attention. I'm resenting this queen of our home. What should I do? I'd like to take her back to the animal shelter. It was my sorry idea to adopt her. -- IN SECOND PLACE

DEAR SECOND PLACE: My first suggestion is to find reasons to spend more time with your husband away from the house. The second would be to adopt a dog. And if you do, make sure YOU are the one who feeds and walks it, unless your husband has such an affinity for pets that adopting another one isn't worth the risk.

Lifestyle

Crowther published book commemorates Wilson's classic "Baptized in Blood"

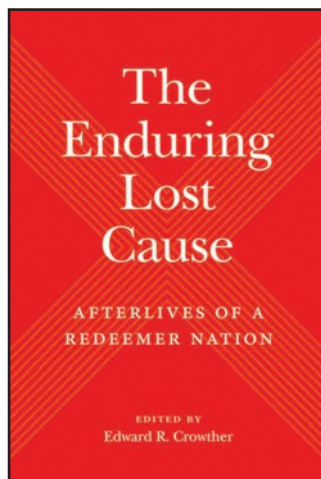
ALAMOSA — Adams State University Emeritus Professor of History Edward R. Crowther, Ph.D., recently published *The Enduring Lost Cause: Afterlives of a Redeemer Nation*, with the University of Tennessee Press.

According to the press's website, this book commemorates the fortieth anniversary of Charles Reagan Wilson's classic *Baptized in Blood: The Religion of the Lost Cause, 1865-1920*. *The Enduring Lost Cause* collects essays by such scholars as Carolyn Renee Dupont, Sandy Dwayne Martin, Keith Harper, and Wilson himself to show how various aspects of the Lost Cause ideology persist into the present. *The Enduring Lost Cause* examines the lasting legacy of a belief system that sought to vindicate the antebellum South and the Confederate fight to preserve it. Contributors treat such topics as symbolism, the perpetuation of the Lost Cause in education, and the effects of the Lost Cause on gender and religion, as well as examin-

ing ways the ideology has changed over time.

The book helps the reader understand the development of a cultural phenomenon that affected generations of southerners and northerners alike, arising out of the efforts of former Confederates to make sense of their defeat, even at the expense of often mythologizing it. Its tenets have become interwoven with a variety of cultural norms and expressions since the Civil War. Ultimately the narrative of the Lost Cause persists worldwide, merging with American exceptionalism to become a pillar of the conservative wing of US politics. Through ritual and memory, the Lost Cause persists as a cultural legacy both North and South. *The Enduring Lost Cause* provides a window into this world, helping us to understand the present in the context of the past.

Crowther is the author of *Southern Evangelicals and the Coming of the Civil War* and coeditor, with Keith Harper, of *Between Fetters and Freedom: African American Baptists*



Courtesy Photo **The Enduring Lost Cause**, edited by Adams State Emeriti Professor of History Ed Crowther, Ph.D., is now available through the University of Tennessee Press.

since Emancipation. "It was a delightful experience to work with my colleagues on this book and to pay tribute to Charles Reagan Wilson, whose work continues to inspire our own," said Crowther. "Just as antagonistic belief systems led to the Civil War, the Lost Cause continues to shape cultural conflict today."

Happy one hundred and first



Courtesy photo **Happy 101st birthday to Sarah (White) Lentz from all the her Family and friends.**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife urges paddleboarders to be safe on - and off - the water

RIDGWAY — As temperatures rise and Coloradans head to the state's rivers and reservoirs, Colorado Parks and Wildlife remind recreationists to be safe on - and off - the water.

Those eager to get out on the paddleboard must follow the state's Safer at Home orders, and only travel within 10 miles from your homes. Paddleboarders must also be aware of county restrictions, and follow their local public health orders when planning a trip.

Paddleboarders living close to recreational waters must be especially careful when heading out. The spring run-off has started and the water filling reservoirs is very cold. If you fall into water that's barely 50 degrees, hypothermia can set in quickly and be life-threatening. Paddleboarders are urged to wear a personal flotation device (PFD), no matter if they're on a river, pond or reservoir.

Colorado boating regulations require that adults carry a PFD on the paddleboard, but it's much safer to wear it, said Kirsten Copeland, manager of Ridgway State Park. During the last few years, rangers and private boaters have rescued several people who have fallen off paddleboards. At



Courtesy Photo **Paddleboarders are urged to be careful on the water -- wear a PFD and be wary of the ice-cold water.**

Ridgway two weeks ago, a boater reported that he rescued a woman who had fallen off her paddleboard. She was not wearing a PFD and told the boater that she was barely able to hang on to her board before being rescued.

"So many people see paddleboards as low risk, but if you fall off your board into cold water you can get into trouble very quickly," Copeland said. "The water is really cold now, but at most other Colorado reservoirs the water stays cold enough throughout the summer season to be dangerous."

CPW urges all boaters, no matter what type of craft they're in, to wear PFDs when on the water. Regulations require that the number of PFDs on a

boat match the number of people on board. Children 12 years old and younger must always wear a PFD when on the water. The rules apply to all types of boats and watercraft.

Off the water, CPW reminds all recreationists that they are required to follow the rules of Governor Jared Polis's "safer-at-home" order while recreating. Maintain a distance of six feet from other people, and wear a mask when in a public location.

For complete information about Colorado's coronavirus response, go to: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>.

For boating regulations and safety information, see <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/BoatingSafety.aspx>.

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