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SDC School Board meeting

MOSCA — The Sangre de Cristo School Board of Education regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday April 14th, 2020 in the school Library at 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca CO with an Executive Session from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. and an Open Session starting at 6:30 p.m. Copies of agendas are posted at school site, website, the Hooper and Mosca Post Offices, and the Mosca Pit Stop. Meetings are open to the public.

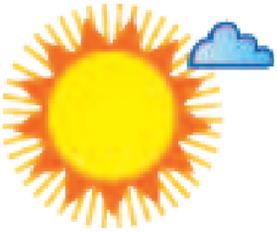
ASU Trustees

ALAMOSA — The Adams State University Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, April 10, via Zoom. Members of the public can listen to the public proceedings through Zoom +1 253 215 8782 US Meeting ID: 100 711 867.

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COVID-19 public health update

SAN LUIS VALLEY — So far, the San Luis Valley has had 20 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Of those, 8 have been hospitalized. Twelve have completed their isolation period and have been symptom-free for more than 72 hours. See the following web page for regular updates at <http://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/>. The hospitalization numbers do not include those with pending tests, since many other illnesses that mimic COVID-19 also require hospitalization, and it is anticipated some of those tests will return negative.

Colorado had some announcements in recent days. The statewide stay-at-home order has been extended through April 26, and everyone has been encouraged to start wearing a cloth face covering or mask on those rare occasions



when they must leave home. As always, the San Luis Valley does a great job of pulling together in a crisis, and people have been seen already implementing the new practice of covering their faces in public spaces. The public is called upon to continue to do their part to prevent the spread of illness, to be patient with one another, and to be creative in finding ways to support one another without leaving home.

The practices that have been encouraged early on are still important. Wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your face, and keep your surroundings clean. When you clean, it is important to not mix cleaning products in order to get a stronger effect. Some combinations of common cleaning products may generate harmful gases. Some of those combinations of cleaning products can be deadly for not only you but others in your home.

It is important right now to be aware of scammers, whose calls and text messages often increase in times like these. They will attempt to get everything from your money to personal information in many ways, including, but not limited to posing as a charity, your utility company, offering bogus coronavirus testing and more. To

protect yourself from scams, not only COVID-19 scams, the FCC offers the following tips:

- Do not respond to calls or texts from unknown numbers, or any others that appear suspicious.
- Never share your personal or financial information via email, text messages, or over the phone.
- Be cautious if you're being pressured to share any information or make a payment immediately.
- Scammers often imitate other phone numbers to trick you into answering or responding. Remember that government agencies will never call you to ask for personal information or money.

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COVID-19 batters whole family



Courtesy photo
Manuel and Jessica Archuleta are shown walking together at a family event

By SYLVIA LOBATO
DENVER — Many Coloradans don't personally know someone who has gotten the coronavirus. The people of Costilla County are an exception.

Longtime residents and natives of the Fort Garland area, the Archuleta family had moved to the Denver area while the family was growing. Today, according to televised reports and The Denver Post, seven members of the family currently have COVID-19 and another two family members have passed away from the virus.

Manuel Archuleta lost Jessica, his wife of 57 years, last week and his 54-year-old son, Gary, was taken off life support Saturday. Manuel and many of his other family members also are battling the virus.

"My wife was one beautiful lady. She was the strongest woman in the world. She was the glue of our family," Manuel told a TV reporter. "I have never seen my wife so sick." Gary's widow, Connie, is also

battling COVID-19 — and anger. "I'm so angry my husband is gone and I can't ever touch him again or kiss him again," she said.

Gary was a father of 4, grandfather, son, brother, husband and friend to many. He was a hard-working man and owned his own company, Archuleta Painting. This past winter, business was tough and unfortunately, they had to make cuts to their budget, including letting their life insurance policy lapse. This leaves Gary's wife Connie with the stress of figuring out how to bury him and give him the headstone he deserves. In addition to that, she will have everyday life bills, as well as medical bills as she also is in the process of recovering from COVID-19.

In all, nine members of the Archuleta family contracted coronavirus. They suspect they got it when they met for dinner about three weeks ago before any stay-at-home orders had taken effect.

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Bothell seeking second term as Commissioner, District 1

Touting a record of financial responsibility, community involvement and Second Amendment advocacy, Republican Suzanne Bothell is seeking to spend another four years representing District 1 on the Rio Grande County Commission.

Delegates at the Republican Assembly in March awarded Bothell 90% of their votes — three times the number needed to secure a spot on the primary ballot.

Bothell was first elected in 2016 to represent District 1, which covers the northeastern part of Rio Grande County.

"As commissioner, I have enjoyed working through the issues that have come before the county and working with other commissioners in the Valley and throughout the state," Bothell said.

Bothell was raised on a large cattle ranch and went on to study agricultural business and economics in college. She worked for Farm Credit before marrying and joining a potato and barley farm which and her husband have operated for more than three decades in Rio Grande County where she has been an active member of the community. That experience has guided her work on the commission.

"Being a part of a farm, and previously a ranch, I understand the importance of not overspend-



Courtesy photo
Suzanne Bothell

ing, the importance of water in the SLV and the importance of allowing business to function by reducing regulations that can cause undue hardships," Bothell said.

Bothell says it is her responsibility as a commissioner to monitor county spending, which can be a difficult task. Keeping the county financially healthy means making hard choices about which organizations and entities get the funds that they've requested. But she is proud that during her tenure, the county has not had to use any reserves from the general fund to keep the county functioning.

Bothell was instrumental in the

Jail Nurse Project, which added a nurse at the jail to reduce the need to transport inmates to medical facilities. She teamed up with Dr. Pat Thompson and the sheriff to arrange funding, protocols and staffing. The initiative has reduced costs at the hospital while keeping inmates in jail in order to protect the community. She also helped to secure a 150% budget increase for the sheriff's office, which required months of communication and cooperation. And last spring, she gained the support needed to make Rio Grande County a Red Flag Sanctuary. "I value public safety and have worked hard to make sure those who protect and serve our community have the resources they need to keep us safe."

Over the last four years, the county has added a new administrator who keeps up with ever-changing state and federal regulations along with day to day activities. We have hired a new accountant, who Bothell says is doing a tremendous job. The county also has a new human resources manager who has been able to help keep the county in compliance, and a new county attorney who was hired as a result of the well-deserved retirement of Bill Dunn.

"It is an exciting time for the County and I am glad to be a part

of it," Bothell said.

Bothell is active on a variety of boards. Locally, she is involved in the Threat Hazard Identification and Response Team, E-911 Regional Board, All-Hazards Advisory Board, All Hazards Executive Board, Rio Grande County Museum, Rio Grande County Board of Health, and the Courthouse Security Board. At the state level, she serves on Colorado Counties Inc., an organization of many of Colorado's counties. She was recently re-elected by other commissioners throughout the state to serve as chairman of Agriculture, Wildlife and Rural Affairs. And she is the only commissioner in the state on the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

She also represents counties of the Valley on the Regional Emergency Trauma Advisory Council, where she helped in a reorganization to align with state guidelines. This was required to receive state funding. She represents the Valley Counties on the SLV Hazardous Materials Substance Board, and serves as secretary for the SLV Friends of the NRA.

"I know how important it is to give my constituents a voice on the county, regional and state boards to make sure the issues we care about are addressed."

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Record

OBITUARIES

Ronald E. Kessler, 76



Harris and April (Duane)

MONTE VISTA — Ron Kessler: husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, retired mechanic, rancher, trapper, author and publisher passed away on April 5, 2020, in his home. He was born December 31, 1943, to Ernest & Lola (Brown) Kessler.

Ron is survived by his wife; son, Francis; Ron Jr. (Kris) and daughters; Debbie (Charlie) Har-

Harris; along with 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. His parents and sister, Marleen, preceded him in death.

Cremation was chosen. A private family service will be held at a later date. Special thanks are extended to Dr. DeHerrera & staff for their extraordinary care. In lieu of flowers, please consider donation to Hospice Del Valle.

Telesforo "Ted" Orlando Lobato Jr., 74



ROMEO — Telesforo (Ted) Orlando Lobato Jr., 74, went home to be with the Lord on April 3, 2020. Ted was welcomed into the world on Nov. 17, 1945, in Romeo, the son of Telesforo Lobato Sr. and Mary Velasquez Lobato.

Telesforo served and was a veteran of the United States Army. He proudly and selflessly served our country. Ted was an honorable man whose presence always commanded respect and attention.

He was tall, handsome and lively. Those who had the privilege to know him knew he always carried himself with pride and dignity; he was always well dressed and smelled incredible.

His twinkling eyes were supported by his beautiful smile and contagious laugh. He was an amazing storyteller, conversationalist and an excellent listener. Ted had a love and passion for old, classic vehicles and was talented enough to make his dreams a reality time after time.

Above all Ted loved his family. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. All who knew him loved him. His greatest joy in life came from the time he was able to spend with his children and grandchildren.

Ted is survived by his wife, Vivian R. Lobato of Romeo; daughters: LeeAnn (John) Cisneros of Alamosa, Luann (Ralph) Bernard of Johnstown; Angel (Tiger) Espinoza of Aztec, NM; and Joline Lobato of La Jara; son, Teddy Lobato of Romeo; 12 grandchildren: Kimberly Bernard, Sean Bernard, Jonathon Bernard, Isabella Bernard, Savannah Bernard,

Lucas Bernard, Jerome Salazar, Jerel Salazar, Nikki Espinoza, Christopher Cisneros, Celine Cisneros and Isaiah Lobato.

He is survived by 3 great-grandchildren Nevaeh Salazar, Nevaeh Bernard and Nahlah Salazar; sisters: Marcella (Anthony) Espinoza of Farmington, NM; Trini (Art) Espinoza of Aztec, NM; Lilly (Joseph) Espinoza of Aztec, NM; brother, Leo Lobato of Romeo. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Telesforo was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Benito Lobato and sister, Marjorie Lobato.

A Private family Mass was held and he was laid to rest at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Once restrictions are lifted there will be a Memorial Mass held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Beverly Reed Powell, 68

SANFORD — Sanford native Beverly Reed Powell, 68, passed away April 8, 2020 in Reno, Nevada. Arrangements are pending.

Rose L. Medina

SAN LUIS — Rose L. Medina, passed away April 6, 2020. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Susan Gallegos, 67

SAGUACHE — Susan Gallegos, 67, passed away April 5, 2020. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email amanda@alamosastatebank.com

ALAMOSA — The Optimist Club of Alamosa meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Contact the club at alamosaoptimistclub@gmail.com or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome.

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-3499 or dean@deanswiftseed.com

ALAMOSA — Veterans Therapeutic/Support Group meets every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m. at 315 State Ave. Ste 101, Alamosa. Call 588-8885 to register or email d.counselingservices@hotmail.com

SOUTH FORK — Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email mkmillermink@aol.com

ALAMOSA — The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. at the Alamosa Public Library, 300 Hunt Ave. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-544-5720, ext. 304.

ALAMOSA — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a non-profit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the College Heights Baptist Church at 2035 Church Avenue in Alamosa. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. with an informative meeting at 6:15. Anyone interested in having weight loss support is welcome to attend a free meeting or call Doris at 589-6396 for more information.

ALAMOSA — Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday at the Alamosa County Sheriff Office, 1315 17th St., at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome. Call Suzi at 719-588-

9236.

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Photography Club meets the first Wednesday at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at 379-0001 or slyphotostephen@gmail.com

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

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

ALAMOSA — American Legion Auxiliary Unit #113, Alamosa,

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

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

ALAMOSA — Youngsters are invited to the Alamosa Public Library Story Room every Friday morning to sing, color, dance, read, enjoy adventures, share with friends and giggle. Babies and toddlers are welcome at 9:30 a.m. and preschoolers at 11 a.m.

ALAMOSA — Free breastfeeding classes

are offered in Alamosa at the San Luis Valley Health Education and Conference Center on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 3-4 p.m.

MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild — VFA is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or wcouzenssmith@gmail.com

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Masonic Lodge meetings are every first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (except June, July and August) at the Alamosa Masonic Lodge, Main and San Juan.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

Following are District 3 San Luis Valley AA 12-Step Meetings. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affiliated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083.

SUNDAY
5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa
7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

MONDAY
12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa
5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598

Spruce St., Del Norte
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

TUESDAY
12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY
12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito
6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis
7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca
7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.

8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa

12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede

7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.
7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

FRIDAY
7 p.m. Sacred Heart School at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa.

SATURDAY
5:30 pm. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main

St., Antonito.
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

For schedule changes, please contact your group service representative (GSR)

AL-ANON
TUESDAY
8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista
WEDNESDAY
5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior Health Group at 8745 CR 9S., Alamosa

THURSDAY
5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st St., Alamosa
7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crest-

one (second and fourth Thursdays)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (Nar-Anon)
TUESDAY
7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607 4th St., Alamosa
7:30 p.m. Baca Grande Library at Road T, Crestone

THURSDAY
7 p.m. SDA Church at 313 Craft Drive, Alamosa

SATURDAY
9 a.m. Little Shepherd Episcopal Chapel at Alder St., Crestone
7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607 4th St., Alamosa

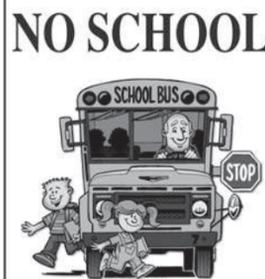
San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

If you have information about an unreported or unsolved crime in the San Luis Valley, Crimestoppers pays for information that leads to the arrest of criminal offenders. Citizens may report crimes anonymously and remain eligible for rewards.

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School Menu - Wednesday - April 8, 2020



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To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

Valley News

Day recognizes advance care planning

ALAMOSA — Now, during this time of “social distancing,” it is more important than ever for families to have conversations with their health-care providers and family members about their wishes for end-of-life care.

“Oftentimes, the ‘end of life wishes’ talk comes way too late,” said Clint Sowards, DO, of the SLVH Primary Clinic.

“In my short career as a family doctor, I have had to ask bewildered loved ones what they think their father or mother would want us to do too many times.”

April 16, nationally recognized as National



Courtesy photo
Clint Sowards, DO, of SLV Health Primary Care

Healthcare Decisions Day, was created years ago to inspire, educate and empower the public and providers about the importance of advance care planning. The day was created as an initia-

tive to encourage people to express their wishes about their end-of-life care, and for providers and facilities to respect those wishes, whatever they may be.

Health-care providers in the San Luis Valley – including San Luis Valley Health – urge everyone to take steps to identify who will speak for you if you are not able to do so.

“We should have our end-of-life wishes written down, so that if the time ever comes we call rest assured that we have followed the desired plan,” explained Dr. Sowards. “It feels unnecessary and difficult to

talk about, but it makes difficult decisions that much easier.”

Consider having the “conversation” with your loved ones so that they are better able to help assure your wishes. Write those wishes down using an advance care planning form, such as the Five Wishes, and be sure to share those written wishes with your health-care provider.

Resources for planning end-of-life healthcare decisions can be found at:

- The Conversation Project Starter Kits at www.theconversationproject.org

- Five Wishes at www.fivewishes.org

- Colorado Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment at www.coloradocareplanning.org

- Atul Gawande is an American surgeon, public health researcher and author of “Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters at the End.” The book discusses end-of-life choices about assisted living and the effect of medical procedures on terminally ill people, challenging many traditionally held notions about the role of medicine. The book was the basis of a documentary for the PBS television series Frontline.
- Hospice del Valle

has informative paperwork at its office in Alamosa. “We can sit down with someone who is wondering about it,” said Susan Foster, quality consultant for Hospice del Valle. “We can take the time to answer all the questions and explain it in more detail.”

“Everyone, of any age, should have forms available for review,” said Dr. Sowards. “An ounce of preparation is worth a ton in a time of need.”

For more information, please contact your primary care provider directly or contact a nurse or social worker at Hospice del Valle at 719-589-9019.

In Appreciation of Herman Sisneros

CENTER — Mayor Herman Sisneros was born and raised in Center, CO. His political career started eight years ago as a trustee of the Town Board, then held the position of Mayor for six of those eight years. On April 7th, 2020, his term as mayor came to an end. Although he may not be in office anymore, he will continue to be an active member in the community to ensure that the town continues to move forward. As his term draws near, we would like to highlight some of the many accomplishments that Mayor Sisneros, the Trustees of the Town Board, and the community of Center have fulfilled, and continue to strive for.

When Mayor Sisneros first took office, one of his first initiatives was to bring the community together as one again. To begin to accomplish



that goal, it was time to bring some holiday cheer back into Center, Colorado. Mayor Sisneros, with the assistance of Betty Skeff, organized the inaugural Christmas parade, which continues to grow every year, in collaboration with the Town of Center and the Kiwanis

Club! The next holiday event that had been organized under Mayor Sisneros, Adrian Duran, and the Town Board was the inaugural Fourth of July celebration. Local business and the community members from all across the San Luis Valley were invited to

celebrate Independence Day with food, drinks, vendors, water park and activities for the kiddos, a variety of live bands, and to finish off with fireworks. The Fourth of July celebrations also continue to grow each year! The community growing didn't stop there! Mayor Sisneros, in collaboration with Adrian Duran, organized “Bands at the Park”, where they contracted with bands near and far, of different genres of music, to perform for the community at the Casa Blanca Pavilion. So many community members joined to dance and sing with each other on those long summer nights!

Just as much as there are fun times and celebrations, there is also business to accomplish. Mayor Sisneros helped to bring Center, CO to the 21st century and create an environment safe

for all residents. In the span of Mayor Sisneros' term, the board approved for the construction of a new water tower, the construction of Casa Blanca Park and water park, the Veteran's Memorial Wall, street maintenance consisting of new LED street lights throughout the town, improved the town park, and developed a collaboration with the sanitation department to provide higher quality service. The construction of Casa Blanca Park on Main Street was in remembrance of the old town hall building that had previously stood in the location of the park. Still in the works are the plans for recently purchased property and if there is a future for housing developments or possible business to be housed in the center of the valley.

Overall, Center continues to prosper. Mayor Sisneros and his Board of Trustees lit the fire, and now it is time to pass the torch. We want to thank Mayor Sisneros and the Board of Trustees for all their dedication to the Town of Center, their continued support, and all their hard work to get the town up! Mayor Sisneros would like to say to the community of Center and to the Town Board, “Thank you for your continued support. I love the people and the town of Center. Thank you for an amazing six years!”

Interviewed and written by
Linda Sisneros – Mother of Mayor Herman Sisneros
Christina Sisneros – Daughter of Mayor Herman Sisneros
Michael Sisneros – Son

Gardner applauds nearly \$17 million in FEMA grants for Colorado

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Tuesday U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) applauded the announcement that the state of Colorado will receive a total of \$16,688,096.55 in expedited federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for eligible emergency protective measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is authorized under the Robert T. Stafford Act and comes as a result of the President approving the state of Colorado's Disaster Declaration, which Gardner and members of the Colorado delegation urged.

“Communities all across Colorado are hurting right now as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said

Senator Gardner. “I'm pleased that FEMA is awarding this much-needed grant to Colorado so that we have the resources to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, and I'll continue to work with public health officials and leaders at every level to ensure our state can get through this crisis together.”

According to FEMA, examples of eligible emergency protective measures include the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement, and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety.

You can read more about Senator Gardner's actions to protect Coloradans from COVID-19 at www.gardner.senate.gov/covid-19.

Family

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“It's just painful. Your whole body hurts. It's just miserable,” Abby Archuleta, one of Gary's

in front of the family home holding signs that contained messages of love and support. Their

sweet.

“She was so happy. She was crying and happy. You could see it in her eyes she felt really good,” said Ashley Lopez, a family member. However, even that wasn't enough to quell the family's fear that one of them may be next.

Another daughter said, “I'm trying to take care of my dad. I want him to make it, but I understand.” The family now just wants to help save another family from the heartache they sadly can no longer avoid.

“If we knew the end

result, we would have stayed home. We all went to eat because that's what we do and if we all knew how serious it was, we would have stayed home. Just stay home. It's no joke,” said Nat Archuleta, another of Manuel's daughters.

To help the Archuleta family through this difficult time, they are in need of financial support. Two GoFundMe accounts have been established to assist in burial costs for Gary Archuleta and burial Costs for Jessica Archuleta.

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Do not click any links in a text message. If a friend sends you a text with a suspicious link that seems out of character, call them to make sure they weren't hacked.

Always check on a charity (for example, by calling or looking at its actual website) before donating.

This is a stressful time for all. If you are experiencing a crisis, please call 719-589-3671 or call the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255).

For after business hours assistance, please call 911 or the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255 to receive mental health crisis support.

SLV COVID general questions 719-480-8719 for English, or 719-315-5019 for Spanish. You may also email your questions to slvepr@alamosacounty.org.

CO HELP line 1-877-462-2911

(English and Spanish) for Colorado general information.

Colorado updates and guidance: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>

CDC updates and guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>

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Opinion

God Bless America ...



Argus Hamilton

BEVERLY HILLS -- God Bless America, and how's everybody?

The New York Post says a Bengal Tiger in the Bronx Zoo in New York developed a dry cough over the weekend which prompted zoo veterinarians and epidemiologists to give the tiger a medical exam.

The big cat tested positive for coronavirus. Great, now I have to keep six feet away from tigers.

An Automobile Club survey says six out of ten drivers are still out on the road every day on L.A. streets despite home confinement directives.

As for the rest of us in quarantine, you can't say we're not meeting the EPA mileage requirement. I'm getting about three weeks per gallon, how about you?

Pope Francis plans to give a televised Easter sermon from the Vatican without a congregation Sunday. The holiday is increasingly symbolized by Easter bunnies, candy eggs and chocolates.

I have just heard a sermon about the true meaning of Easter delivered by the Archbishop of Cadbury.

President Trump at his press conference Monday mentioned that he got a phone call from Joe Biden that morning to discuss crisis measures. They both sounded happy about it.

Trump said they had a very nice talk and Biden said it was the first time he'd talked to a president in twelve years.

The Rasmussen Poll said Americans most of all want to return to work. Home quarantine is against our nature.

Since homeschooling began, the instances of teachers having sex with their students has dropped 100% in Los Angeles, and gone up 40% in West Virginia.

President Trump acknowledged the growing restlessness of the country being holed up in one place day and night. It's given me new perspective.

After spending a year with three wives in home confinement, I believe Osama bin Laden called in the Navy SEALs Team Six strike on himself.

The Democratic National Committee postponed its scheduled nominating convention for one month. It's best to stay safe.

It was announced that it won't be until the middle of August before they hold their quadrennial Democratic National Convention, or as Bernie Sanders calls it, Passover.

The White House last week mobilized private industry and the financial community to join the federal government's efforts to whittle down the spread of COVID 19.

It's bewildering. Isn't there a federal tax we could all pay to get rid of this virus, or does that only work for global warming?

Microsoft founder Bill Gates announced Sunday his foundation will spend billions to develop a vaccine and cure for Corona Virus. This is not good.

If Bill Gates's vaccine protects us from viruses as badly as his software does, I'm afraid herd immunity is mankind's last chance at survival.

European Union nations took heart in declining rates of infection in Italy and Spain over the weekend. Central Europe is clamping down hard with new laws.

Germans will be hit with heavy fines if they invade someone else's space, come to think of it, for the third time in one hundred years.

ESPN hosts asked college football coaches about the possibility of a cancelled 2020 season. It has everyone in my home state of Oklahoma posing each other the same question.

If you could sacrifice one college football team to end the coronavirus, who would it be, and why the Longhorns?

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Kids like me: Fabiana's story

"Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future."

I don't drink alcohol, but I use drugs. Heroin is my drug of choice and I've used drugs since I was 17-years old. I started using drugs to cope with everyday life, but I want to stop using drugs.

How has using drugs affected me? I've lost myself, my self-esteem, my family, my kids, my freedom, my life. I feel sad, sickened, and scared at the thought of my children using drugs.

If I could change anything, I would change being an addict, because by changing that one thing I know I would have an amazing life with my family and with my kids.

I'm not married -- I wish. I have three children, but my relationship with them is distant because my addiction has torn us apart and I've hurt them emotionally. I'm so sorry for this. I want very much to make things right with them, more than anything.

To make things right with my children I need to stay away from using drugs. I need to stop going in and out of jail and prison. I need to get to know them.

I need to be there for them. I need to listen to them. I need to love them. I will do it!

I was born in Alamosa. I wanted to be an astronaut and a princess when I grew up. I had both parents when I was little and neither of them drank alcohol, smoked, or used drugs.

I had brothers and sisters and grandparents. When I was very little -- up until elementary school -- I attended church and I do believe in God.

I was emotionally and physically abused, but not sexually abused. I didn't have a trusted adult to talk with.

I had a dog, Osa, who was very important to me. She was amazing and was always by my side.

I played clarinet in the school band,

but playing sports was more important to me. I played volleyball, softball, basketball, ran track and was a cheerleader.

At first, I was an honor roll student, but -- after elementary school -- my grades started slipping. I had friends and my teachers were somewhat good with me.

I'm artistic and drew abstract art, outer space drawings and I won drawing contests.

I wrote poems about feeling broken and alone and I wrote stories about princesses.

My advice for addict-parents is to never give up on their kids and to fight for their lives as hard as they can. They can rise above their addiction.

Always ask for help! There are a lot of 'us' addicts out there and together we can get better and live a beautiful life.

My advice for grandparents of 'kids like me' is to never give up on the 'kids like me' and please don't give up on the 'addicts like me.'

Addicts need love too. We're just lost, broken people who are blind to what's good in life.

My advice to 'kids like me' is to stay strong and don't do drugs. You are loved and none of this is your fault.

You are a beautiful blessing and you are amazing!

If I woke-up tomorrow morning and everything in my life was perfect, I would be married with all three of my children at home with me. I would own a home and cars and have a career.

My family and I would attend church and we would be close to God. I would be drug-free.



Amarah's Corner

Amarah

~Fabiana

Thank you for your courage to share your story, Fabiana. You can do this! Your children need you, and you need them, too. You can do this!

Mommy's Found by Margaret

My child, I'm right here, Looking for reasons for things I've done, Why I went to those places, the feelings that kept me away so long.

My child, I'm right here. My eyes are clear now, I see where I went wrong.

I take one look at you - how could I have left you all alone? Take my hand and know that my love for you is strong,

I will never again leave you to take all this on

My child, I'm right here. Please believe none of this is your fault,

Mommy was sick and needed help, Your beautiful face gave me hope to get better, to stand up strong, to admit to you all of my wrongs.

My child, I'm right here. Come into my arms so I can protect you from your fears.

And help you understand I'm here to wipe away your tears.

My child, I'm right here. I ask for your forgiveness, please give me this chance,

To show you how much I love you. I'll never leave you again,

Always, forever, together, our hearts can finally dance.

Remember, Jesus loves you and Jesus is Lord!

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CONEJOS — On March 20, Governor Polis issued Executive Order #D 2020 012 authorizing the county treasurer to suspend or waive delinquent interest that may accrue pursuant to the provision of 39-10-104.5 as a result of delinquent tax payments for the next 30 days.

Treasurer/Public Trustee Mack Crowther this means the first half of 2019 property taxes may be

paid without penalty interest from March 20 through April 20, 2020.

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Lifestyle



Tractor supply company updates response to covid-19 pandemic

Essential, Needs-Based Retailer Announces Same-Day Delivery Option Across Entire Chain, Additional 5,000 Team Members To Be Hired To Support Operations and Increased Safety Measures in Stores

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Tractor Supply Company (NASDAQ: TSCO), the largest rural lifestyle retailer in the United States, today announced additional steps it is taking to protect the health and safety of its Team Members and customers. “At Tractor Supply, our top priority is the health and safety of our Team Members and customers. We have executed a number of actions over the past three weeks, and today we are announcing additional changes that allow us to better serve our customers’ needs during this time of crisis,” said Hal Lawton, Tractor Supply’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “This week, in all stores, we will add a dedicated greeter and roll out contactless curbside pickup with dedicated parking for Buy Online, Pickup In-Store. We also will complete our nationwide rollout of Buy Online Same Day/Next Day Delivery. We are continuing to implement numerous measures to promote social distancing in our stores and rapidly provide personal protective equipment to Team Members. I can’t thank the Tractor Supply team enough for all they have accomplished in the last few weeks. I am incredibly proud of how they have responded to take care of each other and serve our customers.”

Hiring Initiative
Tractor Supply is embarking on the Company’s most ambitious hiring drive ever with plans to immediately fill more than 5,000 full-time and part-time Team Member positions across its nearly 1,900 stores in 49 states and eight distribution centers. These job opportunities represent existing and new positions with a focus on increased customer service and safety in stores. Candidates can learn more and apply for the wide variety of job opportunities at www.TractorSupply.jobs.

COVID-19 Response
As an essential, needs-based retailer, Tractor Supply has taken multiple actions to help assist its Team Members, customers and communities with the impact of COVID-19. The following is a summary of new and existing actions that have been taken by the Company.

Safety and Customer Experience:
As customers continue to visit Tractor Supply stores for the essential, needs-based products they rely on to help them take care of their families, homes, land, livestock animals and pets, the Company is announcing new measures, effective immediately, to help Team Members and customers stay safe:

Adding a dedicated greeter at every store location to drive awareness of social distancing, monitor the number of customers in-store and

provide additional cleaning of key items like carts and registers.

Expanding the Company’s Buy Online Same Day/Next Day Delivery from Store offering to all Tractor Supply stores.

Dedicating an exclusive shopping hour for high-risk customers and seniors 60 and older every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Installing plexiglass barriers at cashier stands in stores.

Endorsing the CDC’s social and physical distancing practices in stores by marking floors and adding signage to help customers and Team Members maintain safe distances.

Increasing personal protective equipment for Team Members (gloves, masks, face shields, sanitizer).

Implementing Contactless Curbside Delivery for Buy Online, Pickup In-Store.

Establishing a minimum of two dedicated parking spots at each store for Buy Online, Pickup In-Store or Curbside Delivery.

Expediting rollout of contactless payment options (e.g., Apple Pay).

In addition, the Company had previously announced the increase of Mobile Point of Sale devices across the chain by the end of April to allow for a more seamless checkout process for customers. During these uncertain times and changes to operations, Tractor Supply remains committed to maintaining its everyday low pricing on its consumable, usable and edible merchandise categories.

Team Member Compensation and Benefits:

Tractor Supply has introduced numerous benefit enhancements for its Team Members. Today, the Company added the following benefits for its Team Members:

Extending from April 25 to May 9 its previously

announced a \$2 per hour appreciation bonus to all frontline hourly Team Members.

Announcing 100% coverage of COVID-19 medical treatment under the Company’s medical plan.

Waiving cost-sharing for telehealth visits for any reason under the Company’s medical plan, helping Team Members limit potential exposure in physician offices and giving needed relief to medical facilities.

Tractor Supply had previously announced:

Awarding a one-time special bonus of \$1,000 for exempt store managers and \$500 for frontline leadership and support roles.

Extending paid sick leave by two weeks for all Team Members affected by COVID-19. Team Members who self-report contagious, flu or COVID-19 symptoms that keep them out of work; are part of a mandated or self-imposed quarantine; are impacted by the temporary closing of a location due to the outbreak, or have a confirmed case of COVID-19 will continue to be paid during that time.

Community Giving:
To support its Team Members and communities, the Company previously made the following commitments:

Donation of \$500,000 to the existing Tractor Supply Employee Assistance Fund to assist Team Members most impacted by COVID-19.

Establishment of the Tractor Supply Company Foundation with a donation of \$1.5 million committed to the growth and development of rural areas with an initial focus on COVID-19 recovery efforts.

To learn more about Tractor Supply’s actions in response to COVID-19, please visit <http://www.tractorsupply.com/COVID-19>.

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Temporary developed recreation site closures and fire restrictions

DENVER, Colo., April 7, 2020 – Acting Regional Forester Jennifer Eberlien today announced and assigned an order to temporarily close developed recreation sites and an order to implement fire restrictions within the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region to align with local, state and federal orders and guidelines to protect public health and safety. The region includes 24 national forests and grasslands across Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

"While we know that going outside provides forest and grassland visitors needed space, exercise and satisfaction, we are taking the risks presented by COVID-19 seriously," said Eberlien. "We are providing some recreation opportunities where we can while protecting and keeping employees, the public and our communities safe from the virus, as well as protecting and keeping communities and natural and cultural resources safe from unwanted human-caused wildfires."

Recreation Closures
Developed recreation sites are temporarily closed while dispersed camping, hiking and driver uses are allowed, although discouraged. Closed developed recreation sites include campgrounds, day-use areas, picnic areas, and any other constructed facility amenities – such as potable water stations, fire rings/grills, picnic tables, restroom facilities with flush or vaulted toilets, and trashcans and



services, such as restroom facilities and garbage collection.

Prepare to pack out trash and human waste.

Fire Restrictions
Effective immediately until rescinded, the following is prohibited:

Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, including charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood-burning stoves, and shepherd's stoves.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building.

The following persons are exempt from fire restrictions:

Persons with a Forest Permit, Form FS-7700-48, specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order in the areas listed above.

Any Federal, State or

used to determine when to implement fire restrictions, including fire activity levels, current and predicted weather, fuel moisture and the availability of emergency and firefighting resources. Additional restrictions may be required if conditions warrant.

Entering upon closed areas or igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or smoking on national forests and grasslands is a violation of Federal law and may result in consequent fines and possible jail time.

All offices are conducting business and providing virtual services. For specific forest and grassland information, please visit the region's forest and grassland directory.

How parents can diminish their stress

Juggling responsibilities to work and family can sometimes make parents feel a little overwhelmed. That feeling of being stretched thin can contribute to stress, which many parents acknowledge is part of their daily lives.

Stress isn't always caused by life-changing events. In fact, a recent study of 2,000 parents in the United Kingdom found that the daily worries of bed time, getting homework finished, weekly food shopping, and meal times were parents' biggest stress triggers. The research, conducted by BPme, a new app that allows customers to pay for their fuel without leaving their car, said the average parent felt stressed six times a day. Data from a 2015 Pew Research Study indicates 15 percent of American parents say their job as a parent is tiring all the time, while an additional 18 percent say parenting is tiring most of the time. Ten percent indicated being a parent is stressful all of the time, while 15 percent said it is most of the time. The younger the age of the children at home, the more stress many parents say they face.

It is well documented that stress can have various negative physical and psychological symptoms, which put stress sufferers' overall health at risk. Parents can curtail stress by instituting some lifestyle changes and employing other management techniques.

• Don't take work stress home. It's easy to bring home work-related problems, which can then com-

bine with issues at home. Try to talk to a coworker or a spouse before leaving work to diffuse tricky situations so they can be left at work.

• Increase quality family time. Take a break from the extracurricular activities, volunteer responsibilities and the other tasks that pull families in different directions. Slow down and schedule fun activities that foster parent-child relationships, such as game nights or family movie nights.

• Seek professional help. Parents who are having difficulty coping can enlist the services of trained mental health

professionals, advises Psychology Today. These therapists can offer helpful strategies for coping with life's challenges.

• Stick to a routine. Keeping kids on routine schedules enables parents to know which moments of the day they can get a break to rest and recharge.

• Ask for help. Do not be a martyr or attempt to be a superhero. Parents who need help should reach out for assistance, especially if it's to tame stress. Doing so is in the best interest of the entire family.

Stress is something many parents face, but it can be overcome. FP205874

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6 Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness: Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.

7 Shopping Local encourages community growth. By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Alamosa's diversity, charm & appeal. Which in turn, attracts new community members.

8 Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy. Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Alamosa.

9 Local shops value you more: Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.

Lifestyle

Depression-era lab revived to brew up hand sanitizer

TAOS, N.M.— Couse Laboratories is briefly “back in business” after 84 years, for fun and non-profit—plus health and safety.

The lab is part of the Couse-Sharp Historic Site in the downtown historic district. Kibbey Couse, son of prominent painter E. Irving Couse, was an inventor who returned to Taos in 1929 to take care of his father after losing his mother, Virginia, passed away. Struggling to make a living during the Great Depression, he built a chemistry lab in an old kitchen attached to his father’s studio. He assayed minerals for area miners and performed other services such as producing distilled water for local physician Doc Martin.

“Remote Taos, and Kibbey Couse in particular, has always embodied the concept of self-sufficiency,” said Davison Koenig, the historic site’s executive director and curator. “An example is the armored centrifuge that Kibbey cobbled together from a regular centrifuge and a dutch oven.”

In that same spirit, two of The Couse Foundation’s volunteers, both retired scientists who have been working for more than a year to sort out and document the lab’s equipment and archives, recently asked to use the “Kibbey lab.” The purpose: to mix up a batch of modified World Health Organization hand sanitizer during the current high demand and shortage.

“Of course, we said yes,” Koenig said. “It’s a fun way to bring the lab back into use, an engaging story for our social media fans since we are closed otherwise, and in the end, we’d have a needed product for the health, safety and well-being of our staff and volunteers.”

Follow along with the Couse crew as they put together their brew (corresponding imagery can be downloaded via Google Drive):

1. The main ingredient is 190 proof Everclear—95% ethanol. For one liter of hand sanitizer, start with 833ml (round up rather than down) of Everclear.
2. Add to a one-liter container. They used Kibbey’s vintage 1000 ml volumetric flask.
3. Next ingredient is 15.5 milliliters USP Glycerin (Glycerol). This is to keep users’ hands from drying out.
4. Add the glycerin to the ethanol already in the flask.
5. Add water until it reaches the 1000 ml mark.
6. Mix.
7. Kibbey Couse’s specific gravity meter was deployed to check the alcohol percentage. Unfortunately, it didn’t work since it was designed to measure lower percentages of alcohol.
8. Kibbey’s invention patented as the Zerometer was an easy-to-use specific gravity meter installed in an engine to monitor alcohol percentage of antifreeze/coolant.
9. Next step: bottle.
10. The finished product.

The organization now has hand sanitizer to distribute to staff and volunteers as it awaits the ability to again welcome visitors.

Photos are available for media usage and can be downloaded here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ymZnsPTqnlcO418k70dFMycdCKR0ZxM4>

About Kibbey Whitman Couse: Kibbey Whitman Couse is one of the least known historic figures of Taos, even though his inventions may have saved thousands of lives in World War II.

Born in 1894, the only child of the painter and his wife demonstrated an interest in mechanics at an early age. After graduating from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1917, and briefly serving in World

War I, he began to market some of his inventions in the eastern U.S.

After the death of his mother in late 1929, Kibbey moved his young family to Taos to help his bereaved father. Struggling to put food on the table during the Great Depression, he put his creative scientific brain to work teaching himself geology and chemistry to do assaying for the local mines, and established Couse Laboratories, Inc.

He set up a machine shop in the family garage and developed the prototype for a mobile machine shop. Henry Ford had recently invented a flat-bed truck, America was still largely a rural nation, and a clever fellow could make an honest living repairing anything made of metal out in the field. For example, a farmer would lose several days’ wages to ride into town and get a plowshare repaired by the local blacksmith, but a mobile solution was more effective and efficient.

Kibbey Couse spent much of his time in Taos working on the prototype for the Couse Mobile Machine Shop. After his father’s death in 1936, he abandoned his Taos workshop and built a plant in New Jersey to manufacture the invention. He

shuttered the Couse home in New Mexico, creating a time capsule of not only his parents’ story, but his own.

With the advent of World War II, his mobile machine shop became much more than a clever idea. By June of 1944, Couse Industries had produced more than 1,000 units of the three mobile machine shop models, which saw service in both the European and Pacific theaters.

“The efforts of Kibbey Couse in Taos and his mobile machine shops played a significant role in the war effort,” Koenig said. “We can safely say they hastened an end to the war and thus saved thousands of Allied lives.”

After Couse retired, the company records and drawings were returned to Taos and now exist as an adjunct to his original laboratory, chemistry lab, workshop, scientific library and machine shop at the Couse-Sharp Historic Site. His machinery and scientific equipment remain as he left them in 1936 and can be viewed by the public via docent tour by appointment—when the site reopens. <http://couse-sharp.org/machine-shop>

About Couse-Sharp Historic Site: In 1915, six American-born, Europe-

an-trained artists founded the Taos Society of Artists with the mission to promote the authentically American, Native art and culture of the Southwest. The group grew to 12 active members and several

over the years, and when the Couses purchased it in 1903, it had grown to seven rooms. The artist immediately added a large studio to the existing structure and his wife began to carve a garden

close to how he left them upon his death in 1936.

The Site also brings to light the contributions of the models from Taos Pueblo and other indigenous groups who sat for their paintings, as well as the Native artists whose work was collected and used by both artists.

Sharp’s later studio, built in 1915, was completely restored in early 2017 and now contains a permanent rotating exhibition of his artwork, personal effects, and Native art he collected and used in his paintings. His earlier studio, converted from an 1835 chapel, hosts changing exhibitions of artwork and contextual material related to the TSA.

The mission of The Couse Foundation is to preserve and interpret the Couse-Sharp Historic Site, its buildings, grounds, collections, and the archives of the Taos Society of Artists, through education, collaboration and scholarly engagement. The organization’s vision is even more expansive: To be the center scholarship of E.I. Couse, J.H. Sharp, and the Taos Society of Artists. All public areas of the site can be toured by appointment, which can be made on couse-sharp.org or by calling the site office.

“It’s a fun way to bring the lab back into use, an engaging story for our social media fans since we are closed otherwise, and in the end, we’d have a needed product for the health, safety and well-being of our staff and volunteers.”

Davison Koenig
Couse-Sharp Historic Site executive director

more associate and honorary members

The Site sits on an escarpment that originally defined the defensive nature of Old Spanish Taos. Occupation of the site began when Juan de Luna built a family chapel there about 1835. Although the Luna chapel remained a separate property, Pedro Luna built a small house against the chapel’s south wall in 1839. Various owners added to Pedro’s house

into the barren hillside.

The Couse-Sharp Historic Site reflects the original goals of these artists and continues to promote their mission. The Site includes the home and studio of E.I. Couse, the garden designed by his wife, Virginia, the workshops of his son, Kibbey, and the two studios of his neighbor and fellow artist, J.H. Sharp. Couse’s studio and darkroom are maintained in a state very

kids' corner

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Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS 338-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE No. 912-20
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On January 14, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
 Original Grantor(s)
 GREG BOYKO and LESLIE KELHAM
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 MIRRORS, LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 MIRRORS, LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company
 Date of Deed of Trust
 October 05, 2016
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 October 11, 2016
 Other Filing Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 364367
 Original Principal Amount
 \$69,900.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$64,539.38
 Pursuant to CRS 338-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
 THE LIEN FLOECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 Lots 1 through 14, Block 1 Sangre De Cristo Estates, Unit 19, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 Together with any and all Water and Water Rights, Ditches and Ditch Rights, Wells and Well Rights including but not limited to underground water rights for Permit No(s). 24761-F and 9251-F in Water Division No. 3, State of Colorado
 Also known by street and number as:
 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/13/2020, at County Office Building, 8959 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication 3/18/2020
 Last Publication 4/15/2020
 Name of Publication Valley Courier
 IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
 DATE: 01/14/2020
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 San Luis Valley Law Firm P.O. Box 609, Salida, CO 81201 (719) 852-0627
 Attorney File #
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
 No. 1354
 Published in the Valley Courier March 18, 25, April 01, 08, and 15, 2020

COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE PUBLICATION (CRS 338-38-103)
 FORECLOSURE SALE No. 2020-1
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following Deed of Trust:
 On January 21, 2020, under Reception No. 20000097, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Conejos records.
 Original Grantor(s) Marvon Greg Richardson
 Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for U.S. Bank, N.A.
 Current Holder of the Evidence of Debt Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC
 Date of Deed of Trust: December 20, 2007
 County of Recording Conejos
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust December 21, 2007
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) Reception No. 7002183
 Original Principal Amount \$94,000.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$76,031.92
 Pursuant to CRS 338-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay the monthly installments of principal and interest due. THE LIEN FLOECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 The legal description of the Property that is subject to the Notice of Election and Demand in accordance with CRS 338-38-101(4)(g) is: A tract of land described as commencing for a tie at the Quarter Corner between Sections 28 and 29, Township 33 North, Range 7 East N.M.P.M.; thence South on the Section Line a distance of 1605 feet to a point on the North right of way boundary for Colorado State Highway No. 17; thence North 84°02' West along said right of way a distance of 112 feet; thence North 02°04' East a distance of 210.4 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 34E and the point of beginning; thence North 84°02' West a distance of 174 feet; thence North 01°05' West a distance of 210 feet; thence South 84°02' East a distance of 186 feet; thence South 02°04' West a distance of 210.4 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, excepting a strip of land 15 feet wide along the North boundary of said lot to be used for road right of way, in Conejos County, Colorado.
 Also known by street and number as: Lot 34B Fox Creek Road, Antonito, CO 81120
 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at the office of the Conejos County Public Trustee, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
 First Publication Date: March 25, 2020
 Last Publication Date: April 22, 2020
 Name of Publication: The Valley Courier
 Date: March 23, 2020
 Mack M. Crowther
 Public Trustee in and for the County of Conejos, State of Colorado.
 The name, address, telephone number and bar registration number of attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Karen J. Radakovich, Esq., A.R.#11649
 Frascaona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C.
 4750 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305-5575
 Telephone: (303) 494-3000
 Facsimile: (303) 494-6309
 FJGG 7192-13920/RICHARDSON, MARVON 0002704319
 The attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
 No. 1374
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 25, April 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2020.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY INHERITANCE PURSUANT TO 15-12-1303 C.R.S.
 In the Matter of the Estate of HARLEY EUGENE CRESSLER, SR To all interested persons
 And owners by inheritance:
 The Estate of Norma Dee Boss Cressler
 By and Through Personal Representative Echo Diane Schmitt
 Montezuma County District Court Case 19PR30083
 A petition, a copy of which accompanies this notice, has been filed Alleging that the above decedent died leaving the following Property: 50% ownership of Mountain Lake Ranch Lot 11 San Luis, CO 81152
 The hearing on the petition will be held at the following time and location or at a later date which the hearing may be continued:
 April 24, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
 Costilla County Combined Courts
 304 Main Street
 San Luis, CO 81152
 March 23, 2020
 Cameron C. Secrist #17585
 P.O. Box 1206
 Cortez, CO 81321
 No. 1376
 Published in the Valley Courier March 25, April 1 and April 8, 2020

221 HELP WANTED

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL district is accepting applications for Girls high school head 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 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)

DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO
 8955 Independence Way
 Alamosa, CO 81101
 (719) 589-4996
COURT USE ONLY
 VENANCIO BELTRAN
 Plaintiff
 v.
 HARLEY JAY NISLY, LAND BARON USA, INC., a Florida corporation,
 DELORIS P. DAY, MARIANNA JANE C. SENSGIRI, SAMPAQUIK C. SENSGIRI, SERGIO CASTILLO, OLIVIA RASCON, ERICA J. MAAS, SHELLY BENNETT-MAAS, RAMON RAMIREZ, CAROLINA RAMIREZ
 HEMS HOOKS FARMS LLC, an Arkansas limited liability company, HILARIO A. MARTINEZ, JOSE MARTINEZ, LIBRADO MANCILLA, ALICIA MANCILLA
 ALAMOSA STATE BANK, a Colorado Banking Corporation, SAN LUIS VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., a Colorado Cooperative Corporation,
 THE SAN LUIS VALLEY CANAL COMPANY,
 a Colorado non-profit corporation,
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY, THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY,
 and
 ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
 Defendants
 Case Number:
 2019CV30053
 Division Courtroom
 Karl Kuenhold Reg. No. 40164
LAW OFFICE OF KARL KUENHOLD, LLC
 808 Third Street, P.O. Box 30
 Alamosa, CO 81101
 TELEPHONE: (719)589-3688
 EMAIL: karl@kuenholdlaw.com
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
 TO: ALL ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS
 You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
 If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
 This is an action in rem to Quiet Title: The relief sought by the Plaintiff is a Decree Quieting Title which will affect the following property as described below and in the Quiet Title Complaint:
 A tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W1/2SE1/4) of section 29, Township 39 North, Range 10 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Alamosa County, Colorado, being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
 Beginning at the South Quarter Corner of Section 29, monumented by a 3.25" aluminum cap, set by PLS No. 23891; thence S 89°55'57" with the South line of the Southwest quarter of said section a distance of 2626.03 feet; thence N 00°11'14" E with the West line of the Southwest quarter of said section a distance of 2626.03 feet; thence S 89°31'17" E with the North line of the Southwest quarter of said section a distance of 2524.82 feet to a point in an existing East and West fence line; thence with said fence line for the following six (6) courses;
 1.) S 01°03'54" W a distance of 92.80 feet;
 2.) Thence S 19°45'15" E a distance of 31.19 feet;
 3.) Thence N 89°44'39" E a distance 105.03 feet;
 4.) Thence S 01°21'59" W a distance of 2464.11 feet;
 5.) Thence S 89°53'50" W a distance of 58.72 feet;
 6.) Thence S 00°06'10" E a distance of 16.75 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing 156.54 acres, more or less.
 Dated: March 17, 2020
 Published in The Valley Courier Newspaper
 First Publication: March 19, 2020
 Last Publication: April 15, 2020
LAW OFFICE OF KARL KUENHOLD, LLC
 Original signature of Karl Kuenhold is on file with the law offices of Law Office of Karl Kuenhold,
 LLC pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121 §-26(7)
 By: /s/ Karl Kuenhold
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 808 Third Street, P.O. Box 30
 Alamosa, CO 81101
 (719) 589-3688
FORM 11.1 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
 NO. 1360
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 19, 26, April 1, 8, and April 15, 2020

DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF CONEJOS, COLORADO
 Court Address:
 6683 County Road 13
 P.O. Box 128
 Conejos, CO 81129
 Phone: (719) 376-5465
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
 ANNA MARIA LUCERO a/k/a ANNA LUCERO a/k/a ANNA M. LUCERO
COURT USE ONLY
 ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:
 Karl Kuenhold, Reg. No. 40164
LAW OFFICE OF KARL KUENHOLD, LLC
 808 Third Street, P.O. Box 30
 Alamosa, CO 81101
 TELEPHONE: (719)589-3688
 EMAIL: karl@kuenholdlaw.com
 Case Number:
 2020PR 30005
NOTICE OF HEARING WITHOUT APPEARANCE TO INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY INHERITANCE PURSUANT TO 15-12-1303, C.R.S.
 **Attendance at this hearing is not required or expected. **
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY INHERITANCE INCLUDING:
 Joseph Lucero
 Ernest John Lucero
 Franz Lucero
 Michael A. Lucero
 Linda Montoya a/k/a Linda Luella Lucero Montoya
 Veronica Velasquez
 Cindy Haberman a/k/a Cindy Lucero
 Janet Lucero Sinerros
 Naomi Kucy as Assessor for Conejos County Colorado
 Nathan Ruybal as Clerk & Recorder for Conejos County Colorado
 TAKE NOTICE that a Petition, a copy of which accompanies this Notice, has been filed by Petitioner Paul Lucero a/k/a Paul Chritobal Lucero in the above Court alleging that the above named Decedent died leaving an undivided one-fourth interest as tenant in common in the following real property legally described as follows:
 A tract of land lying and being situate within Section 24, Township Thirty-two North, Range Eight East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian in Conejos County, Colorado, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:
 Beginning at a point on the Colorado-New Mexico State Line whence Mile Post No. 167 bears South 89°48'36" West a distance of 2612.84 feet; thence North 01°02'53" West a distance of 503.10 feet to a No. 4 rebar with Aluminum Cap marked PLS 22583; thence North 00°45'42" West a distance of 875.08 feet; thence South 89°36'14" East a distance of 1287.43 feet; thence South 00°18'07" West a distance of 581.83 feet; thence South 16°13'10" East a distance of 40.34 feet; thence South 33°12'20" East a distance of 397.63 feet to a No.4 rebar with Plastic Cap marked PLS 22583; thence South 47°36'10" West a distance of 28.97 feet to a No. 4 Rebar with Plastic Cap marked PLS 22583; thence South 47°31'48" West a distance of 135.53 feet; thence South 60°16'46" West a distance of 141.29 feet; thence South 69°43'50" West a distance of 120.54 feet; thence South 67°53'45" West a distance of 126.38 feet; thence South 55°27'05" West a distance of 40.29 feet; thence South 47°46'10" West a distance of 178.20 feet to the Colorado-New Mexico State Line; thence along said State Line South 89°48'36" West a distance of 853.15 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 40.23 acres, more or less. (This Property Description was prepared by Mark S. Luchetti, CO PLS No. 18468, on September 15, 1995. All courses, except the Colorado-New Mexico Line, are along existing fence lines, and all corners, unless otherwise stated, are monumented by 24 inch long No. 5 rebar's with red plastic caps marked CO PLS 18468 attached. Bearings as used in this description were established from the 1985 BLM resurvey of the North Line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 8 East in Conejos County, Colorado, as monumented by the BLM Surveyors.)
 Parcel No. 613524300032
 the ("Property").
 PLEASE NOTE: You must answer the Petition within 21 days after receipt of the Notice if service occurs within Colorado, and within 35 days after receipt of the Notice if service occurs outside Colorado or if service occurs by mail or publication. All objections to the petition must be filed in writing with the court and the filing fee paid within the time required for answering the petition. Hearing in this matter shall be limited to the Petition, any objections timely filed, and the parties answering the petition in a timely manner.
 Hearing on the petition will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:
 Date and Time:
 Friday, May 22, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
 Address: Conejos County District Court
 6683 County Road 13
 P.O. Box 128
 Conejos, CO 81129
 The hearing will take approximately 15 minutes.
 Dated this 17th day March 2020
 Law Office of Karl Kuenhold, LLC
 Original signature on file pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121-1-26.
 By: /s/ Karl Kuenhold
 Karl Kuenhold
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
 Paul Lucero a/k/a Paul Chritobal Lucero
 Petitioner's Address:
 Paul Lucero
 P.O. Box 548
 Antonito, CO 81120
 No. 1380
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 25, April 1, and 8, 2020.

District Court
 Alamosa County, Colorado
 Court Address:
 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
 T: (719) 589 - 4996
 In the Interest of:
 Remigio Domingo Ramirez,
 Minor
COURT USE ONLY
 Attorney for Petitioner:
 Kacie Lynn Mulhern, Atty. Reg. 47739
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER
 1325 S. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 701
 Denver, CO 80222
 T: (303) 692 - 1165 | F: (303) 302 - 2890
 kmulhern@childlawcenter.org
 Case Number: 20PR030010
 Courtroom/DIVISION: C
NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 15-10-401, C.R.S.
 To: Mateo Domingo Mateo and Julia Tomas Domingo Ramirez
 Last Known Address for Mateo Domingo Mateo, if any: Unknown
 Last Known Address for Julia Tomas Domingo Ramirez, if any: Unknown
 A hearing on Petition for Appointment of Guardian for Minor (title of pleading) for (brief description of relief requested) for appointment of a guardian to be appointed for the minor child, Remigio Domingo Ramirez will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:
 Date: June 30, 2020 Time: 1:30 p.m.
 Courtroom/Division: C
 Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
 The hearing will take approximately 1 hour.
 Juana Margarita Pedro Ramirez
 Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
 1022 San Juan Avenue
 Address
 Alamosa, CO 81101
 City, State, Zip Code
 No. 1381
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 1, 8, and 15, 2020.

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Middle School Math 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 to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html or call 719-852-5996.(4/28)

SANFORD SCHOOL IS seeking a self-motivated special education paraprofessional willing to assist with multiple grade levels K-12 for the 20-21 school year. Duties include small group, one-on-one instruction, assist with lesson planning, and curriculum. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org Position opened until filled. Sanford Schools is an EOE.(5/9)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Second 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 to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by April 23, 2020, or until position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html or call 719-852-5996.(4/28)

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STATE OF COLORADO)) ss.

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
NOTICE OF LOST STOCK CERTIFICATE
 The Centennial Ditch Company, a Colorado Mutual Ditch Company, pursuant to C.R.S.A. 7-42-115 causes this NOTICE to be published on the 2nd day of April 2020 and once every week thereafter for five successive weeks the fifth publication being on the twenty-eighth day after the first publication." CRS 7-42-115, in the Valley Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in Alamosa County, in which the principal office of the Centennial Ditch Company is located.
 In accordance with the terms of C.R.S.A. 7-42-114 to 7-42-117, the Estate of Mike Bryn Green, has filed a Notice with the Centennial Ditch Company making Demand for the issuance of duplicate certificates for stock certificates No. 329, for 2 shares each, respectively, of capital stock in the Centennial Ditch Company. The Centennial Ditch Company will issue, on or after the 30th Day of May 2020, thirty days after the last publication date, duplicate certificates to the registered owner, as above stated, unless a contrary claim is filed with the Centennial Ditch Company, Attn: Secretary, 118 Washington Street, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144, prior to the date stated in this NOTICE.
 The Centennial Ditch Company
 Jim Higel, President
 Attest: Lyla Davis, Secretary
 No.1387
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 4, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2020.

RIO GRANDE SAVINGS & Loan is seeking a Mortgage and Consumer Loan Officer to join our team in the Monte Vista office. The Loan Officer is responsible for promotion of RGSLA products and services, including, but not limited to home purchase loans, home refinances, consumer loans, and home construction loans. Qualified candidates will have excellent written and verbal communication skills, superior customer service skills, and the ability to work independently, as well as cooperatively in a team environment. Prior lending experience or other applicable experience is preferred, but not required. Salary commensurate with experience. RGSLA also offers a rich benefit program including a 401k match and a family health insurance plan, along with a stable and enriching work environment. For additional information please contact Denise Heersink @ 719-852-7048 or deniseh@rgsla.com. Applications available at www.rgsla.com/contact and can be submitted to kater@rgsla.com - deadline is April 15, 2020.(4/15)

The Conejos County Board of Commissioners are soliciting board members to sit as board of directors for the Morgan Drain District. Individual interested in serving must own land within the District. Those interested in serving please submit a letter of interest through email to tresessa@co.conejos.co.us - Letters must be in no later than April 14, at 1:00 p.m. or Contact information is Tresessa Martinez, County Administrator at (719) 376-5772 Ext - 1
 No. 1388
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 7, 8, 10, and 11, 2020.

THE ORTEGA MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE ORTEGA MIDDLE SCHOOL is accepting applications for the following position for the 2020-2021 school year: SpEd Paraprofessional (2 Positions) AA Degree is required. Applications are available online at https://www.alamosa.k12.co.us For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(4/15)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-- HINSDALE County is seeking to hire a County Administrator. This position directs the day-to-day operations of Hinsdale County in accordance with policies and other direction provided by the Hinsdale Board of County Commissioners. Hinsdale County is located in southwestern Colorado and has 843 residents plus seasonal and second home owners. The annual budget expenditures (all funds) for 2020 is \$5,745,653. Hinsdale County employs 34 full time and 8 part time employees. County services include: Road and Bridge, Coroner, Building, Code Enforcement, Transfer Station, Sheriff, Health & Human Services, General Administration and other. For a full job description, please contact accounting@hinsdalecountycolorado.us or 970-944-2225 ext. 103 or check the County website at: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hinsdalecounty/humanresources-7.Applications are due May 1st at 4:00 p.m. MEST.(5/9)

LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 10, 2020, San Luis Valley Television, Inc. tendered for filing an application with the Federal Communications Commission to assign the license of Digital TV Translator K17JW-D, Romeo, CO, to Hearst Properties Inc. K17JW-D is authorized to broadcast on Channel 17 with 1.0 kW of power from a transmitter located near San Antonio Mountain, New Mexico (36°51'25.0" N lat., 106°1'14.0" W long.). K17JW-D currently rebroadcasts KOAT-TV, Albuquerque, New Mexico, which broadcasts on Channel 7, and will continue to do so following consummation of the transaction.
 Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to the assignment application are invited to submit comments to the FCC.
 No. 1397
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 8, 2020.

163 LOST & FOUND

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

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SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL District is looking for highly motivated Middle School Science Teacher that has a desire to teach and the ability to pass their passion of learning onto students. For more information please contact Mr. Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org. Teaching applications may be downloaded from sdc.schools.net. Positions open until filled.(4/22)

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MONTE VISTA ESTATES Nursing Home is seeking a full time day shift RN to add to our amazing team! Shift is 6am-6:30 PM-Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (one week) Thursday, Friday Saturday (second week) rotating schedule. The open positions are essential roles in the overall care offered to our residents. Seeking a full time day shift CNA Seeking a full time evening shift (2-10) shift CNA. If you love working with the elderly and enjoy making a difference in the lives of our residents, please contact us. We look forward to having you join our team.(5/8)

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SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a High School Girls Basketball Coach position. Please visit our website for additional information and application: www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023, option 6. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE. (4/14)

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TRINIDAD STATE JUNIOR College is seeking adjunct instructors for Mathematics and Communications courses for both campuses. Relevant degree and experience required. For more information contact Dean of Instruction, Dr. Evert Brown at Evert.Brown@trinidadstate.edu or 719-589-7017. Review of applications is ongoing. TJSJC is an equal opportunity institution.(4/9)

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SANGRE DE CRISTO

School District is seeking a High School Football coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org.(4/22)

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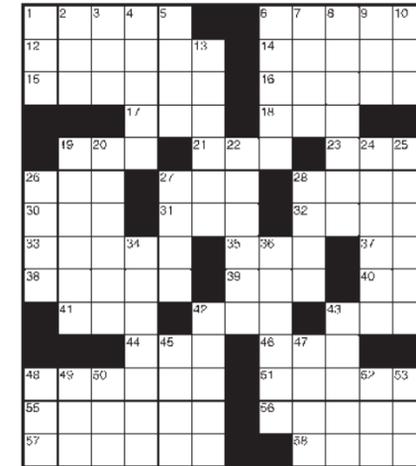
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"Just relax and get your memory back. Don't lay there worrying about the fifty bucks you owe me."

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by Luis Campos

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TODAY'S CLUE: 7 words by

Previous Solution: "In the second grade ... I did a play. ... My father gave me my first Oscar: an ice cream cone." — Kirk Douglas

Dedicated dieter is criticized for refusing offers of food

DEAR ABBY: How would you suggest I deal with people who continually want to sabotage my diet? I worked very hard to drop more than 30 pounds. I also have digestive health issues that are no one's business.

An example: During the coffee break at a meeting at work, someone offered me lovely homemade baked goods. I said, "No, thank you." I then got a snide remark about being ungrateful for all the "effort that went into them" and was urged to "just try a little bit to be sociable."

Another time someone plunked a huge chunk of frosting-laden something in front of me. Or, a friend brings me a large quantity of candy or wine or strange "gourmet" stuff I can't eat, all of which wind up in the trash even after I have asked them to please don't. When I visit my mother, she continues to pile stuff on my plate even after I repeatedly say, "No more, thank you." Then I get a lecture about wasting food. What do I need to be doing or saying differently? -- SABOTAGED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR SABOTAGED: Take your easily offended co-workers aside and tell them, individually, that you cannot eat their tempting pastries because your doctor has told you you mustn't. I am sure it is the truth, and you should not feel guilty. As to your mother, who

really should know better, the next time she accuses you of wasting food, I don't think you would be out of line to tell her in plain English that she, not you, is the one wasting food by piling more than you can comfortably eat on your plate.

DEAR ABBY: When I married my wife, "Celia," I was still in college, and she was a well-paid professional with an advanced degree. She told me that while she supported my goals, she expected me to be an equal partner and contribute my fair share. I worked, took out student loans, and we evenly divided our expenses and maintained separate bank accounts.

Flash-forward 30 years: Celia's finances are a disaster. While I saved, spent wisely and planned for retirement, she spent foolishly and is now mired in a mountain of debt with no savings at all. She ignored my commonsense financial advice over the years and chose to live beyond her means -- new cars, long vacations, expensive jewelry, etc.

I am now comfortably retired, but Celia lives paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford even the smallest of unforeseen bills. I pay for all home repairs, vehicle maintenance, new appliances, etc. Realistically, without financial help, Celia, now 60, will never be able to retire. Her "plan" is for me to die first, then collect my pension,



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

savings, life insurance and Social Security. Whichever one of us goes first, she's set, in her mind.

Question: Am I ethically or morally obligated to help her financially? Sometimes I want to, other times I don't. -- TORN IN THE WEST

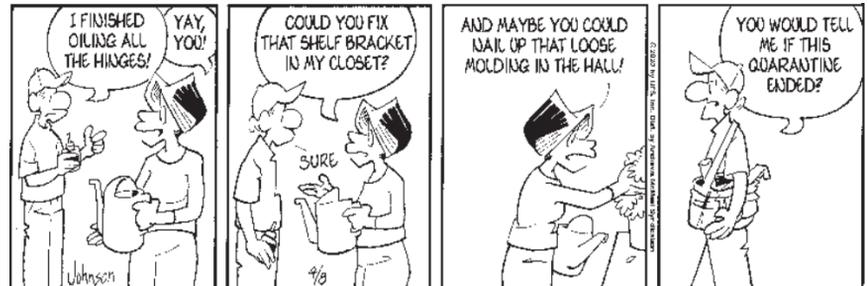
DEAR TORN: You and Celia are long overdue for consulting a financial adviser who can help you get this problem under control. I suggest you find a credit counselor affiliated with the National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

I am not going to weigh in on the subjects of ethics and morals, but I will say this: As Celia's husband, you are LEGALLY obligated. (If she is truly counting on your death to be her retirement plan, you may need to hire a food taster.)

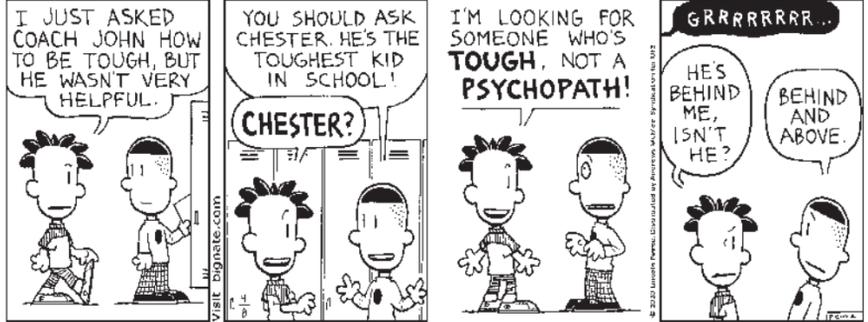
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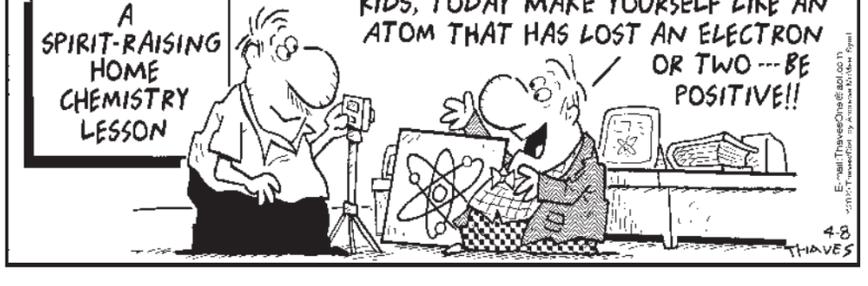
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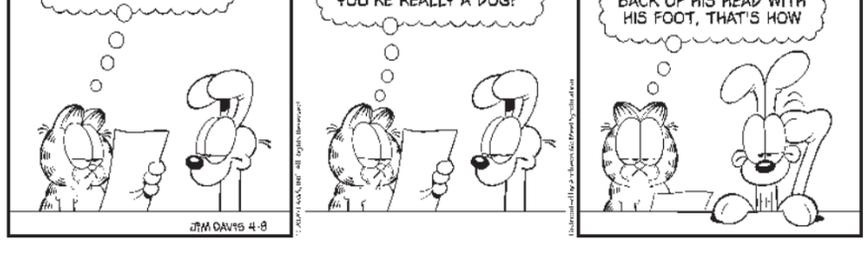
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