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Thursday

edition to cease temporarily

ALAMOSA — In light of continuing lost advertising revenue due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Valley Courier will temporarily cease publication of its Thursday edition effective this week, April 2.

Courier Publisher Keith R. Cerny said to watch Wednesday's Courier for a more complete explanation. Regular news updates will continue seven days a week at www.alamosanews.com and on Alamosa Valley Courier's Facebook page.

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Fire ravages portion of large, rural home

By **KEITH R. CERNY**
Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA — Fire of undetermined origin caused serious damage to a large home just before 4 p.m. Thursday on Del Viento Drive just west of Alamosa.

Firefighters from the Alamosa and Monte Vista Fire Departments and Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) were on scene for nearly three hours due to the fire spreading into the attic of the one-story side of the structure, according to Fire Chief Don Chapman. That portion of the home suffered severe fire and water damage but may eventually be inhabitable, he said.

The attached two-story structure which was registered as a va-

cation rental received some smoke damage, Chapman said.

The property is owned by Shawn and Karen Studer of Pagosa Springs. Chief Chapman said the one-story portion was rented to Jane McCoy.

Chapman said the fire originated on a wood patio on the back of the one-story structure, spread up the exterior wall and into the attic, with the cause still under investigation. Firefighters fought the blaze from inside and out, pouring water and foam into attic vents and a hole cut in the roof by firefighters.

The single-story portion suffered severe roof damage, Chapman said, and inside due to ceiling collapse and water.

Alamosa responded

with four trucks and 14 firefighters, assisted by DFPC with two trucks and three crew members as well as two Monte Vista units and nine personnel, Chapman said.

With some firefighters in other parts of the state fighting Covid-19 virus symptoms, Chapman said fires make it pretty hard to “socially distant.”

“But you’ve got to do what you’ve got to do.”

Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny
Alamosa Firefighter Craig Worth (on ladder) spays water into the north attic vent of the home on Del Viento Drive supported by Assistant Fire Chief Tony Bobicki and Lieutenant Zach Cerny (DFPC).



City Council holds meeting on Zoom

Vote passes to re-open Cattails

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Interim Editor

ALAMOSA — Things were a little different for city council members on Wednesday night. With COVID-19 continuing its march across the country and the state, health was the top priority for all.

Rather than meet in person, the council elected to tune in via Zoom. There was plenty of acknowledgment for the hard work that the city information technology department (IT) went through to make the meeting possible.

There were three major aspects to regular business; two ordinances and an overview of COVID-19's impact on the city.

City Manager Heather Brooks delivered an update to how the city was dealing with the crisis. She discussed the current amount of work and the exchange of information that is taking place before



Courier photo
Those tuning into Wednesday's City Council meeting did so via Zoom. A 6-1 vote passed the reopening of the golf course.

addressing current closures including City Hall, the public library, the Recreation Center, the Multi-Purpose Pavilion, playgrounds, the Park Pavilion and walk-ins to the police station. Before covering what was still open including the parks, trails and dog parks.

Brooks went department by department stating that nearly all facets of the city were already working from home excluding various maintenance departments, police, fire and finance. The main concern in each department was a need for personal protective equipment

(PPE) which everyone felt was a concern while acknowledging the need to put healthcare workers first in that respect.

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Cattails reopens with new COVID-19 rules

ALAMOSA — Cattails Golf Course is now open for golf. The course will still have limitations and new procedures to follow. Read below for procedures that must be followed.

* Only personal golf carts will be allowed on the course. Cattail's cart fleet and pushcarts are unavailable. Only one rider per personal cart unless players live together.

* Tee times must be booked and paid for through the website. You can access the online booking portal at <https://alamosacattails.teensnap.net/>.

* The clubhouse is closed. There will be no merchandise, driving range or alcohol sales during this closure.

* Players must maintain social distancing guidelines. No players can be within 6 feet of their playing partners.

* No groups larger than 4 players are allowed.

* All bunker rakes are removed from the course. If in a bunker, bump the ball to a decent lie and play out.

* All cups are cut above ground level. If the ball hits the cup, the ball is considered holed. There is no reason to touch the flag or reach into the cup.

(There is no entering the Cattails clubhouse. Just book a tee time online and tee off at that time. Staff will monitor from afar. If there is a group that hasn't booked online staff will talk to that group from a safe distance. If you have any questions or concerns please call the pro shop at 719-589-9515)

Cattails sends their best wishes to all individuals and communities that have been impacted by the virus.

Course management is closely following the news & will take all recommended precautions during this time. Cattails membership will be updated via email & the course's Facebook page as the situation evolves

COVID-19 Public health update

SAN LUIS VALLEY

- We want to start today with a message from Governor Polis: "I'm going to say this again and again: This is not a vacation; it's a pandemic. Stay home unless absolutely necessary. There are still an alarming number of people traveling to our mountain and rural communities, putting themselves and others at risk. Whether you're a second homeowner or weekend warrior, please stay home."

Testing supplies are extremely limited at this time, so not all who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will be tested. For those who experience mild symptoms, testing does not change the treatment. Those experiencing mild symptoms can care for themselves at home as they would for a regular cold while following isolation instructions below.

The statewide stay-at-



home order is for everyone, all the time, except for brief essential activities like getting groceries or performing work that has been deemed as essential. Isolation and quarantine go beyond that.

Isolation can be done at home or, in the worst cases, in the hospital. It is important for those who experience mild symptoms to do the right thing and self-isolate at home until you are fever-free for 72 hours without medica-

tion and it's been 7 days since the onset of symptoms and your symptoms have improved. During this self-isolation period, do not leave your home for any reason except to get emergency medical care. As much as possible, separate yourself from household members. Some patients will experience worsening symptoms, becoming sick enough to require hospitalization.

Quarantine is for those who have had close con-

tact with someone who is sick. If you have been exposed, you may transmit the COVID-19 virus to others before you develop symptoms, which could take up to 14 days. If you have been exposed, you must stay home for 14 days while you see if symptoms develop. Do not leave your home except to receive medical care as instructed by your doctor. Arrange for someone else to deliver your groceries to your doorstep; do not go to work or out into the community for any reason during your quarantine period.

If you have felt ill since March 1st, please complete our SLV Symptom Tracker Survey at www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19 to help us get a better understanding of what is happening in our community. The survey

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OBITUARIES

Anna Mae Haynie White Jensen, 88

ALAMOSA — Anna Mae Haynie White Jensen passed away on April 1, 2020 in Cedar Hills, UT. She will be interred at the Sanford Colorado Cemetery.

Anna was born in Manassa, on December 13, 1932 to Clelland Haynie and Zella Estella Holman Haynie.

She was the seventh of ten children. She started school at age five, in the Manassa schoolhouse, and graduated from high school there at the age of 17, in 1950.

She worked as a telephone operator for Mountain Bell Telephone Company in Alamosa, Denver and in Salt Lake City. She retired with 22 years of service.

She married LaVoy Glen "Pinky" White from Sanford, in October 1950. They had four children: Patricia Ann (born 1955), Sandra Kay (born 1957), Steven (August 11 - 12, 1960) and Gary Wayne (born 1962).

The family moved several times in Colorado, living in Alamosa, Colorado Springs, and Sanford. They also lived in Salt Lake City for three years.

Their family moved to Arvada in 1970, where she continued to work for the telephone company, raise her growing family and served in many church callings. Anna lovingly served and made new friends everywhere she went.

Anna and LaVoy di-



vided in 1975 and the family moved again. Patricia and Sandra were both attending BYU in Provo, UT at that time, so Anna and Gary moved to Orem, UT.

There they lived with her sister, Lorraine Thayne, and their mother, Zella Haynie. She continued to work for the telephone company in Utah and enjoyed being close to her family.

She and Gary moved once again when she was married and sealed to Walter LeGrande "Scotty" Jensen of Sanford in May 1977. They lived in the home Walter was born in until 2004.

Walter raised alfalfa, hay and cattle, while Anna lovingly cared for their gracious Victorian home, upgrading and improving it inside and out. She continued to work at Mountain Bell in Alamosa until her retirement.

She was also happily active in church and civic events during that time and loved her associations with many

relatives and families in the area.

Scotty and Anna left the valley to serve in the South Carolina Columbia Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints from April 1984-October 1985.

When they returned home, they served for two years as temple workers in the newly built Denver Colorado Temple.

In 2004, as Scotty began to develop Alzheimer's, they moved to Utah where more care choices and more family support was available. Walter passed away in 2006, and Anna made beautiful homes for herself in Belle Monet Condominiums (Pleasant Grove), Cove Point Independent Living (Provo), and finally The Charleston Assisted Living Community (Cedar Hills).

Anna was preceded in death by her infant son, Steven White; her husband, Walter Jensen; eight siblings: LaVor Haynie, Tommy Haynie, Sheldon Haynie, Dan Haynie, Lorraine Thayne (Harold), Edsel Haynie, Willis Haynie, Colleen Cunningham (Morris); and one granddaughter, Kristyn Zenger.

She is survived by Patricia White Zenger (Paul); Sandra White Heaton (Gary); Gary Wayne White (Terrilyn Cluff); 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grand-

PENDING OBITUARIES

Lucy E. Trujillo, 84

SAN LUIS — Amalia resident Lucy E. Trujillo, 84, went to her eternal rest on April 1, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of San Luis.

Eunice B. Harris

MONTE VISTA— Monte Vista resident Eunice B. Harris, 89, died March 24, 2020 at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Alamosa. Cremation was selected and a Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

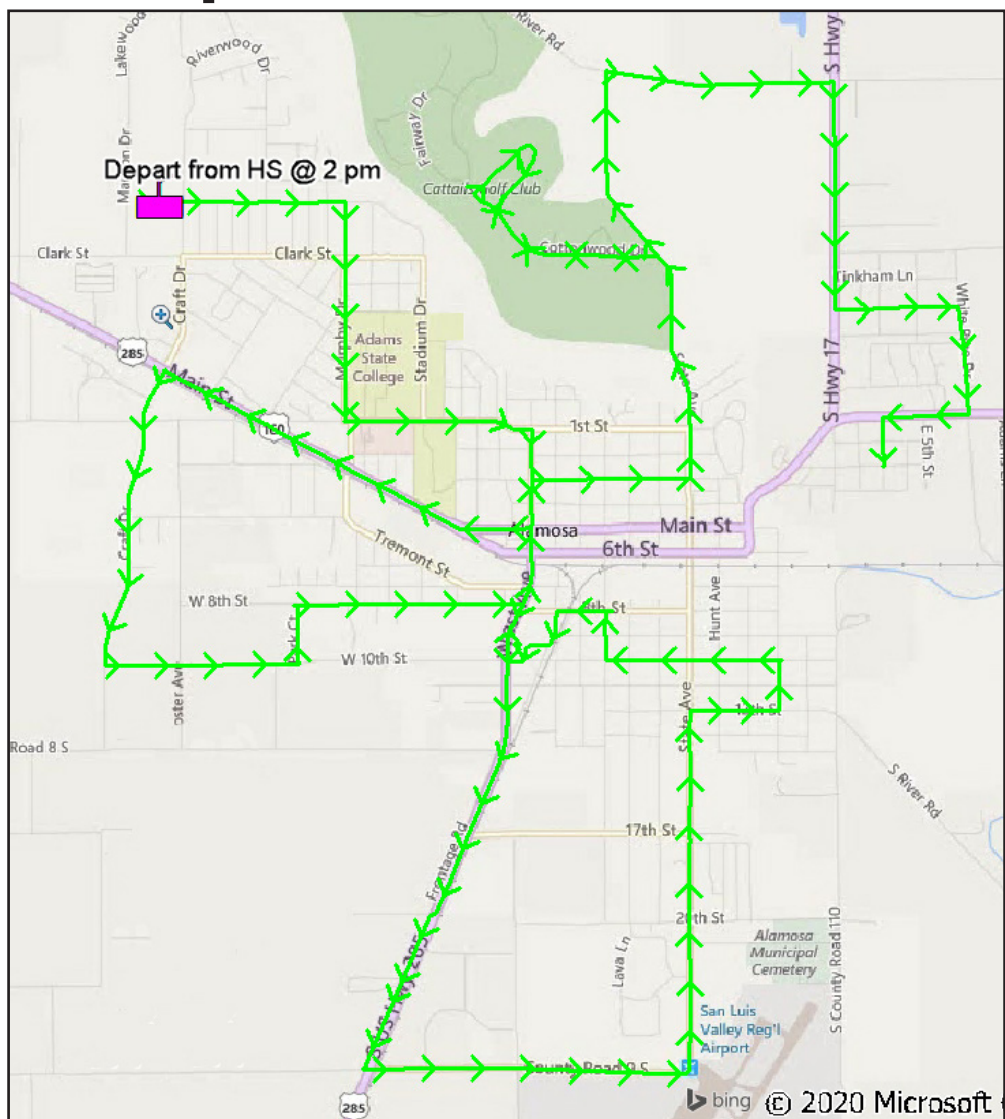
Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, words of comfort and remembrances for Eunice's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com

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Alamosa teachers to parade Alamosa



ALAMOSA— On Friday, April 3, Alamosa School District teachers will be doing a Teacher Parade from 2-3 p.m. throughout Alamosa. They will leave from the high school parking lot led by the ASD transportation department following the route indicated in the attached picture. Staff will remain in their cars and simply wave and honk their horns. All staff will take their own car; they will not carpool.

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

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Ciello opens public Wi-Fi hotspots



SAN LUIS VALLEY — Ciello would like to remind San Luis Valley residents of the two public Wi-Fi hotspots available in Monte Vista and La Jara. The hotspots can be of huge significance at this time to help people stay connected to work and school during disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

"This pandemic has affected our daily lives in dramatic ways, and that disruption could continue for some time," says Monroe Johnson, Ciello's chief technology officer. "There are people in our area who do not have Internet access or their connection is not sufficient for their current needs. These Wi-Fi hotspots will help fill those gaps and provide a reliable connection to those who need it."

Public Wi-Fi hotspots are located at:
Monte Vista's Chapman Park, password: ciellowifi
La Jara Town Park, password: ciellowifi2

Due to the social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC, Ciello encourages users to remain in their cars to limit exposure to themselves and others. "We also recommend that priority be given to students needing to participate in online classes and to those who need to work if they cannot be in their office," says Johnson.

"Ciello is honored to be part of the San Luis Valley community; we are always looking for opportunities to serve our neighbors," Johnson says. "The current health crisis has disrupted everyone's lives, but it is our hope that these Wi-Fi hotspots will help ease the burden a little."

San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

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

Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

Valley News

Blood drives scheduled in the San Luis Valley

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

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

Making an appointment will allow the staff of the blood drive to be able to keep donors at the state-requested six-foot distancing from each other. Blood donation operations such as blood drives are not considered "gatherings" under the current social distancing guidelines, but as essential health-care activities.

In addition, due to COVID-19, the company is requiring that people SHOULD NOT donate if in the past

four weeks: They have been outside of the United States or traveled via a cruise ship; they have lived with or been in close contact with individuals diagnosed with or suspected of having the COVID-19 infection; or they themselves have been diagnosed or suspected of having the COVID-19 infection. Please do not donate blood if you do not feel well.

For healthy people looking to volunteer or help out in the Valley during this time, donating blood is a quick and easy way to contribute. A blood donation only has a shelf life of 42 days, so constant donations are necessary.

McCarter said the phones are busy with people calling in to make appointments.

"It's amazing the number of people who have come forward to donate blood," McCarter said. "When you call in, don't

get discouraged if you don't get through right away. Please try again."

The company will be back in June for another round of blood drives.

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

Monte Vista Community Blood Drive: Wednesday, April 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the LDS Church, located at 99 W. Prospect Avenue in Monte Vista. To schedule an appointment, call the Vitalant Appointment Center at 1-800-365-0006, ext. 2.

Conejos County Community Blood Drive: Friday, April 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the SLV Health La Jara Clinic, located at 509 E. Main Street in La Jara. To schedule an appointment, contact Ann Holmes at 719-274-4477. Please note: this location

is different from the location that was previously used.

SLV Health Blood Drive: Friday, April 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the SLV Health Conference and Education Center, located at 1921 Main St. in Alamosa. To schedule an appointment, just go to <https://bit.ly/2ye1XUe>.

Alamosa Community Blood Drive: Tuesday, April 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the LDS Church, located at 927 Weber Drive in Alamosa. To schedule an appointment, call the Vitalant appointment center at 1-800-365-0006, ext. 2.

For more information on blood donor eligibility, frequently asked questions about blood donations during this pandemic, and the most up-to-date donor information, please go to Vitalant's website at www.vitalant.org.



Photo courtesy of Vitalant.

The community is invited to donate blood at one of the four blood drives scheduled in April.

Lunch on the go



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Alamosa School District has been providing "grab-and-go" student meals since remote learning began last week. Lunch for the day and breakfast for the following day are distributed Monday through Friday at the same time at 15 locations in and near Alamosa, stopping 20 minutes at each scheduled stop to allow for pickup. Charlie Lucero with the ASC transportation department is shown distributing bagged meals near Cole Park as Jenessa Ward tends to Brooke and Lillian who she was babysitting.

Health

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is anonymous. Though it will help us track the spread, it will not help us answer the question of how many people have recovered from COVID-19 here in the SLV. There have been no new positive cases of COVID-19 identified today. The San Luis Valley still stands at 17 positive cases Rio Grande 5, Alamosa 4, Costilla 3, Saguache 3 and Mineral 2 confirmed by both testing as well as diagnosis. Local numbers are updated daily at www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19.

The best thing everyone else can do is to follow the state and local

public health orders to stay at home. Businesses and health care workers are making some serious sacrifices during this pandemic. Let us as a community make sure that those sacrifices have not been in vain. Continue to stay at home as much as possible, without visitors, even if you feel fine. Because the truth is with this virus, sometimes people can transmit it to others before they even know they have it.

In this troubled time, it is also important for those with more than they need to remember our local food

banks. The Food Bank Network of the SLV is accepting donations of food and household or personal supplies to be distributed across the valley. To make a cash donation, send a check to Food Bank Network SLV, 513 6th St. Alamosa CO 81101. Your donation can be designated for a particular food bank community (on your check).

As always, we are working diligently to minimize the impact of COVID on our community! Stay home, Stay Safe, and we will get through this together, one step at a time!

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

Small Business - www.choosecolorado.com

Volunteer or Donate - www.helpcoloradonow.org

City

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Budget discussions were raised regarding hygiene facilities that could be placed in the park including hand washing stations and a mobile shower station. The handwashing station was explained as only being needed until public restrooms could be opened for the coming season while reimbursement from the coming stimulus package (CARES Act) was explored for the mobile shower station.

Brooks then covered some projections on the financial blackeye that COVID-19 would leave on the local economy. The city anticipates a 25% reduction in sales tax for 2020, which would translate to a \$2 million hit to the general fund along with a \$360,000 hit to the recreation fund, street fund and enterprise debt fund each, excluding plans funded by grants.

She stated that the current projection is that sales tax may not normalize until 2023. The general fund will operate as normal with some department heads tightening their belts.

Brooks stressed the plan would not include large department budget cuts but would likely decrease the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) by 20%. A decrease in the CIP may shelve 2020 projects such as wayfinding signage, a multitool loader, a PDA pack and the plan to update street lighting to LED.

In addition, funds for the recreation center upper track and tennis court resurfacing would possibly be frozen in the recreation fund for a time. None of the projects are being eliminated. A possible lowering of the CIP along with all postponements would be revisited in July or August.

With that, the council discussed the closure of the golf course and voted 6-1 to reopen Cattails.

Brooks prefaced the discussion by highlighting all the different things that went into their decision to close the course including the city providing a unified front with the governor's message to

stay home and the risk it presented.

The argument was made by multiple council members that the golf course holds no more risk to people than trails around the city. That along with the fact that Governor Jared Polis has made no such decision on golf courses as well as the precedent set by other courses including Salida, Walsenburg, Redtail, and HollyDot all remaining open as well as other states like Ohio stating courses can stay open. A stance they just recently reversed from a 'no'.

Those in favor of a reopening also covered all the possible stipulations and safety standards that could be put in place to ensure health and safety.

The discussion was had, that despite all that, it may not be worth the risk, Mayor Ty Coleman stating, "To me, revenue is not the concern right now, the concern is the safety of our citizens, the safety of our staff, (not) exposing additional people to the COVID virus... If one person gets infected because of the action that we take, that's one person too many."

Coleman thanked the outpouring of comments he'd received from the public before reiterating his disagreement.

After Councilor David Broyles presented the motion to reopen the golf course immediately with stipulations on attendance and safety standards the motion carried by a 6-1 count with the lone dissenting vote coming from Mayor Coleman.

Regular business also included the second reading of Ordinance No. 6-2020, which essentially modernized Alamosa's ordinance that deals with orders for restitution upon conviction of an ordinance violation, making the city more in line with state statute.

As explained by City Attorney Erich Schwiesow the ordinance was two-fold, "One, is to provide a process in our Code of Ordinances for how we pursue restitution in

cases in front of a municipal judge, "and the second is to make that process nearer a process that is set forth in state statute for pursuing restitution in the state, county, and district courts in the state of Colorado."

Schwiesow notified the council that after conferring via email that there were minor changes to wordage along with taking out a few references to state code. The state code was in relation to pain, suffering and hardship which are not compensable in restitution.

There was also a simplification of interest calculations and payment plans. Government service animal costs, government and private investigation costs and insurer's use of a subrogation claim as a restitution claim were removed because it was felt they weren't appropriate in municipal court. Following a public hearing the council voted and passed it unanimously.

City council also completed the first reading of Ordinance No. 10-2020 which similarly sought to make Alamosa's code more closely related to the state code. The current city code on false reporting does not include benign calls such as requests and questions on the emergency line as false reporting., which Schwiesow felt opened the city up to cost and aggravation.

What the new ordinance would do would be to seek to limit the abuse of the 911 system. There was concern about where the discretion would fall in each case which Schwiesow said that it would be an ordinance violation that would be handled by a judge. The motion passed unanimously, and the second reading was scheduled for April 15.

The city council meeting was adjourned with each speaker offering words of positivity and encouragement to the public and plenty of appreciation being expressed for all the essential personnel on the front lines keeping things running.

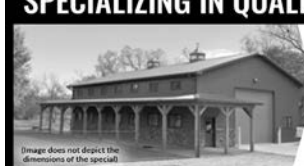


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Opinion

God Bless America ...



Argus Hamilton

President Trump called upon the nation to give our talents and skills to the cause of defeating this virus together, so it's my calling to help us laugh it to death.

I apologize if I annoy your sense of propriety by joking about COVID-19. Please remember that lack of taste is the first sign of the virus.

The White House urged home-bound Americans Tuesday to help save the restaurant business by telephoning your favorite eateries and ordering in or going for takeout. This transition period could bring a lot of changes. If Hooters begins home delivering, will it change its name to Knockers?

Beverly Hills residents were advised by police and officials Wednesday do not call the police if they see strange or dangerous-looking people walking down the sidewalks. They said all your 911 calls have been an honest mistake. Those are your neighbors without makeup or hair extensions.

President Trump trotted out U.S. military and DEA officials to warn the cartels not to try to run contraband into the U.S. during this crisis.

DEA agents just uncovered a two-thousand-foot long tunnel running from Tijuana into the U.S. The agents seized 50 million dollars worth of toilet paper.

Dr. Deborah Birx told White House reporters Wednesday that Chinese misinformation misled the U.S. about the virus's high contagiousness.

It turns out COVID-19 is a combination, in layman's terms, of Harvey Weinstein and Jeffrey Epstein. It screws everything around and it doesn't kill itself.

The White House offered an olive branch to Democrats for the sake of national unity against the coronavirus Wednesday.

Trump told reporters he would be completely open to a phone call from Joe Biden. Amazingly the President of the United States still has the time to check on the elderly.

Joe Biden remained sequestered in his Delaware home all week staying safe. This may be a presidential campaign like we've never seen.

The DNC announced Wednesday the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee cannot proceed as planned, with a speaking role for Joe Biden.

The Department of Health urged Americans to be creative while home quarantined in finding ways to stay healthy and in shape.

In the last two weeks, U.S. alcohol consumption has risen by an alarming fifty-seven percent. It's obvious what's happening, people are making their own sanitizer.

Adam Schiff asked to be Chairman of a House Committee to investigate Trump over his initial reaction to the outbreak from Asia. They are sure they've got him nailed now.

First it was Russia, then it was Ukraine, and now they think he had advance knowledge about the attack on Pearl Harbor.

National Basketball League officials held a press conference Wednesday and floated the idea of holding the NBA playoffs this year in front of no fans in attendance at the games.

This is an idea that may get the league embroiled in a trademark lawsuit. An empty arena is the WNBA logo.

Los Angeles liquor stores on Tuesday were declared essential out of compassion for alcoholics and will remain open. During home confinement, other addicts have to wait for their fix.

The good news for gambling junkies is that the Two Flies Walking Up the Wall season begins in just two weeks.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo put the state on home lockdown last week. In New York Harbor, the inscription on the Statue of Liberty that faces Europe across the ocean was just replaced by an eye chart.

It reads, If You Can Read This You Are Four Thousand Miles and Six Feet Too Close.

New York City and Baltimore began releasing non-violent offenders from local jails this past week in an effort to keep the coronavirus from rapidly spreading through the crowded jailhouses.

The virus has already spread to prison inmates in Chicago. R. Kelly just tested positive for COVID-14.

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Kid's Like Me: this is Qiana's story

I had both parents until I was five years old. They were both alcoholics and loved to smoke; they did a lot of crack.

I was emotionally abused and neglected. I was physically and sexually abused, but not by my parents.

My family is made up of a lot of drinkers. My drugs of choice are meth and marijuana, which I used the majority of my teens. I have used alcohol since I was little, but I want to stop using drugs and alcohol.

I started using drugs and drinking alcohol when I was little, because it was the environment I lived in.

I was born in Alamosa, but I grew up in Capulin. I have a younger brother and one older sister -- we're two years apart. I only know three of my grandparents and I'm very close to them, especially my grandma Linda.

I kind of wanted to be a teacher when I grew up.

I wasn't in band in school, but music is my life now. I love to play the guitar. I loved basketball and was on a team for a while, but things at home got to me and I didn't keep up my grades -- I was kicked off the basketball team because of it.

I didn't do good in school. I was always in detention. My teachers would fight with me a lot because I couldn't focus. I didn't have support in school or at home. I had a different best friend every year.

My mom and I were close, and she never hid anything from me when she got sober. When she got out of rehab, she took me to church. I believe in God. He is my best friend along with being my good Father.

I want to stop using drugs and alcohol because they have negatively affected my whole life.

I almost got married once, but I didn't. I don't have children, but it makes me anxious and nervous thinking about the possibility of my future children using drugs and alcohol.

I will do my best to protect them from using drugs and alcohol. I love kids and would never hurt them the way I got neglected and abused.

I am a Libra and I'm artistic. I love to

write raps and poems. I used to draw all the time, but I couldn't keep focused enough to finish a picture. I would write a lot about my life and everything I was going through.

If I could change anything, I would change the fact that I'm always locked-up.

My advice for addict parents: God Bless you, he will save you if you give him the chance.

My advice for grandparents raising their grandchildren, because the addict parents can't due to their addiction: Pray, let go, let God. Control what you can righteously and let him do the rest.

Kids like me, love God like you do your mom or yourself and treat everyone with love, regardless.

If I woke-up tomorrow morning and everything in my life was perfect, my family would be able to do as they please with no sorrow, just Joy.

Qiana

Thank You for sharing your story Qiana. You are definitely a kid like me.

"You Left Me for No Reason" by Hannah Smallwood

You had me, you left me, you never cared.

I was your second child and still you weren't prepared.

On the lonely nights when I was sad, You were the one who made me feel bad.

You were never there to wipe my tears. You weren't there for me throughout the years.

When I was lonely, you weren't there. I guess that's because you didn't care.



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LETTERS

Dear Editor,
The damage of the COVID-19 pandemic to the American medical and economic health is a glaring example of the fragmented, chaotic nature of our free enterprise medical system.

Our system is designed for the benefit of a few at the cost of the many. I have worked as a family doctor for 30 years, 16 of them in Colorado. This experience has led me to the conclusion that Medicare for all is our best hope for the future.

Medicare for all would build an infrastructure that would protect all our citizens. Rather than the commercially-driven computer fire-walls -- which prohibit the smooth transfer of medical information -- a Medicare for all system would include everybody. This would allow us to track patients and make timely interventions.

For example, Taiwan -- only 81 miles from mainland China -- has been able

to contain the pandemic through tracing contacts and testing. They developed this plan after the 2003 SARS epidemic and, instead of having the second-highest COVID-19 cases, have only had two hundred.

Current problems with testing for such a virus as COVID-19 could be addressed by a widespread network or regional laboratories, such as in Germany which has also controlled the early spread of the virus.

Although this crisis highlights our need for Medicare for all, there are other important reasons for single-payer: problems with access, comprehensiveness, racial disparities, long-term care of the elderly, and poor rural health care. Each of these could improve significantly under Medicare for all.

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Religion

Coronavirus creates legal minefield for priests, flocks

Every now and then, while a priest is traveling or out running errands, a stranger will approach and ask: "Father, will you hear my confession?"

This can happen on a city sidewalk or in a quiet corner of a big-box store. Often the question is urgent -- because something disturbing has shaken someone's faith.

"I've been asked for confession in a taxi. I've been asked while on a train," said Father Fergal O'Duill, part of the Dallas-Fort Worth branch of the Catholic movement Regnum Christi. His name is pronounced "O'Doul," and he is originally from Dublin, Ireland.

These requests happen, he added, because "people see you and they know you're a priest. We're priests no matter where we go."

Hearing confessions is crucial during the penitential season of Lent, which precedes Easter, which is on April 12 this year for Catholics and Protestants (April 19 for Eastern Orthodox Christians). Centuries

of Catholic and Orthodox tradition urge believers

On Religion



Terry Mattingly

to go to confession during Lent, before receiving Holy Communion on Easter.

The irony, right now, is that O'Duill can hear confessions during chance encounters, but not during scheduled times at the school where he serves as a chaplain.

The evolving coronavirus pandemic has turned Lent into a confusing minefield of legal and doctrinal questions for pastors and their flocks. In many communities, but not all, state or local officials have ordered people to "shelter in place" -- staying home unless they

have "essential" needs elsewhere. This has raised an obvious question: Is going to confession "essential," even if Catholics are preparing for Holy Week and Easter rites they will have to watch on digital screens at home?

For most of March, O'Duill was one of several priests who heard confessions in a giant parking lot, or in a pair of tents, near the Highlands School in Irving, Texas. Every effort was made to provide enough privacy to maintain the "dignity" of the sacrament, he said, while priests remained a safe distance from the penitents. Priests offered similar "drive-through" confession opportunities in a few other parts of America.

Then, on March 22, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued a shelter-in-place order effective through April 3 and, perhaps, beyond.

The ground rules changed. While Dallas Bishop Edward J. Burns had welcomed the "drive-through" confessions, said O'Duill, he canceled all

scheduled confessions -- even outdoors -- because that would require Catholics to leave their homes and could create crowds. Priests can still travel, during emergencies, to hear confessions or perform baptisms. Funerals are allowed, with restrictions on social distancing.

Orders of this kind fueled heated debates on Catholic social media.

In one case, the Catholic writer Eric Sammons tweeted: "If your parish priest has not found a way to continue hearing confessions during this pandemic, I'd say that's a sign that you need to find a new parish when this is all over. (And if your bishop has forbid the hearing of confessions, perhaps you need to find a

new diocese.)"

Another popular Catholic writer, Father Dwight Longenecker, replied: "As a priest in a diocese where hearing confessions has been suspended, are (you) recommending that I disobey my bishop? ... I can think of some ways to minister while still observing the distancing rules, but we not only obey the bishop, we work in solidarity with our brother priests. If one person breaks ranks there will be chaos."

It's possible the rules could change again, said O'Duill. At the moment, Regnum Christi priests are exploring whether it may be possible to celebrate Easter in an outdoor drive-in theater -- even if shelter-in-place orders continue.

Also, he said he will keep his eye on Rome to see how Pope Francis stages the traditional outdoor Stations of the Cross rites on Good Friday.

"I believe that this crisis is becoming a time of grace," said O'Duill. "One of the last confessions I heard the other day was one of the most amazing that I have heard in my life."

"This is a time when people are really digging deep and thinking about what matters. I think that will continue when this is all over. ... The Lord isn't going to let us down. He is with us as we go through all of this, no matter what."

Some SLV churches offer online services

VALLEY -- Notes from SLV churches concerning their online services are being posted here by the *Valley Courier*.

Church leaders should send their information to: kcerny@alamosanews.com for publication in future issues.

ALAMOSA CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Services may be found at Pastor Tony Werner's Facebook page.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (Conejos): Streaming Palm Sunday Service at 8 a.m. on Laura Chavez Quinlan's Facebook page.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH: Mass will be live-streamed Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on Sacred Heart Alamosa Facebook page.

SAN JUAN COMMUNITY CATHOLIC CHURCHES: Live streamed videos of masses daily and weekly Friday night Bible study at www.SJCCCommunity.org. Palm Sunday services will be 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday and 12 noon in Spanish. Holy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7 p.m. Easter Vigil service at 8:30 pm. Saturday, Easter Sunday at 10 a.m. and Spanish at 12 noon.

SERVICES at Home

Experiencing God's Power in Everyday Life

After I became a Christian, there were many years when I had no victory in my everyday life. I was miserable because I still had wounds in my soul from the past that made me insecure, angry, suspicious of others, and hard to get along with.

Even though I loved God and went to church every week, I had no idea that there was power available to me to overcome the hurts from the past and the struggles of everyday life. And everything that came along that was hard to handle, defeated me.

But I was so grateful when I found out in God's Word that not only is He powerful, but He wants to fill us with His power. He promises in His Word that we can have abundant life in Christ because He has overcome the world! (See John 10:10; 16:33.)

The truth is, as believers in Christ, we don't have to live weak, wimpy, pitiful, pathetic, barely-getting-by lives. We can have God's power working in us to enable us to do whatever we need to do in life!

There's No Such Thing as a Problem-free Life

Some people have the misconception that when they give their lives to Jesus, they will no longer have any problems. It would be nice if this were true, but in this world, we WILL have trials and tribulations. The good news is we can cheer up anyway because Jesus has overcome the world.

In John 16:33 (ESV), Jesus says, "... In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

No one can promise you a problem-free life, but God promises that if you will put your trust in Him, He will give you a faith that enables you to rise above the problems you face. And when you get through them, you'll be stronger on the other side than you were before you had them.

The Truth About God's Power



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and of ourselves, we are weak and we have limitations without God. If we didn't have any weakness, we wouldn't realize we need Him. And one of the best prayers we can ever pray is "God, I need You, and I'm nothing without You!" (See John 15:5.)

It's so important for us to understand this because if we wait until we have a problem that's too big for us to handle before we rely on God's strength, then we're setting ourselves up to fail.

The best thing we can do to live this life in victory is to continually seek God with our whole heart, realizing we're desperate for Him all the time. Spend time with Him in prayer and studying His Word every day. Then, when the storms of life happen, you will be confident that in Christ, you already have everything you need to overcome them...and you'll experience the power of His resurrection as you rise above them!

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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Monte Vista (across from Sargent School) Pastor Hugh Harris • 719-852-2890</p> <p>Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Back Row Church - Church Community In the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Building Alamosa www.backrowchurch.com Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342</p> <p>Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm</p> <p>Apostolic Alamosa Apostolic Church 510 First St., Alamosa</p> <p>Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m. 2-3 p.m. - Lunch 3-5 p.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Antonio Apostolic Church 710 Main St., Antonio</p> <p>Meets sundays 11-12 p.m. - Sunday School 12-1 p.m. - Worship service</p> <p>Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Champions, Acts 2:38 9056 Hwy 265 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351 Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-588-7307</p> <p>Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Service</p> <p>Assembly of God River of Life Church 2602 Clark Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service</p> <p>Center Assembly of God 7th & Miles • P.O. 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Choir is held on Wednesday at 6pm during the summer months with a final practice at 8:15am on Sunday</p> <p>Christian Bethel Christian Church Pastor Erik Lira</p> <p>Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m. Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Services Monday Free Music Classes Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Word of Faith Christian Center 401 Santa Fe, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night</p> <p>The Peak Community Church 510 San Juan, Alamosa</p> <p>Sundays, 6 p.m. - Fellowship Sundays, 7 p.m. - Worship & More</p> <p>Pentecostal Alamosa Pentecostal Church 184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-589-0475 Pastor Carl Sutter</p> <p>Bible Stud Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45 Worship 2:00-3:00</p> <p>Christian Fellowship Church The Door 1300 West 12th St., Alamosa Pastor Martin Montoya • 719-587-6197</p> <p>Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival</p> <p>Christian Independent Alamosa Christian Church 410 McQuerry, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Youth Group</p> <p>Christian Reformed Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-589-3493 1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa Pastor Philip VanderWindt</p> <p>Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>Churches of Christ Alamosa Church of Christ 408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step group meets, every Friday at 7 p.m.</p> <p>South Fork Church of Christ 205 Birch St. South Fork, 719-873-1259 Kevin Bradley Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Central Church of Christ 200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811 David L. Baker Preacher</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>San Luis Valley Church of Christ 704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-589-2114</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study 9 am Sunday Worship 10 am Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm</p> <p>Cornestone Community Church Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical Clinic Pastor Mark 719-657-9107</p> <p>Sunday, 9:50 a.m. free breakfast Sunday, 10:20 a.m. Contemporary Worship & Children Sunday School Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Dinner, music, fellowship, teachings</p> <p>Episcopal Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 5007 4th Street, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service</p> <p>Saint Stephen the Martyr 729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista</p> <p>Sunday, 10 am Service</p> <p>First Christian Church 518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa 589-8806</p> <p>Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>Valley Fellowship 240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3804</p> <p>Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Contemporary Worship, Prayer and Bible Study</p> <p>**Bible Studies during the week, call for information.</p> <p>First United Methodist First United Methodist Church 2035 Mullins Ave., Alamosa 719-589-2243</p> <p>"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" Morning Worship - Sunday, 10:15 am Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am</p>	<p>Community Churches United for Christ Community Church (SBC) "Community Centered Around Love" 7th & Broadway in Blanca 719-379-3317</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11am</p> <p>Bible Believers Community Church 11762 E US HWY 160 Alamosa, CO 81101 719) 206-3239</p> <p>Sunday worship 10:30 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm www.bbchurch.co</p> <p>Presbyterian Alamosa Presbyterian Church 330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship</p> <p>Hispanic Pentecostal Iglesia Pentecostal Unida L.A. 507 Tenth St, Alamosa Guadalupe Salazar Pastor 719-587-3546</p> <p>Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship</p> <p>New Hope Church "The Church on the Hill" 25258 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co. 81154 Interim Pastor Ed Fleming • 719-873-1202 www.newhopest.com</p> <p>Morning Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45</p> <p>Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101 alamosafellowship@gmail.com</p> <p>Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Independent, Fundamental Baptist First Baptist Church of Costilla County 9717 County Rd H, Mesita 719-206-0011 Pastor Paul Jones</p> <p>Sunday, 9:45 am - Sunday School Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner Sunday, after dinner - Afternoon Worship Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesita Bible Study and Prayer meeting Home Bible studies in Costilla County Meeting in different locations</p> <p>DEAF MINISTRY FOR ALL SERVICES Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Alamosa YSA Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa Second Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Third Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Fourth Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language) 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.</p> <p>Lutheran St. Peters Lutheran Church & School Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista</p> <p>Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services School: K-8, Monday-Thursday</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church & School 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>"Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week" - Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 589-4611, Alamosa; 589-3271 Conejos Canyon Community Chapel 20062 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Fellowship Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Mountain Valley Church 408 State St. 17, Alamosa Pastor: Richard Pinkerton 589-2859 or 589-7652</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2555</p> <p>Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship</p> <p>Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa</p> <p>Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>United Methodist United Methodist Church 5385 Barker Street, Mosca 720-254-5564</p> <p>Reverend Hugh Harris Sunday Worship: 8:00 am.</p> <p>Unitarian Universalist Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa</p> <p>"North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church 719-587-5529"</p> <p>Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am Sunday.</p> <p>United Presbyterian Church of Antonito P.O. Box 665, Antonito</p> <p>Office Hrs. Tues. 9:00am-12:00 Sunday 9:45am- Sunday School 10:45am - Service</p> <p>Valley Church of the Nazarene 228 Madison, Monte Vista - 852-5858 Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday School Classes 9:00 am. Every other Wednesday 6 pm. (575)758-5876 for information for class schedule</p> <p>Church of Scientology 511 Main Street, Suite #12, Alamosa 719-587-5554</p> <p>Monday and Wednesday, 7-10 p.m. - Services</p> <p>Grace Assembly Ministry Church without Religion 9851 CR 4 S, Alamosa, CO Sunday Mornings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 719-588-7004 Eric Wolf - 719-480-3977</p>
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Plaintiffs:
RUDY J. MARTINEZ AND LYDIA M. MARTINEZ as Trustees of the RUDY J. MARTINEZ AND LYDIA M. MARTINEZ LIVING TRUST, dated June 30, 1995

v.

Defendants:
RALPH PEREZ, GAY ELIZABETH LUJAN, RICARDO JESUS FALCON, JR., AGNES LOVIDA SOLIS, ANGELICA MARIA SANCHEZ, JANICE SANCHEZ, DAVID EDWARD PACHECO, ROSANNE PACHECO, KEVIN ATENCIO, DAVINE ATENCIO, EARNEST MILTON MARTINEZ, the estate of OPHELIA DOLORES MARTINEZ, the estate of EPIFANIO MARTINEZ the UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD, and all unknown persons who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action.

Attorney for Plaintiffs: William F. Dunn, Reg. 1036
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Case Number: 2019CV030030
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO ALL ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint To Quiet Title 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 30 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 to Quiet Title may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.

If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint to Quiet Title in writing within 30 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint to Quiet Title without further notice.

This is an action in rem to quiet title to a tract of land containing 2.80 acres, more or less, located in the NW7NE7 of Section 7, Township 39 North, Range 7 East, N.M.P.M., Rio Grande County, Colorado. A complete legal description of the subject property is attached to the Complaint now on file with the Clerk of the District Court in the above captioned case.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2020.
Published in the Alamosa Valley Courier
First Publication: March 20, 2020
Last Publication: April 17, 2020

/s/
William F. Dunn, Reg. No. 1036
Attorney for Plaintiffs
No. 1368
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INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

The City Of Alamosa, Colorado, is requesting proposals from qualified consultants until Friday, April 24, 2019 at 5 p.m. at the Alamosa Public Works Department for the study entitled "Alamosa Housing Needs Assessment"

For the past several years, the City of Alamosa has been investing into plans and strategies to help inform policies and goals in order to promote economic development, quality residential growth, and general improvements for the protection of the quality of life for the city's residents and businesses. In 2017, the City of Alamosa completed the Comprehensive Plan, which resulted in the new Uniform Development Code and spawned the Downtown Plan. While these plans addressed the need for housing as it relates to economic development, and there is broad agreement that the issue should be addressed, no specific strategy or data exists. The City of Alamosa has not historically played a role in housing and is currently working on developing this expertise. Therefore, this assessment and plan will be extremely important to guide the City's priorities moving forward.

Any and all questions shall be submitted in writing prior to 5 p.m. on April 14, 2019 by electronic mail to daspinwall@ci.alamosa.co.us

Questions and responses will be posted on the city web site as soon as possible thereafter. A copy of the Request for Proposal and a sample Scope of Services is available on the City's website at <https://cityofalamosa.org/infiditfast/living-in-alamosa/public-bids/>.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or waive any irregularities in any proposal or the proposal process.

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In the Matter of the Estate of:
Ronald Jay Nielson a/k/a Ronald J. Nielson
Deceased.

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Attorneys for Petitioners:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Ronald Jay Nielson, Deceased Case Number 2020PR030001

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Conejos, County, Colorado on or before August 3, 2020 or the claims may be forever barred.

Rabea Taylor
Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
620 N. Tejon St. Ste 101
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Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80903
City, State, Zip Code
No. 1383
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NOTICE OF PENDING NON-SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF STATE LAND

NOTICE is hereby provided that the State Board of Land Commissioners ("Board") has authorized the initiation of a non-simultaneous exchange of land pursuant to Article IX, § 9 of the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes §§ 36-1-124.3 and 124.5 for the following parcel of state trust land located in Alamosa County, Colorado:

1 acre +/-, Section 16, Township 38 North, Range 9 East of the New Mexico Meridian

The surface rights of the above-described parcel are proposed to be conveyed by Patent for cash that will be deposited with the State Treasurer for the Board to acquire replacement property it identifies at a future date. The minerals and all other subsurface rights, and access thereto, are reserved.

Under the terms and provisions of Colorado Revised Statute § 36-1-124.3, the Board will transfer this parcel directly to the Board of County Commissioners of Alamosa County, Colorado in accordance with Board Order 2020-016. The purpose of the disposal is to benefit the Board operations as required by Section 10 of Article IX of the State Constitution.

The Board will consider the disposal at a public meeting on a future date that is at least sixty days beyond the first notification date of this Notice at the offices of the State Land Board, 1127 Sherman Street, 2nd Floor, Denver, Colorado, 80203.

The minimum exchange price for the parcel is \$30,000.

The publication of this Notice on April 3, 2020, begins a public notice period during which written comments may be submitted to the Board. To be considered, comments must be received in writing or in email by 5 p.m. on May 1, 2020, by Matthew LaFontaine, 1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80203 or matthew.lafontaine@state.co.us.

Comments on the proposed direct exchange must be clearly marked "Comments on the Mount Pleasant School Site Direct Transaction". The Board will hear and receive testimony and evidence, and consider all timely comments at their public meeting, currently scheduled for July 8th, 2020 beginning at or around 8:00 a.m. at the offices of the State Land Board. Due to the possibility that the time and location of public meetings may change, check the Board's website for the latest information at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/statelandboard/public-meetings>.

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FLU PREVENTION CLINIC Every Thursday in March. Be proactive and strengthen your immune system at the Acu Center Community Clinic located in Del Norte, 990 6th st. Call for appointment 360-821-9006.(4/3)

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THE SAN LUIS VALLEY Board of Cooperative Educational Services has teacher positions for full time elementary and middle school special education teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. Interested applicants should hold a valid Colorado Teacher License with a Special Education Endorsement or be eligible for a Temporary Educator Eligibility (TEE). Successful experience with working with students with behavioral needs preferred. Application is available at the BOCES office or on-line www.slvbooces.org. Process requires application, letter of interest, and three current letters of reference. Send completed application process to Nita McAuliffe, Director of Exceptional Student Services, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101 or [nmcauliffe@slvboeces.org](mailto:nmcauliffe@slvbooces.org). Application deadline is April 17, 2020 or until positions are filled.(4/22)

THE SAN LUIS VALLEY Board of Cooperative Educational Services has positions for a full time occupational therapist and physical therapist. Interested applicants should hold a valid Colorado Special Services License or be eligible for a Temporary Educator Eligibility (TEE). Application is available at the BOCES office or on-line [www.slvboeces.org](http://www.slvbooces.org). Process requires application, letter of interest, and three current letters of reference. Send completed application process to Nita McAuliffe, Director of Exceptional Student Services, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101. Application deadline is April 17, 2020 or until positions are filled.(4/22)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for an Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. 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 20, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996.(4/21)

THE COSTILLA COUNTY Conservancy District is now hiring for an Administrative Assistant position. Job requirements: High School Diploma, Microsoft Office experience, and Email and computer skills. Preferred qualifications: Accounting/bookkeeping (Quickbooks) skills and Good communications/writing skills. Position is for 30 hours per week, Monday - Friday. Please email resume along with letters of recommendation and references to info@costillaccd.org by April 2, 2020.(4/4)

221 HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Fifth Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The person in this position will teach both Science and Language Arts. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. 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 20, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996.(4/21)

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)

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a 2020-21 part-time Secondary Business Teacher 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)

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)

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for and Activities Director position. Start date 6/1/20. 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)

SARGENT 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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THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) full time Manassa and La Jara Elementary music teacher and (1) Manassa Elementary Teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Applicants must hold a Colorado current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. NCSD offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Applications are available at the Administration office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Application deadline is until position is filled. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE.(4/2)

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@trinidad-state.edu or 719-589-7017. Review of applications is ongoing. TSJC is an equal opportunity institution.(4/9)

JONES OIL COMPANY seeking route drivers. Need to have CDL Class A or B with hazmat and tanker endorsement. Clean MVR. Must be 21 or older. Call 719-754-2221 for application.(4/22)

ALL AROUND FARM Mechanic needed. Pay depending upon experience. Call 719-588-4481.(4/9)

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FULL TIME: GUADALUPE Parish Credit Union has an opening for a full-time Member Service Representative in their San Luis Branch Office. Banking experience, excellent communication and computer skills required. Bilingual preferred. Please submit a resume and three professional references to Guadalupe Parish Credit Union, Attention: Robert A. Chavez, President/CEO, P.O. Box 97, Antonito, CO 81120 or drop off at the San Luis Branch. Application deadline is Friday, April 3, 2020 at 5pm. For more information please contact Robert A Chavez, President/CEO at 719-376-5413.(4/2)

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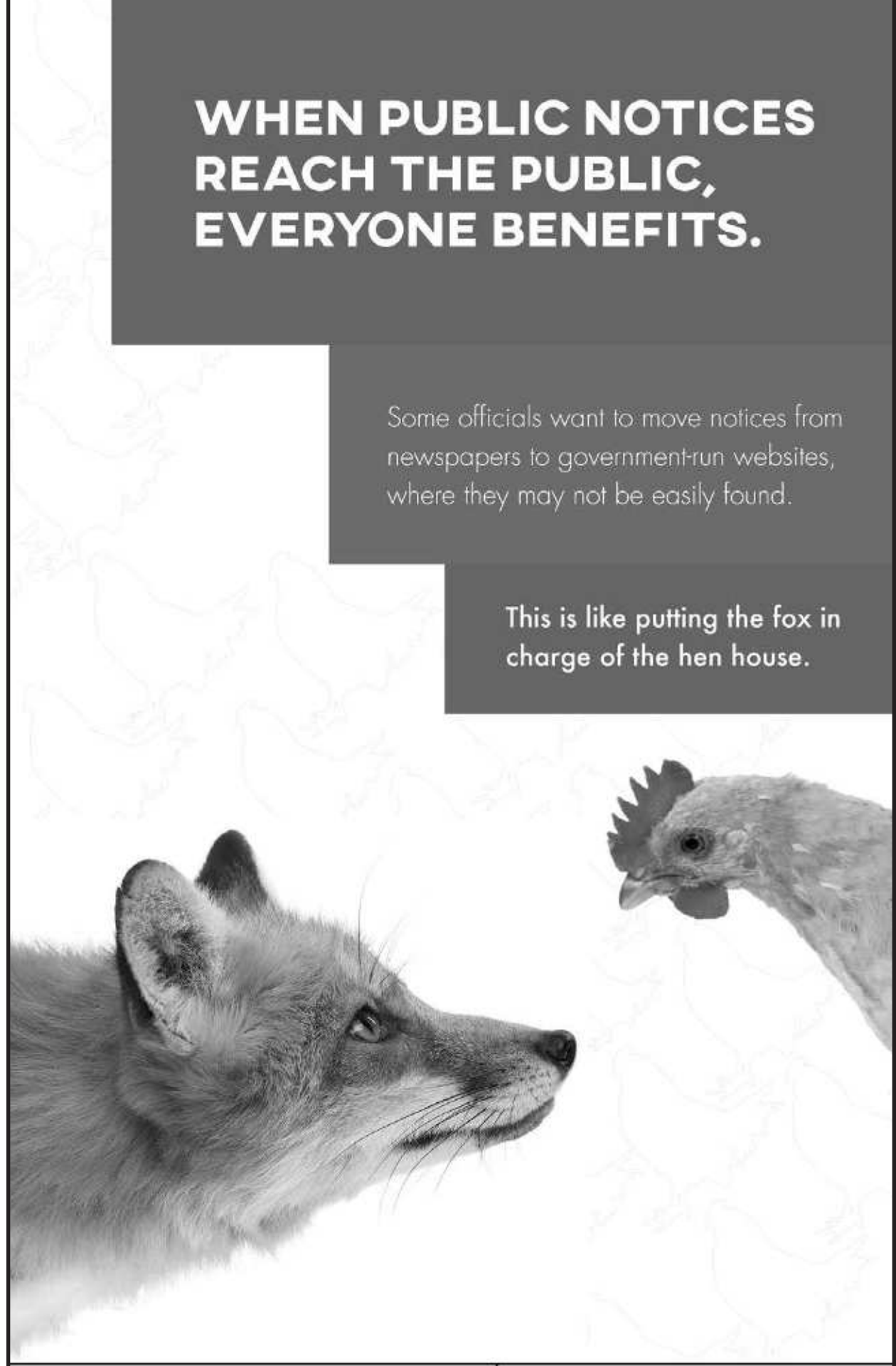
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LABOR: VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED. Duties include, getting in and out of trash truck, emptying trash bins into trash truck. Physical labor Required, must be able to lift up to 100 lbs, other duties as assigned. 32 to 40 hours a week, Home Base in Manassa, CO. Please call 719 580 1518 or 719 843-5354. (4/9)

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing home is now hiring LPN's and RN's. Come join our team! Must have a current license and CPR. Days and Night shift With night shift differential. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th st in Del Norte Co or call 719-657-1105 Ask for Susan or Chelcy. (RVI is EOE.)(4/3)

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing home in Del Norte Co is seeking a Director of Nursing must have a current Colorado license and in good standing. We offer insurance and competitive wages if interested please stop in @ 1335 6th st to apply or if you have any questions please feel free to contact us @ 719-657-1105 ask for Susan. (RVI is EOE.)(4/3)

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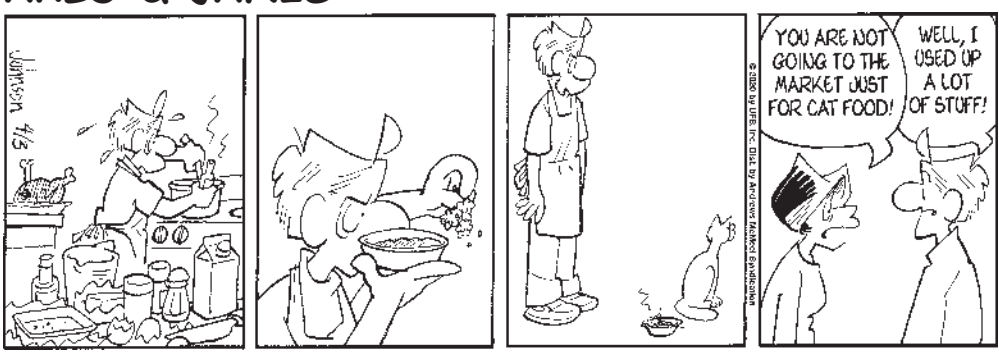


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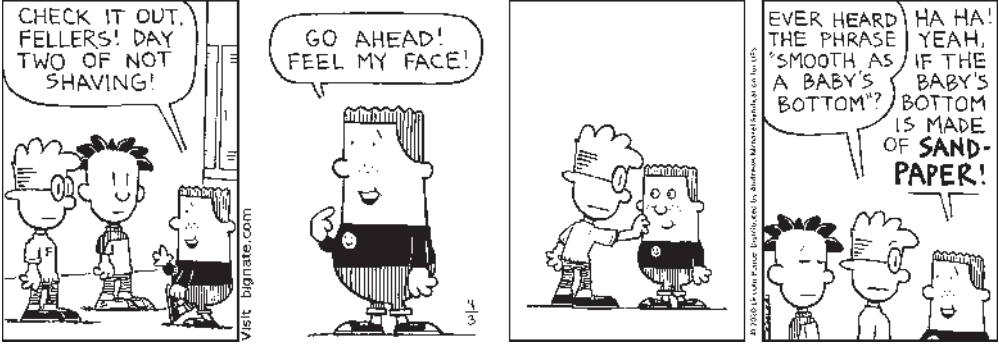
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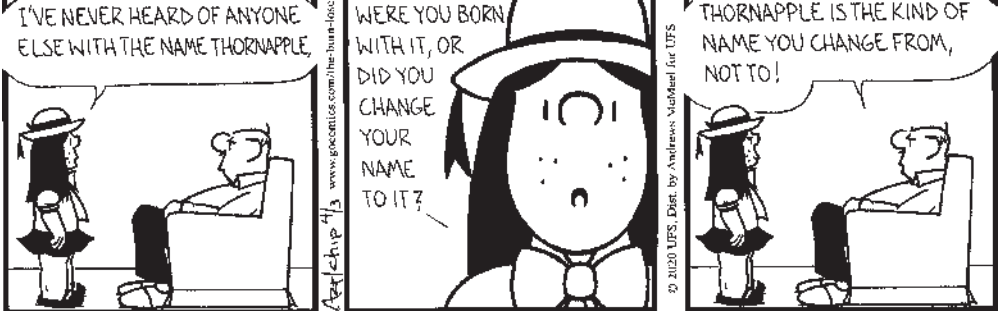
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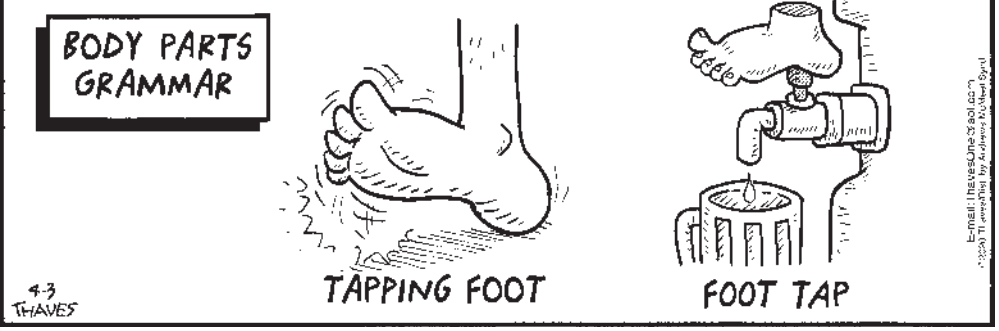
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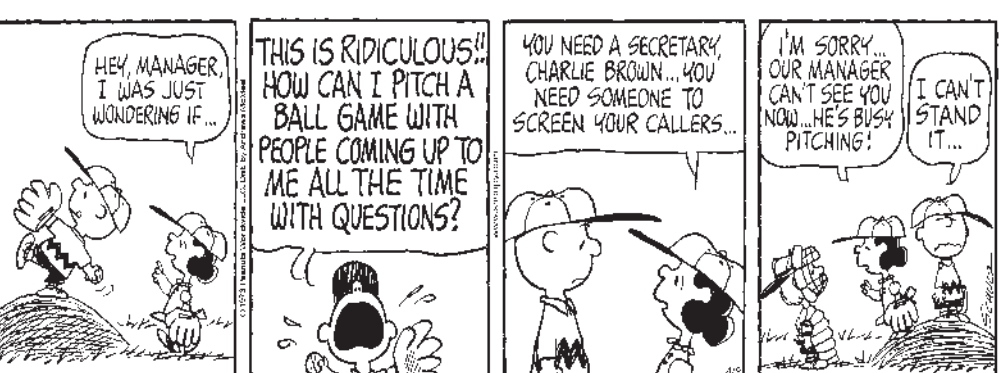
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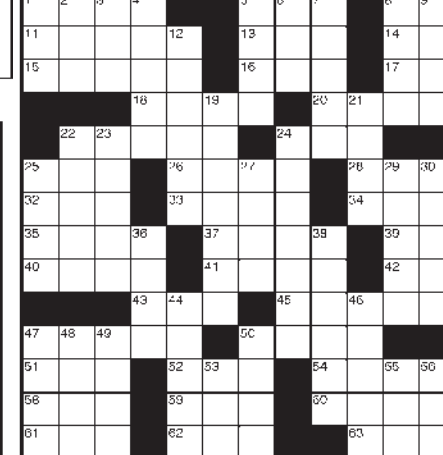
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Girlfriend says man should find new home after prison

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of 15 years is in prison. We have two children together. Our relationship has been rough. We had a fight, and he went to jail for it. Another reason he went to prison is he violated his probation and failed to report.

I take the kids to see him, and he still wants us to be together. He has nowhere to go when he gets out. How do I tell him I don't want him back at my house without him retaliating on me? -- AFRAID IN TEXAS

DEAR AFRAID: This is how. Tell him plainly that because of the circumstances that sent him to jail, you no longer want him living under your roof. It's bad for the children. Therefore, he will be finding other living arrangements when he is released.

He may not like it, but please remember you owe him nothing. You have to stand your ground for your children's sake. Should he stalk or threaten you in any way, go to the police. Tell them you are afraid of him and why, and ask about a restraining order because he is violent.

disrespectful. My husband also pulls out his phone when we are out with friends. I have told him that what he's doing is basically telling them he would rather see what's on his phone than converse with them. He doesn't do it for the entire meal, but when he does, it irritates me. How can I get basic manners across to him? -- LONELY AT MEALTIME

DEAR LONELY: I knew a person years ago who had an impulse control problem similar to the one you describe your husband having. The man had been in an auto accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. In your husband's case, it appears he either has attention deficit disorder or "suffers" from a lack of consideration for your feelings. There is help for the former, but you can't teach basic manners to someone who doesn't want to learn. You have my sympathy. Try not to let it give you heartburn.

DEAR ABBY: I work as a parcel clerk in a major retail store. The biggest part of my job is returning shopping carts from the parking lot to the lobby. Shoppers have a habit that makes my job a lot harder than it needs to be, so I want to get this message out to as many people as possible:

PLEASE push your shopping cart ALL THE



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

WAY into the next one when you put it away. I'm not asking you to bring your cart all the way back to the store. Just remember that each cart can nest into the one in front of it.

You have no idea how much faster I could do my job if everybody did this. Thank you for helping get the word out. -- PLEA FROM THE PARKING LOT

DEAR PLEA: Glad to help. And as long as we are on the subject of shopping carts, may I add that those cute little straps that are meant to secure small children in the upper compartment of the cart tend to get caught and lock the carts together if folks are careless after they unhook their children. It can be next to impossible to untangle those carts. I speak from experience.

Lifestyle

Adams State Valverde receives JV Educational Consultants Award

ALAMOSA — Adams State University Assistant Professor of Music Matthew Valverde, D.M.A., was recognized for his outstanding work in education by the JV Educational Consultants (JVEC). A committee on behalf of the organization receives endorsement about outstanding faculty, staff, and administrators from all over the country and Valverde will be honored with the JV Educational Leadership Award for providing outstanding leadership within the field of higher education.

"I was surprised and humbled for this recognition," Valverde said. He called his father in Texas first after learning of the award. "My father was an attorney in Texas who was involved in equity cases. I was very proud to share with him."

Valverde recognizes each student brings their own unique experiences with them into the classroom and individual vocal lessons. He encourages his students to go beyond just learning the musical notes and words by building a sense of ownership in their assigned music. "I believe in giving them the space and process to work through their own joys and struggles."

He works with a diverse student population and examines everything through the lens of equity.

"It helps make me a better teacher to think critically about how I teach."

Valverde also serves as the Inclusive Excellence Liaison and is chair of the President's Advisory

Group on Equity.

Valverde continues to perform nationally. He was recently in the second production of the new chamber opera *Tienda Moya/Vicente* in Minneapolis and sang in Detroit with EXIGENCE, a Sphinx Vocal Ensemble highlighting artistry within Black and Latinx communities.

JVEducational receives secret nominations that focus on educational and enthusiastic technique, contribution to student retention, dedication to a professor's discipline through scholarly advancements, and more. "Matthew exemplifies excellence in education," said Dawn Beckford, JV Educational Consultants.

Valverde will receive his honor at the 18th Annual International Males of Color Empowerment and Retention Conference in October, 2020.

According to the website jveducational.org, JVEC offers a variety of consultation services to associations, colleges (schools), communities, foundations, higher educational institutions, nonprofits, nations and international collaborations to successfully implement and sustain strategies that lead to constructive student/faculty development, effective student and teacher leadership in education.

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advise utility customers to avoid scams

DENVER — The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), two divisions within the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), are helping to raise awareness about scams being perpetrated on utility consumers during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Unfortunately, scammers haven't taken a break during this public health crisis, and utility customers may be especially vulnerable. It is important for consumers to know that, in response to Gov. Jared Polis' March 20, 2020, Executive Order D 2020 012, all Colorado electric and gas utilities have ceased disconnections during this time. If a utility customer receives any call threatening an immediate shutoff, it is a scam.

Colorado consumers can obtain information about their specific utility provider's policies in response to COVID-19 at this link: [Statewide Utility Measures Undertaken in Response to Executive Order](https://www.dora.org/Statewide-Utility-Measures-Undertaken-in-Response-to-Executive-Order).

Signs of a Scam:

Disconnection Deception: Scammers call threatening disconnection of your utility service, demanding immediate payment by prepaid cards purchased at a local retail store (or credit card, debit card, bank draft, wiring money, etc.) and insisting you call them back. This may also be done in person or via email.

Contractor Con: Scammers posing as utility workers or contractors affiliated with your utility may knock on your door claiming to be employed or hired by the utility company to read, upgrade, reset, repair, replace, or inspect your utility meter or other utility-related devices.

Bogus Bills: Scammers send suspicious emails that appear to be a bill sent by your utility company, potentially featuring your utility's logo and color

scheme.

How Customers Can Protect Themselves:

Customers should never purchase a prepaid card to avoid service disconnection or shut off. Legitimate utility companies do not specify how customers should make a bill payment and always offer a variety of ways to pay a bill, including accepting payments online, by phone, automatic bank draft, mail, or in person. Utilities do not demand immediate payment over the phone. Further, companies never send a single notification one hour or less before disconnection.

At this time, utilities are not sending employees into homes to read in-home meters in an effort to promote social distancing to prevent further spread of the virus. Anyone claiming otherwise is not legitimate.

Do not click on any links or attachments in any email unless you have verified the sender. You may be directed to a scam website designed to steal your personal information or you might install malicious software onto your computer without ever knowing it. Utility companies typically send bills via mail, unless you have opted to receive your bill electronically.

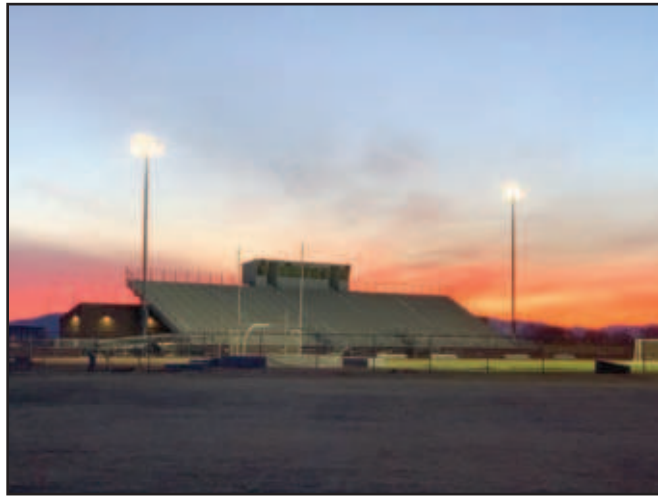
Customers who suspect that they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened during contact, should alert local law enforcement authorities immediately. The Federal Trade Commission is also a good source of information about how to protect personal information. The Colorado Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Section also provides consumer protection information for victims of fraud.

The Utilities United Against Scams ("UUAS") released an alert focused on scams in the time of the COVID-19 crisis. <https://www.utilitiesunited.org/-/media/Files/UNITED/Documents/UUAS-overview-Covid-19v2.ashx>

Sports

Stadiums across the state light up

By RYAN CASEY
CHSAA Media



Courier photo by Ryker Alonzo

Alamosa's football stadium was alight on Monday night accompanied by a tweet from Athletic Director Erik Melgoza stating "We believe in our students and we are here for our students. To honor you, the lights at the stadium will be turned on tonight at 7:30-8:00 p.m. and then every Monday evening the rest of April." before reminding students "Please don't come to the stadium."

It even spawned a hashtag: #bethelightCO. Steamboat Springs athletic director Luke DeWolfe sent the following message to his school community: "Last night the lights at Gardner Field were turned as a beacon of solidarity that signifies our commitment to kids, and our community. The lights burned for 11 minutes (one minute for each day we have been out of school). Together we will continue to shine."

Said District 11 district athletic director Chris Noll: "The school is the hub of a community and kids love being at school. They might not always love class, but most of them love being at school and being around their peers and friends and staff members. Colorado Springs D11 is excited to participate in #BeTheLightCO as a way for us to tell our kids that we miss them and we are thinking of them! Even though we might not be together, we are still there for not only them, but the families of D11."

Taking part on Monday night included: Durango, which wrote that "our stadium misses you, our halls miss you, our classrooms miss you!"

Stadiums across Colorado lit up on Monday night as schools and districts sought to offer a beacon of hope to their students.

From Bennett to Steamboat Springs, local stadiums turned on their lights as they responded to an idea from CHSAA assistant commissioner Adam Bright to show students we are thinking of them, even as schools remained closed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"High schools are so often the centerpiece of a community," Bright said. "Shining the lights lets our communities and students know we miss them and look forward to being back. When this is over, these lights will be on and the stadiums will fill as we resume life as normal and celebrate our communities through high school athletics and activities."

"Seeing empty stadiums with lights on in other parts of the country on social media, I thought it would be a great way to engage our Colorado high school communities," Bright added. "I wanted to see our social media feeds filled with Colorado stadiums being the light for Colorado so I consulted with a couple of schools across the state to create a 'Be The Light' challenge for our schools to compete in."

Spring activities and sports now suspended until April 30

COLORADO — The suspension of spring activities and sports has been extended to April 30 following state and local extensions on school closures and mandatory social-distancing related to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

Any decisions regarding spring activities potentially resuming will depend on

students' abilities to return to in-person instruction.

On Wednesday, Gov. Jared Polis extended the closure of all public and private schools to in-person learning through at least April 30. In addition, the federal government has extended social distancing guidelines to April 30.

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We are all in this together so while we are social distancing please render any act of kindness and compassion to your fellow human beings and animals alike. A little bit of kindness goes a long way to making someone's or something's day or life better.

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