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LA JARA — A Regular Board Meeting for the North Conejos School District Board of Education will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at the District Administration Office in La Jara, Colorado. Agendas are available at the District Administration Office, 17890 US Highway 285, La Jara, Colorado, or on our web site www.northconejos.com.

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Planned Alamosa animal shelter receives \$350,000 shot in the arm

Grant will fund construction and operation of San Luis Valley Animal Center

DENVER — Animal Assistance Foundation has awarded a \$350,000 grant to support San Luis Valley Animal Center, a new animal shelter that will be built and operated by the Dumb Friends League in Alamosa County, CO.

“This generous grant from

Animal Assistance Foundation will help improve animals’ lives across the state,” said Dumb Friends League President and CEO Dr. Apryl Steele. “San Luis Valley Animal Center will provide care for lost, stray, abandoned and unwanted pets in an area where these services are desperately needed.”

Animal Assistance Foundation continues to expand its impact across the state of Colorado and has focused a significant amount of effort in helping underserved areas within the state.

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Dumb Friends League SAN LUIS VALLEY ANIMAL CENTER

Fire restrictions are imposed

Stage 1 in Alamosa County

By KEITH R. CERNY
Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA — Stage 1 fire restrictions were put in place Wednesday by County Sheriff Robert Jackson and will continue for one week, through April 22. This includes agricultural burning.

Both Conejos County and the Rio Grande National Forest are under Stage 2 fire restrictions.

Fire restrictions help land management agencies reduce fire risk and prevent wildfires during periods of high to extreme danger.

Prohibitions under Stage 1 include building, maintaining or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal barbecues and grills, except those using certain permanent firepits and some items using gas, jellied petroleum and pressurized liquid fuel.

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Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Alamosa firefighters were called to an area on the north edge of East Alamosa around 1:30 p.m. Wednesday where a field fire appeared to be getting out of hand, contrary to Stage 1 fire restrictions put in place that morning by Sheriff Robert Jackson. A Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control team assisted in fighting the blaze. The photo is slightly distorted due to heat and smoke from the fire.

San Luis Valley looks to flatten curve

SAN LUIS VALLEY — SLV Emergency would like to thank everyone for continuing to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the San Luis Valley. It is working. The SLV have no new cases today. The total of confirmed cases so far in the San Luis Valley is 22. Thirteen cases have completed their isolation period and have been free of symptoms for more than 72 hours. Further details on San Luis Valley case counts, as well as a link to the SLV Symptom Tracker Survey, can be found at www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19.

It is understood that this is not easy. Whether following stay-at-home orders that apply to everyone, or following the more restrictive guidelines for quarantine and isolation, it can be difficult to be separated from others and to have routines disrupted.

If you have been exposed to someone who may have COVID-19, you should not leave home for 14 days, except to receive necessary medical care as directed by your doctor. Emotional reactions during quarantine and after coming out of quarantine

may include:

- Guilt about not being able to perform normal work or parenting duties during quarantine
 - Stress from the experience of monitoring yourself or being monitored by others for signs and symptoms of COVID-19
 - Fear and worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones
 - Sadness, anger, or frustration because friends or loved ones have unfounded fears of contracting the disease from contact with you, even though you have been determined not to be contagious
 - Mixed emotions, including relief after quarantine
 - Other emotional or mental health changes
- Children may also feel upset or have other strong emotions if they, or someone they know, have been on quarantine. These reactions are normal. If you need support, reach out to San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group at (719) 589-3671.

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Second arrest in Cuevas-Garcia death

PUEBLO — KKTU is reporting that a second person was arrested in the disturbing case of where a Colorado man is accused of murdering his own mother, stuffing her body in a suitcase and throwing the suitcase in a dumpster in Pueblo.

On Thursday, Pueblo Police announced the arrest of 36-year-old, Melanie Cuevas. She was picked up by authorities Thursday morning in Monte Vista and is facing a charge of accessory to first-degree murder. Police continue to ask anyone with information on this case to contact (719) 320-6022.

The victim, whose remains were found in a trash bin in the area of Ivywood Lane and Vinewood Lane on Oct. 17, was identified by the Pueblo County coroner Oct. 21 as Maria Cuevas-Garcia. Authorities did not immediately announce how they tied Melanie to the case. Melanie Ann Cuevas, Anthony’s wife, was also arrested Oct. 18 for a criminal impersonation warrant. Antonio Cuevas, already wanted on a parole violation, was arrested Oct. 18. Police confirmed to 11 News that Cuevas is the victim’s son.

SLV COVID 19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2020. All numbers are cumulative. If there are discrepancies between these numbers and those showing on the state's data website, use these local numbers.

22 SLV POSITIVE CASES

- Alamosa County - 7
- Conejos County - 0
- Costilla County - 3
- Mineral County - 2
- Rio Grande County - 7
- Saguache County - 3

9 HOSPITALIZED

13 ISOLATION COMPLETED

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

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OBITUARIES

Eunice Catherine Barnes Harris



ALAMOSA — Eunice Catherine Barnes Harris was born September 8, 1930 in Lakeland, Florida to parents Zerney Burnes Barnes and Eunice Pipkin Barnes. As the youngest of four siblings, Zerney Barnes, Jr., Richard Barnes and Elizabeth Barnes (MacKinnon). Eunice spent her early years among many friends and relatives. After graduating from Florida State University and beginning a lifetime career of elementary school teaching, she married Harold Douglas Harris, Jr. on January 16, 1954 and became an Army wife. She cheerfully managed the many moves that followed. Eunice and Harold along with their three children, Doug, Charles and Katherine had the opportunity to live in Georgia, New Jersey, France, Montana and Florida. The family moved to Alamosa, Colorado in 1970 and Eunice and Harold put down permanent roots in the San Luis Valley. Eunice remained in contact with the many friends she met

throughout her life. She and Harold visited many of them as they traveled across the country over the years. Eunice was an active P.E.O. member for over 65 years and was very much loved by her P.E.O. sisters. Music was very important in her life and she played both the piano and the organ. She also sang in the choir during her life as a member of every Methodist Church she attended. Eunice also accompanied, on the piano, many student's music performances throughout the years. Eunice was an avid bridge player and actually met Harold on a "blind date" for a bridge game. She was known for baking cookies and

made thousands over her lifetime for children to enjoy painting. Her love of children was reflected by the many who considered her "their" Grandma Harris.

Eunice was preceded in death by her husband Harold, son Doug and daughter-in-law Susan.

She is survived by her son Charlie (Debbie) Harris, daughter Kay Harris Risdahl and her grandchildren, Corey (Rachel) Harris, Holly (Tom Yanker) Harris, Katie Risdahl, Christi Risdahl, Tim (Sabrina) Biggs and Jay (Charity) Biggs.

Eunice was a much loved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Cremation was selected and a memorial service followed by interment at Homelake Cemetery will be held at a later time. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

Jonathan Joseph Hicks, 24



MOSCA — Jonathan Joseph Hicks, 24, died unexpectedly April 11, 2020, at his home in Mosca.

Jon was born in Denver, July 4, 1995. He started kindergarten at Denver's Centennial Elementary School and attended schools in Austin, TX, Worcester, Mass. and Monte Vista, CO. He graduated from Worcester Technical High School in 2014. President Barack Obama delivered the commencement speech to Jon's graduating class. Jon never forgot meeting the president and his presidential bear hug.

"He smelled AMAZING," Jonathan liked telling people.

Jon passionately followed the Colorado Rockies throughout his life. Even when he was only four years old, Jon amazed family and friends with his ability to uncannily mimic the batting stance of every Colorado Rockies player on the starting roster, at that time.

Jon attended Anna Maria College, in Paxton, Mass., where he also worked as an assistant football coach

for the Am cats. During his years in Paxton, Jon kindly tolerated the sports allegiances of his Colorado family as he grew into a big booster of the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox.

He moved back to Monte Vista in 2017, where he attended Trinidad State Junior College and earned an associate degree in diesel mechanics. Jon worked for Tractor Supply and Napa Auto Parts in Alamosa.

Jon loved wearing a cowboy hat and boots along with any item of clothing adorned with the name of his favorite teams including hats, underwear, shoes, socks, T-shirts and jackets. He loved to hunt and play

video games and listen to the Dave Matthews Band, John Prime and Josh Turner. He was outgoing and confident all his life and always carried joy — making everyone around him happy.

Jon is survived by his mother, Mary Hutchinson, Monte Vista; his father, Rev. Warren Hicks and stepmother, Rev. Lisa Green, Hampton, VA. and his stepsister, Mary Mitchell, Houston. He also is survived by five aunts, seven uncles and several first cousins; all of whom adored him.

Finally, he is survived by his fiancée, Jessie Fraser and her children: Lola, Lily and Logan; to whom Jon was bonded.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Kathryn Blake Hicks, who died at age 7 in 1998; his grandparents, Pat and Ed Hutchinson, Denver; and Sally and Donovan Hicks Granby.

A celebration of Jon's bright life will be held at a safer time. Arrangements in care of Strohmayr's Funeral Home.

Larry Glen Reed, 80



CENTER — Larry Glen Reed, 80, passed away on April 16, 2020. He was born on June 22, 1939, in Worland, WY to William and Florence Reed.

Larry graduated from Cody high school in Cody, WY in 1957 and achieved his Bachelor's Degree in Science and Physics from the University of Wyoming in 1961. He honorably served his country in the United States Army.

Larry moved to the San Luis Valley in the late 60s to start farming from the ground up.

Over the next 50 years -- following his dream of farming -- he worked the land farming potatoes and wheat. On April 24, 1982, Larry married the love of his life, Vivian Janice Todd, in Monte Vista. He cherished his time with Janice -- especially sneak-



ing away from the farm to drive up to the mountains for a picnic.

Larry lovingly cared for his wife at home, until her passing on Dec. 1, 2015. Larry was a member of the Monte Vista Methodist

Church.

Larry is survived by his brothers: Bill (Ann) Reed and Joe (Kathy) Reed; as well as his brother-in-law, Glenn Todd; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Janice; as well as his sister, Janis Haeberle.

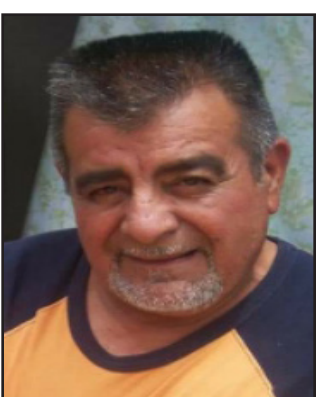
Larry's wishes were to be buried in the Monte Vista Cemetery with his wife. A private graveside service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Trinidad Nursing Program and may be made in care of the funeral home office.

To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com to leave a condolence for his family.

Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

Arthur "Archie" Jose Vigil, 71



VALLEY — Longtime Valley resident Arthur "Archie" Jose Vigil, 71, went to be with the Lord Friday, April 10, 2020; at the Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs.

Archie was the eighth child of Adelina and Vidal Vigil, born in La Garita on July 18, 1948.

He was a master plumber and worked in Sacramento for 35 years, until his retirement. Archie then moved to the San Luis Valley and worked with his son, Melvin, as a plumber for ten more years.

Archie loved the outdoors and spent many nights camping in the mountains, fishing and hunting. One of his most favorite things was spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren. He adored the new babies that were born into his family.

Archie was a very generous and humble person

and was always helping out where needed. He traveled all around and saw many different places; during his travels, he liked to visit his family. In his spare time, he could be found visiting Cripple Creek or playing BINGO.

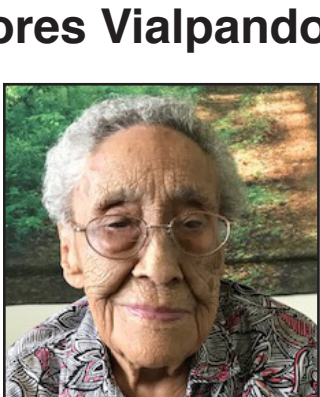
Archie is survived by his children: Arthur (Lori) Vigil, Jr. of Monte Vista; Manuel Orlie (Anita) Vigil of Alamosa; Melvin (Christine) Vigil of Alamosa; and James (Valentina) Vigil of Pueblo; his grandchildren: Manuel Vigil, Jr. of

Pueblo; Vanessa Mapp of Renton, WA; Jeremy Vigil of Pueblo; Andreas Vigil and Alyse Vigil, both of Denver; James Vigil Jr. and Marcella Vigil, both of Sacramento; Mariah (Joshua) Titchener and Brandon Vigil, all of Alamosa; six great-great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters: Emelda (Berry) Cook of Colorado Springs; Ernestine Trujillo of Yakima, WA; Raymond Vigil, Barbara Martinez, and Eva Martinez, all of Colorado Springs; Angie Bullard of Las Vegas; and Arcenio Marquez of Espanola; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his brothers: Joe Vigil, Sammy Vigil, Bernie Vigil, Leonard Vigil and Arnold Vigil.

Cremation was chosen and a Graveside Service in La Garita will be announced at a later date.

Dolores Vialpando, 94



SAN LUIS — Dolores Vialpando, 94, went home to be with the Lord on April 15, 2020, at the Life Care Center of Pueblo, with Jesus by her side. Dolores came into the world on June 29, 1925, in Ft. Collins, the daughter of Samuel Bernal and Aurelia Maestas Bernal.

Dolores was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend; who enjoyed sewing, reading the bible, crocheting and spending all the time she could with her family.

Survivors include her

daughters: Judy (Abel) Bennett of Pueblo West; Margie Hernandez of San Luis; two sisters: Josie (Belarmino) Arellano and Betty (Tony) Gallegos of Alamosa; and brother, Ernest (Maria) Bernal of

Colorado Spring. She is also survived by grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; along with several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Willie Vialpando; sisters: Stella, Jennie, Martha; brother, Alfonso; son-in-law, Humberto (Bear) and grandson, Jeremiah.

A private graveside service will be held. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of San Luis.

BIRTHS

Piper K. Atkinson

ALAMOSA — Piper Kate Atkinson was born March 30, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Health Center of Alamosa to Aaron and Katlyn Atkinson of Alamosa. Piper weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20 and one half inches long.

Piper's brothers and sisters are Kristin and Hudson. Maternal grandparents are Doug and Lynda Bagwell of Manassa. Paternal grandparents are Randy and Carrie Atkinson of Alamosa. Great grandparents are Tom and Barbara Bagwell of Manassa and Floyd Hall of Alamosa.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Benjamin F. Shown, 92

Monte Vista resident Benjamin F. Shown, 92, passed away April 14, 2020. The arrangements are pending with Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Shirley Rose Gallagher, 97

Longtime Alamosa resident Shirley Rose Gallagher, 97, died April 15, 2020 at The Bridge at Alamosa assisted living center.

Cremation was chosen and a full obituary will be published at a future date.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online remarks, words of comfort, remembrances and condolences for Shirley's

Dolores Vialpando, 94

San Luis resident Dolores Vialpando, 94, passed away April 15, 2020. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of San Luis.

Joseph Albert Viaplano, 74

Monte Vista resident Joseph Albert Viaplano, 74, passed away April 13, 2020. The arrangements are pending with Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Joseph Albert Vialpando, 74



MONTE VISTA — Joseph Albert Vialpando, 74, passed away peacefully at his home April 13, 2020. Joseph was born on May 1, 1945, in Laramie, WY; the son of Albert Vialpando and Priscilla Sanchez Vialpando.

He worked as a truck driver for many years and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed hunting, working on the computer, watching Western movies, building things and was an avid Denver Broncos fan. He loved spending time with his family and friends and will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his daughter, Melissa Tor-

rez of Colorado Springs; son, Jordan Vialpando of Monte Vista; granddaughter, Ursula Torrez of Colorado Springs; sisters: Mable (Levi) Vialpando of Colorado Springs;

Judy Diaz of Colorado Springs; brothers: Ernest (Cindy) Vialpando of Colorado Springs; and Steve (Charlene) Vialpando of Laramie, WY. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Priscilla Vialpando and his wife, Rita Vialpando.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

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Valley News

We did it, Together

By ISRAEL GARCIA-HUMES
La Puente's Director of Community Education

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley is a unique and mysterious place, but its greatest treasure is its people.

The community that exists here is built-on mutual cooperation and an innate desire to help one another. Less than one week ago, La Puente's Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley called on our community to help us meet the growing need in our community.

With over 22 million Americans filing for unemployment in the last month, more than ever, families are having to figure out how to make ends meet.

Across the San Luis Valley, food pantries have seen an increase in demand for our services. Hundreds of new families have had to reach for the first time to seek emergency food.

During this pandemic, the challenge to help feed the local community has been exacerbated by the demands on the supply chain. Reliable sources of food were unable to meet La Puente's orders for the additional food required to feed the hungry in the community. So creativity was needed. The Food



Courtesy photo

Bank Network was able to find a supplier who was willing to sell an entire semi-truck of food to replenish stocks. All that was needed was come up with the money to make the purchase.

The community was called upon to help meet this goal. The response was

phenomenal. Dozens and dozens of local residents pledged their support to the cause. The donations ranged from the spare change in their pocket to thousands of dollars. Each donation was made out of love and care for our neighbors because strength comes in

numbers.

This message was heard and felt far and wide. In fact, so much support came in that the goal of bringing a semi-truck worth of food was met and surpassed. By coupling the support of local residents with the support of foundations and local businesses, La Puente's Food Bank Network will be able to purchase a semi-truck and far more.

In fact, the community responded so quickly to the call that the paint on the "semi-meter" didn't even get to dry before the initial goal was reached.

Special thank you's go out to San Luis Valley Health Foundation, COVID-19 Hunger Relief Fund, Buck Foundation, Kenneth King Foundation, Colorado Health Foundation, Outcalt Foundation, Colorado COVID Relief Fund, SLV Federal Bank, & Mountain River Credit Union for their generous support of our efforts. All donations will go to feeding the hungry in the community.

A silver lining in all of this hardship is the beautiful way the community has come and will continue to come together.

HobbyTown USA added to city register of historic places

ALAMOSA — For the second time Alamosa City Council held their bi-monthly meeting by Zoom webinar. The council voted unanimously to add Hobbytown USA's current location at 709 Main Street as a historic place within the Alamosa City Registry. The council also discussed topics including Riparian Park, a mobile stage and the reappropriation of funds to a Master Utility Infrastructure Plan. All of which got approved.

Hobbytown USA just recently moved to their current location from the Villa Mall this past winter. After settling in Hobbytown USA's owners Matt and Tammy Abbey applied for the designation. Following review by the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee it was recommended for review by City Council. The resolution passed on first reading with an unopposed 7-0 vote.

Alamosa's City Council also voted to reappropriate funds for the

Master Utility infrastructure plan. The plan deals partly with the need for a raw waterline at Cattails Golf Course. But as the city's utilities reach max capacity it was felt that the plan needed the reappropriated funds from the City Improvement Program (CIP). It's important to note that said funds were accounted for within the city's preparation plans for the economic effects of COVID-19. Council voted to approve the motion unanimously.

The city also approved the first reading of an Intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the local Alamosa market district and city for use of mobile event stage. Part of the the way the ordinance was written states that the mobile stage is not to leave county limits. Which was a sticking point. Following Community Activities Manager Andy Rice explaining that the city does in fact receive plenty of out-of-town requests. With the primary concern among



Courtesy photo

A piece by Blaine Steiner, one of 20 Artscape pieces approved in Wednesday night's City Council Meeting,

the city councilors being wear-and-tear created transportability and by out-of-town trans-

portation. The issues are also compounded by loaning out personnel as well.

City Councilor Charlie Griego urged everyone to think of the community and to alter the ordinance to include out-of-town use following further discussion the ordinance was approved for a second reading on May 6th with Griego casting the lone 'no' vote.

At the meeting City Council also voted to approve the annexation of Riparian Park unanimously. The public hearing is set for May 6th.

The public hearing for the False Reporting ordinance (10-2020) as well as an approval of the selection of 20 pieces for the 4th Annual Artscape art loaning program both passed by a unanimous 7-0 vote.

COVID

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Wearing a homemade mask in public can help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Social media represents friends and neighbors cheerfully sporting their masks to do their part, and for that many are grateful. But not everyone experiences this recommendation in the same way. One thing that is especially common during disease outbreaks is increased stigma. According to the Centers for Disease Control Center for Preparedness and Response, "Stigma can affect people, places, or things. It occurs when people associate a risk with something specific—like a minority population group—and there is no evidence that the risk is greater in that group than in the general population." For people of color, racial bias and stereotypes of criminality have

created real fears about going out in public with a face covering. There have already been accounts of people of color being removed from stores for wearing masks and many fear for their lives. Because of this threat, some people of color have chosen not to wear masks in public, which has created the equally inappropriate response of shaming them for not doing so. Remember that these are difficult times for everyone and we are all in this together.

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.

Fire

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Smoking is also prohibited except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren of flammable material.

Other restrictions apply relating to use of chainsaws, welding and use of explosives.

Stage 2 prohibits all of the same, but also includes use of fire in developed camping and picnic grounds. Sheriff Jackson said his seven-day

fire ban will remain in effect through at least April 22 unless the area receives significant moisture. His decision was based on the advice of local fire experts citing dry fuel (vegetation, etc.) conditions and nearly daily Red Flag Warnings due to high winds.

"There is no exception for agricultural burning," Jackson said, "so if they haven't burned already, they're going to have to wait until we get moisture or at least seven days."

He added that the word hadn't

adequately gotten out on Wednesday resulting in several fires north of town.

In a daily update from SLV Emergency, residents were reminded "If you reside in a county that does not currently have fire restrictions in place, please ensure you check the weather prior to burning and do not burn on a day with a red flag warning. Also, consider not burning at this time for the air quality concerns for those who have a chronic or acute respiratory illness."

Grant

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Their investment will primarily support operational costs for San Luis Valley Animal Center and will also help fund the construction of the shelter, which is anticipated to care for 2,500 pets per year and positively impact the lives of many more through community programs.

Alamosa County and the City of Alamosa donated a parcel of land for the new facility and construction is expected to begin in May. To ensure the community is adequately supported while San Luis Valley Animal

Center is built, the League is currently employing a shelter manager at Valley Humane League.

Future plans for San Luis Valley Animal Center include providing community programs such as low-cost spay and neuter services, behavior support, subsidized veterinary care and humane education classes.

Anyone wishing to provide additional support to the operation of San Luis Valley Animal Center can donate at ddfl.org.

Learn more about Animal Assistance Foundation by visiting aaf-fd.org.

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Religion

Where is god in covid crisis? That's part of the story

Queen Elizabeth II has seen more than her share of good and evil during her 68 years on the British throne.

Candles shining in the darkness just before Easter are familiar symbols of the presence of good, even in the hardest of times, said the 92-year-old queen in a recent address about a single subject affecting her people: the coronavirus crisis.

"Easter isn't canceled. Indeed, we need Easter as much as ever," she said. "The discovery of the risen Christ on the first Easter Day gave his followers new hope and fresh purpose, and we can all take heart from this. We know that coronavirus will not overcome us. As dark as death can be -- particularly for those suffering with grief -- light and life are greater."

An ancient question loomed over the queen's remarks: Where is God during this global pandemic that threatens the lives and futures of millions of people?

Theologians have a name -- "theodicy" -- for this puzzle. One website defines this term as "a branch of theology ... that attempts to reconcile the existence of evil in the world with the assumption of a benevolent God."

In his book "God in the Dock," the Christian apologist C.S. Lewis of Oxford University argued that "modern man" now

assumes, when evil occurs, that God is on trial. This process "may even end in God's acquittal," he noted. "But the important thing is that Man is on the Bench and God is in the Dock."

This tension can be seen during news coverage of tragedies, wars, disasters and pandemics. Ordinary people involved in these stories often address "theodicy" questions, whether journalists realize it or not. This is a pattern I have observed many times -- since this past week marked my 32nd anniversary writing this nationally syndicated "On Religion" column.

The late Peter Jennings of "ABC World News Tonight" noted that, whenever news teams cover disasters, reporters often ask questions that sound like this: "How did you get through this terrible experience?" Survivors frequently reply: "I don't know. I just prayed. Without God's help, I don't think I could have made it."

What happens next, Jennings once told me, illustrates the gap that separates many journalists and most Americans. There will be an awkward silence, he said, and then the reporter will say something like, "That's nice. But what REALLY got you through this?"

Here we go again. The COVID-19 crisis will, for many ordinary people, raise

unavoidable questions about darkness and light, evil and good. Journalists will have to face this, since we are dealing with one of the biggest stories of our era.

How big? We don't know yet. However, I believe that -- depending on the final death toll -- this could be the biggest global "theodicy" story since World War II. The health and financial toll will cause many people to reject God, while others will dig deeper into their faith traditions.

It's crucial that journalists see the personal faith issues in this crisis, rather than thinking in "impersonal" terms about major historic events, like the Black Plagues or the Holocaust, said Russell Moore, leader of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission in Nashville and Washington, D.C.

With Sept. 11, he said, it was easy to see parallels to Pearl Harbor and other acts of terrorism -- events that affected our parents and grandparents. "So journalists may have been rattled" by terrorism, he said, "but they knew where they thought

that story was going to go. They had seen this before."

Now, the world faces a disaster that resembles plagues of the past, combined -- potentially -- with a major economic depression, said Moore. It's a story that "no one really expected and nobody really knows how this will end."

For religious believers, this crisis is causing a kind of grief and lamenting that "is truly unique and very personal" since, in their attempts to fight the virus, they can't even come together in worship to share their questions, pain and suffering.

"The church has been through things like this in the past, and we see that in scripture and in our hymns and in church history," said Moore. "What many people are struggling with is trying to understand that something like this could happen in our world today -- in 2020."

(Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.)

On Religion



Terry Mattingly

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

All-Denominational Church of the Living God 11311 2nd Avenue Hooper 718-573-2881 Sunday, 10 am - Worship Sunday, 6 pm - Book of Acts Study Monday, 7 pm - Youth Thursday, 7 pm - Bible Study San Luis Valley Crisis Center 506 S. Broadway (Old & Broadway), Monte Vista 718-652-9165 Sunday, 10 am - Worship Tuesday, 9:30 am - Bible Study	Hooper Church 3600 Adams Hooper Sunday 9 am - Morning Worship Meditation Kiva McLain Institute Alamosa - 578-58-8875 United Church of the Laramie 622 Walnut La Jara 718-274-5267 Terry Buchanan, Pastor Cell Phone: 338-8444 Office Hours: Mon 9:00 am - 12:00 Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am	Community Churches United for Christ Community Church (582) "Community Centered Around Love" 718 & Broadway in Blanca 718-374-9317 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Services 11 am Bible Believers' Community Church 1752 E US Hwy 167 Alamosa, Co 81001 718-236-8275 Sunday worship 10:30 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm www.bccchurch.org Presbyterian Alamosa Presbyterian Church 333 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa Sunday 10:30 am - Traditional Worship Hispanic Pentecostal Iglesia Pentecostal Alamosa L.A. 637 1/2th St Alamosa Guadalupe Garza Pastor 718-907-3548 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service Sun 12:00 p.m. Sunday School Sun 5:00 p.m. Worship New Hope Church "The Church of the Hill" 2838 Hwy 167, South Fork, Co 81154 Inter Pastor Ed Fleming - 718-875-1832 www.newhopecc.com Morning Worship 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45 Antiochian Fellowship of Alamosa 333 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81001 antiochianfellowship@gmail.com Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Independent, Fundamental Baptist First Baptist Church of Coalinga County 6177 County Rd W, Mesita 718-296-0771 Pastor Paul Jones 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 - Mesa Bible Study and Prayer meeting Home Bible studies in Coalinga County Meeting in different locations DEAF MINISTRY FOR ALL SERVICES Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Alamosa 154 W 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa Second Ward 627 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Third Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Fourth Ward 627 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language) 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Lutheran St. Peters Lutheran Church & School Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista School: 380 Faraday Street, Monte Vista Sunday 10:30 a.m. - Services School 8:30-11:30 am - Monday-Thursday Trinity Lutheran Church & School 3233 Park Drive, Alamosa Sunday 9:45 am - Bible Study Sunday 10 am - Worship "Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week" Pre-School through 8th grade Church: 825-4811, Grande Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81001 Crescent Canyon Community Chapel 20022 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Falmouth, S. Dakota, 57030 Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service Mountain Valley Church 458 State St. 17 Alamosa Pastor Robert Pevenden 659-289-0382-7382 Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday 10 a.m. - Worship Service Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista 718-822-2663 Sunday 9:45 am - Sunday School Sunday 11 am - Sunday Worship Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church 216 Craft Ave, Alamosa Saturday 9:30 am - Bible Study Sunday 11:00 am - Worship United Methodist Moosa United Methodist Church 6506 Barker Street, Mesita 724-284-5594 Reverend Hugh Harris Sunday Worship 9:00 am Unitarian Universalist Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 333 San Juan Ave., Alamosa North King of Alamosa Presbyterian Church 718-987-5528 Services & Youth Programs of 10:30 am Sunday United Presbyterian Church of Alamosa P.O. Box 655, Alamosa Office hrs: Tues 9:00am-12:00 Sunday 9-10am - Sunday School 10:45am - Service Valley Church of the Nazarene 228 Alamosa, Monte Vista - 552-5538 Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am Sunday School Classes 10:15 am Evening Prayer/Worship 8 pm 678-768-6575 or 1800.1 on 800.855.5626 Church of Scientology 611 Main Street, Suite # 2, Alamosa 718-555-5554 Monday and Wednesday 7-10 pm - Services Church of Spiritual Ministry Church of Spiritual Ministry 6551 CR 4 S, Alamosa, CO Sunday Meetings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 718-588-7024 616-467-7148-8677
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Charitable giving snapshot

Charitable giving is on the rise. The National Philanthropic Trust says that, in 2017, Americans gave \$410.02 billion to charity, reflecting a 5.2 percent increase from 2016. On average, \$10.6 billion is donated by Canadians every year, with nearly 85 percent of the Canadian population age 15 and older donating to charitable and nonprofit organizations, offers the charitable giving resource Imagine Canada.

Individual giving is the largest source of charitable donations, accounting for 70 percent of total giving. Foundations and bequests take the second and third spots. Corporations round out the top four, according to research from Giving USA.

CreditDonkey indicates that roughly 61 percent of people between the ages of 35 and 44 will donate to charity this year. Other age groups are less likely to follow suit.

Despite being the largest demographic by age in the United States, millennials (people between the ages of 18 and 34) donate less and volunteer less for charitable causes than other age groups, except in regard to one particular means of donating. According to the research firm Massolution, millennials are the driving force behind the crowdfunding movement. Crowdfunding accounted for \$3 billion of charitable giving in 2014. Millennials are three times more likely than Baby Boomers to donate to a crowdfunding campaign and 70 percent more likely than Gen Xers.

Environmental causes, animal charities, arts, culture, and health causes experienced the largest jumps in contributions in 2017. Education-based giving saw rela-

tively slower growth.

While the majority of donations in the United States were made to religious organizations in 2017, 17 percent of American families have reduced the amount that they give to their local churches, offers Non-profits Source.

In Canada, the average number of organizations each donor supports is close to four. While the average amount Canadians donate is \$446 per person, and the people who donate the most are members of Generation X, people 65 and over have the highest average donation, at \$643 per year.

Charitable giving can come in the form of volunteerism as well. The National Philanthropic Trust says approximately 25 percent of the adult population volunteers their time. Americans contribute what would equate to \$193 billion of their time to various efforts.

North Americans are charitable people, continuing to offer their money and time to help those in need. GB18B436

Cornerstone church of Christ, Monte Vista offers online services through a YouTube channel with both bible studies, and full worship services including communion. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxHdz-BMzTEvmMersV86gaQ>

Know Your Enemy, Win the War

The Bible teaches us about spiritual warfare and that we have an enemy, the devil. 1 Peter 5:9 says to resist the devil and stand firm in our faith in God. And Ephesians 6 tells us about the armor of God that helps us overcome our struggle "against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (v. 12 NIV).

Some people deny the existence of the devil and of hell. They don't believe a loving God would really send anyone to a place of eternal torment. But the Bible teaches us that we do have an enemy and there is a place called hell, so we're deceiving ourselves if we refuse to believe it.

The Bible also says that God is patient, "not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). And John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

by lies they believe. I used to believe I would be able to have a second-rate life because my father had sexually abused me and I was "damaged goods." If I hadn't come to know the truth about God's love for me and how He could heal and restore my soul, my life would be much different than it is today. I seriously doubt I ever would have become a Bible teacher who is helping others discover how they can know God and become everything He has created them to be in Christ.

We need to pray for God to reveal any deception in our minds because every lie we believe represents something the devil is stealing from us that God wants us to have. I'm talking about real peace and joy, freedom from constantly feeling guilty about something you've done, the ability to have healthy relationships, or any of the other promises God gives us in His Word.

Be Liberated by the Truth

Our thoughts are so important, and that's why I teach about the "battlefield of the mind." We need to be more diligent to think about what we're thinking about and choose our purpose to think in ways that line up with God's Word. Jesus said, "If you abide in My word...you are truly My disciples. And you will know the truth...and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32 AMP). The key here is to "abide" in God's Word. To abide means to live and remain in it. As we spend time each day meditating on Scripture, rolling it over and over in our minds, we will gain freedom from wrong mindsets and beliefs.

Here's a practical way to apply this principle. The next time you're feeling discouraged or having a pity party, ask yourself, "What have I been thinking about?" You've likely been mulling over thoughts about what people don't do for you, what you don't like about yourself, what you don't have...and on and on. The solution to turning your attitude around is by thinking about God and what He says about you.

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Romans 5:8 says God loves you unconditionally and that while you were still a sinner, Christ died for you. Psalm 139:14 says that God created you by His own hand in your mother's womb and you are wonderful. Ephesians 2:10 says you are "God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance" for you to do. And Romans 8:37-39 says you are more than a conqueror through Christ, and there is nothing that can separate you from God's love.

I want to encourage you to spend time studying these scriptures, praying for God to help you get these truths rooted in your heart. You can also get more encouraging teaching or submit a prayer request by contacting our ministry at www.joycemeyer.org. We love you and want to help you gain victory over the enemy in every area of your life!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's six-teaching CD series *Battle Strategies for a Victorious Life*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org. Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored more than 100 books, including *BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND* and *YOUR BATTLES BELONG TO THE LORD* (FaithWords). She hosts the *Enjoying Everyday Life* radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.joycemeyer.org.

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Lifestyle

Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Closed Until Further Notice

MOSCA – Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is announcing additional modifications to operations in response to a request from the Alamosa County Public Health Department. The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners is our number one priority.

Effective Friday, April 17, at midnight, Great Sand Dunes will be closed to all park visitors until further notice. This closure includes all public access points, park roads, and backcountry access. We will notify the public when we resume full operations and provide updates on our website www.nps.gov/grsa and social media channels.

“We have been monitoring conditions at the park and working closely with the local public health officials,” stated Park Superintendent Pamela Rice. “Due to increasing visitation, we can no longer mitigate the risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus and agree that it is in the public’s best interest to close at this time.”

Despite stay-at-home orders across the country, Great Sand Dunes continues to see increasing visitation, crowding, and a high percentage of out-of-state visitors. A park closure will align with the county’s request to further minimize the risks associated with the novel coronavirus and not compromise the local healthcare system.

“As a former park ranger at the Great Sand Dunes, it gives me no pleasure to recommend closure of one of our national treasures, even for a brief period of time,” Alamosa County Public Health Director

Della Cox-Vieira said. “However, it is my duty to protect the people of Alamosa County during this pandemic, and that includes the staff of Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve and any potential visitors.”

Rice added, “We look forward to the day when we can welcome visitors once again to enjoy the amazing resources and recreational opportunities at Great Sand Dunes.”

The NPS encourages people to take advantage of the many digital tools already available to explore Great Sand Dunes including:

- * Interactive learning activities including coloring pages and Junior Ranger opportunities can be found on our website here, <https://www.nps.gov/grsa/learn/kidsyouth/index.htm>.

- * Virtual passport cancellation stamps for Great Sand Dunes are available at <https://www.nps.gov/grsa/planyourvisit/conditions.htm>.

- * We encourage visitors to check out our youtube channel, www.youtube.com/greatsanddunesnpp, to watch highlights of the annual Robotics Challenge, or experience 40 seconds of the refreshing sights and sounds of lower Mosca Canyon in fall. If you ever wondered what the views were like from higher elevations, virtually summit Mount Herard (13,297 feet / 4053 m) in Great Sand Dunes National Preserve or take a digital tour of the Trujillo Homesteads National Historic Landmark.

Updates about NPS operations will be posted on www.nps.gov/coronavirus.



Courier file photo

Colorado plans to offer seniors free SAT tests

DENVER – Colorado 12th graders would be able to take the SAT test on a school day next fall for no cost under an agreement the Colorado Department of Education is pursuing with the College Board, the organization that administers the test.

This spring’s administration of the SAT, along with the rest of the state’s assessment requirements for the 2019-20 school year, was suspended by Gov. Jared Polis’ executive order due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Given the SAT plays an important role in the lives of Colorado’s high school students as a means of demonstrating readiness for graduation and post-secondary experiences, as well as providing scholarship opportunities, a commitment was made to investigate alternative testing options.

“It’s important for many of our students and their families to know the state is still planning to provide them with an opportunity to take the test for free

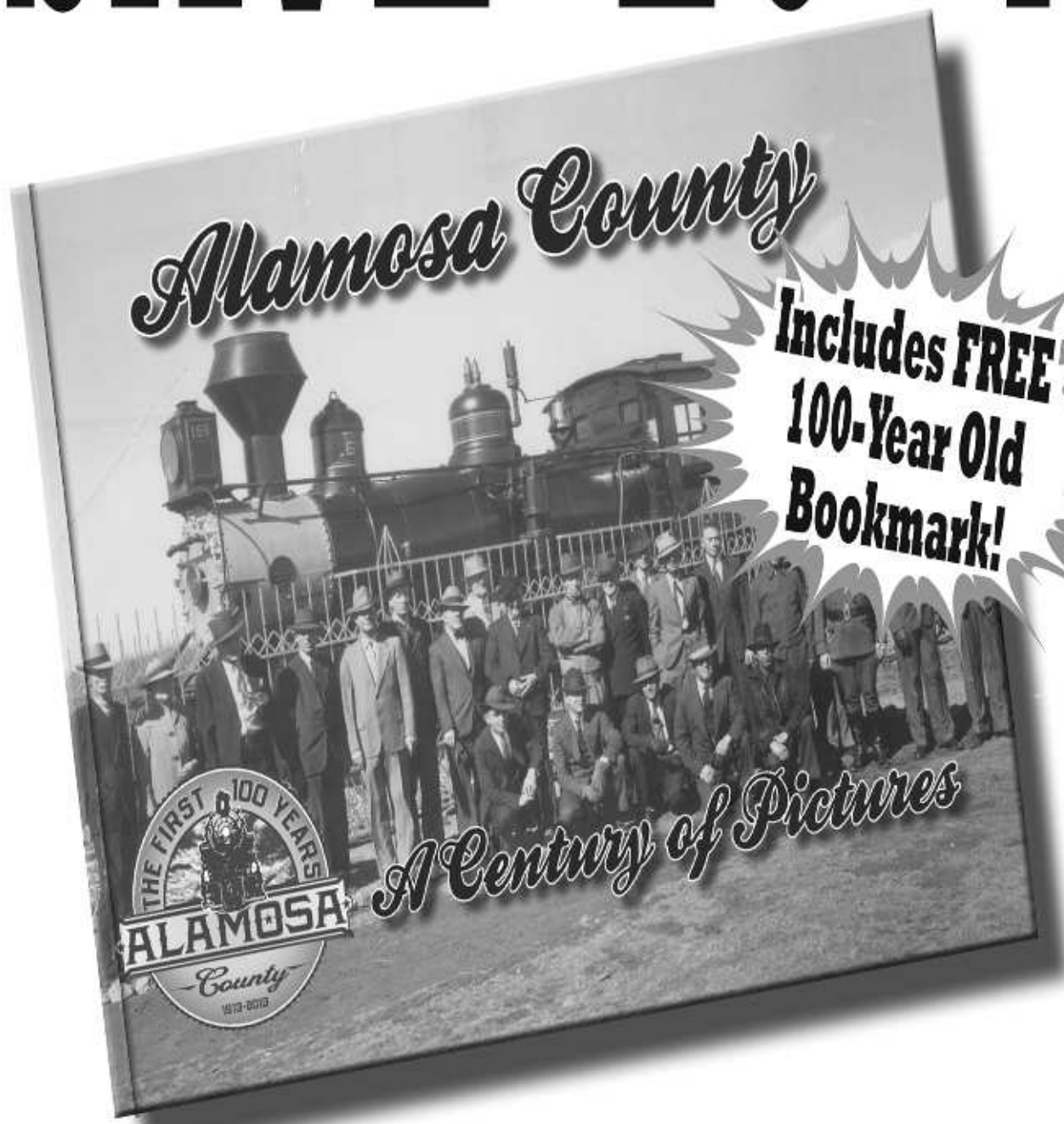
on a school day,” said Katy Anthes, Colorado’s education commissioner. “Preserving continuity in the assessment expectations and experiences is especially important now as Colorado high school students navigate the many changes brought about by the national emergency.”

CDE expects it would be able to offer vouchers for interested students who are unable to take the SAT on the designated school day to participate in a national administration on a Saturday this fall. Additionally, options for offering the PSAT tests that are normally taken by ninth and 10th graders are being investigated.

The results of the assessments are not intended for school and district accountability, which has been paused for the 2020-2021 school year.

As with all state programs, a fall administration of the assessment depends on adequate state funds being available.

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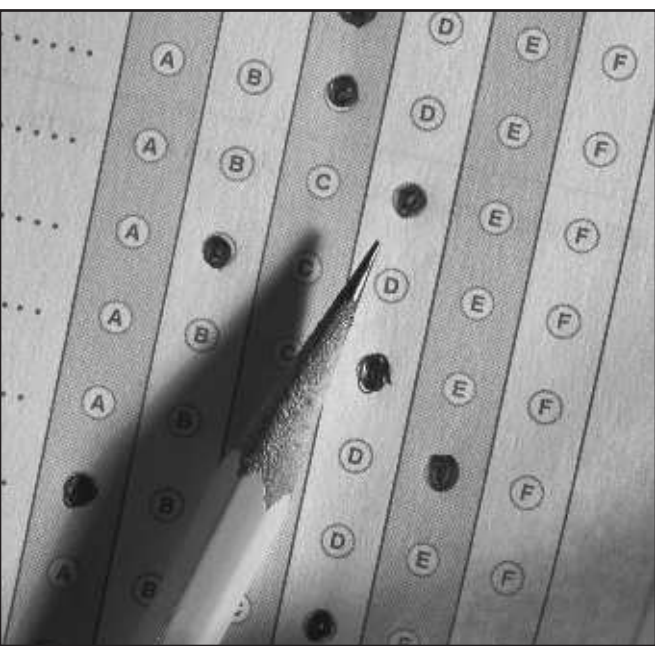
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PENDING NON-SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE
NOTICE is hereby provided that the State Board of Land Commissioners ("Board") has authorized a non-simultaneous exchange ("Exchange") pursuant to Article IX, § 9 of the Colorado Constitution and § 36-1-124.5, CRS for the following parcel of state trust land below described:
PARCELA A TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE NEW MEXICO MERIDIAN SECTION 27: NW1/4, containing 160 acres, more or less
PARCELA B TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE NEW MEXICO MERIDIAN SECTION 28: NE1/4SE1/4, containing 40 acres, more or less
Altogether the ("State Property")
(The legal description for the State Property may be modified by a final survey)
SUBJECT TO any and all covenants, restrictions, easements and rights-of-way, whether or not of record. Only the surface rights of the State Property 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. All mineral rights, including sand and gravel, all subsurface rights, all Denver Basin groundwater, and geothermal rights, if any, and access thereto on the State Property, are reserved to the Board. Each parcel described above requires a separate cash bid. The minimum acceptable value to bid for the surface rights of the State Property in this Exchange is set at Parcel A: \$144,000 and Parcel B: \$40,000.
The publication of this notice on April 17, 2020 begins the 4-week public notice period required by 36-1-124(1), C.R.S.
All comments on the Exchange must be clearly marked "Comments on the Mogote Parcels Exchange". Comments must be emailed to matthew.lafontaine@state.co.us or mailed to Matthew LaFontaine, Acquisition and Disposition Manager, 1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80203 ("Submission Address").
All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope on the Board's Application for Acquisition of State Trust Land with a \$100 non-refundable fee. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked "Bid for the Mogote Parcels Exchange" followed by the parcel(s) being bid upon. A separate application and fee must be provided for each parcel. Bids must be mailed or delivered in person to the Submission Address. Bids received without the fee or via facsimile or electronic mail will not be considered.
All sealed bids and comments must be received by 3 p.m. on May 27, 2020 ("Bid Deadline"). Bids and comments received after the Bid Deadline will not be considered.
Board staff will open the sealed bids, if any, on the Bid Deadline at the State Land Board main offices at 1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80203, to verify that the bids received meet the minimum requirements. In the event that Executive Order D 2020 017 or any subsequent extension in kind is in effect as of the Bid Deadline, participants may call into the bid opening at (303) 866-3454 x3334. If only one bid is received and it meets the minimum requirements specified herein, Board staff is authorized to approve such bid as the successful bidder(s). If multiple or alternative bids are received, all bids meeting the minimum requirements specified herein, will be presented to the Board in open session at a future Board meeting. The Board will review all bids presented and determine, at its sole discretion, which bid best meets the needs of the trust(s) the parcels benefit. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids for the State Property and the right to withdraw the parcel from availability on any exchange or transaction. Following the Board's or Board staff's determination of the successful bidder(s), Board staff will notify the successful bidder(s), if any. The State Land Board reserves the right to require a best and final bid on each of these transactions. Participation in the bidding process does not create any rights until the Board or Board staff has approved the successful bidder(s) and a contract has been fully signed by both parties. All costs incurred in the submission of any comments or bids are solely at the expense of the party submitting such comments and/or bids, and the Board shall in no event be liable for any such costs.
A more detailed description of the above-described State Property and additional information and bid application forms can be obtained online at: colorado.gov/statelandboard/proposals-bids
The State Land Board has not made, does not make, and specifically negates and disclaims any representations, warranties, promises, covenants, agreements, or guaranties of any kind or character whatsoever, whether express or implied, verbal or written, past, present, or future, of, as to, concerning or with respect to the State Property including, but not limited to: (a) the value, nature, quality, or condition of the State Property, including, without limitation, the water, soil, and geology; (b) the income to be derived from the State Property; (c) the suitability of the State Property for any and all activities and uses which successful bidder(s) may conduct thereon; (d) the compliance of or by the State Property or its operation with any laws, rules, ordinances, or regulations of any applicable governmental authority or body; (e) the habitability, merchantability, marketability, profitability, or fitness for a particular purpose of the State Property; (f) the existence of any access to the parcel(s) from public thoroughfares; or (g) any other matter with respect to the State Property.
The successful bidder(s) will be required to cooperate with the Board in complying with the mandates of CRS § 36-1-118(4)(a) and (b) and § 36-1-119.
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CONEJOS COMBINED COURT, CONEJOS COUNTY
Address: 6683 County Road 13
P.O. Box 128
Conejos, CO 81129
Phone: (719) 376-5465
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Ronald Jay Nielson a/k/a Ronald J. Nielson Deceased.
COURT USE ONLY
Attorneys for Petitioners:
Rabea Taylor, #43332
Andrew E. Swan, #46665
LEWIS I KUHN I SWAN PC
620 North Tejon Street, Suite 101
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903
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Case Number: 2020PR030001
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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
Address
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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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE REGULAR ELECTION
HELD Tuesday, April 7, 2020
TOWN OF LA JARA, COUNTY OF CONEJOS, STATE OF COLORADO.
I, Shawn Pagnotta, Town Clerk of the Town of La Jara, certify that the following is a true and correct statement of the results of the regular election for the Town of La Jara, at which time the eligible electors of the district voted as indicated:
For Each Candidate Elected to Office:

Name	Office Term	Years
Paula Medina	Mayor	4 years
Austin Valdez	Trustee	4 years
Margie Wagoner	Trustee	4 years
Annette Chavez	Trustee	4 years
Rocky Villagomez	Trustee	2 years

Effective April 13th, 2020
Shawn Pagnotta, CMC, Town Clerk
Larry Zaragoza, Mayor
No. 1402
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids in an envelope marked or emailed with the subject line: EAST ALAMOSA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT US 160 AND SH 17 INTERSECTION PROJECT
Bids will be received until May 7, 2020 at 1:00 PM Mountain Time by East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District at 10 Castilla Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado 81101 or at jamie@eastalamosaws.org.
Plans, Specifications and bid forms are available online at <http://www.rgengineers.com/project-bidding.html>.
The US 160 and SH 17 INTERSECTION PROJECT will consist of abandoning an existing sanitary sewer line and replacing it with approximately 606 LF of 8-inch PVC, 4 manholes, 2 service connections, the removal and replacement of one fire hydrant and the relocation of a 2-inch remote read metering station. This project will be under the cover of a larger CDOT project known as "Federal Aid Project No. FSA 1602-159 US HIGHWAY No. 160 Construction Project Code No. 21138". The CDOT project contractor will remove the existing asphalt pavement for the US 160 and SH 17 Intersection Project, provide traffic control for the entire project duration and will provide intersection re-alignment and concrete paving of the ultimate roadway section. The project will require the contractor to coordinate with other utilities and contractors. The installation of the proposed sanitary sewer will be phased and may require two mobilizations and demobilizations. The phasing may be subject to changes as the CDOT contractor is selected.
RG and Associates, LLC
By: Gary E. Welp, P.E., CFM
Senior Project Manager
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APPLICANT DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 17, 2020
Otero Junior College Child Development Services is currently taking applications for their Alamosa and Center Migrant and Seasonal Head Start. Positions available include: Infant, Toddler and Preschool teachers, Center aide/bus monitor, Cook aide, Bus Driver and Janitor. Please go online at: www.odsheadstart.com for full job descriptions and to complete application. Completed applicants can be email to Brenda.almeida@ojc.edu for Alamosa Center or mail to 9768 103 S. Alamosa, Co 81101. Center positions email Brenda.velardez@ojc.edu or mail to 980 South Broadway #26, Center Co 81125.
Applications accepted until Friday, April 17, 2020
Otero Junior College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Title IX/Section 504 employer.

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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221 HELP WANTED

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL district is accepting application for middle school girls volleyball coach. Applicants must be willing to meet all CHSAA guidelines. For more information, contact Mr. Lucero at mlucero@sierragrandeschool.net. Applications are available at Sierra Grande School district at 17523 Hwy 160, Blanca, Co 81123 or www.sierragrandeschool.net. Application deadline is open until filled. Sierra Grande is an equal opportunity employer.(5/8)

221 HELP WANTED

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.schoolsnet.net. Positions open until filled.(4/25)

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TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT: GUADALUPE Parish Credit Union has an opening for a temporary Member Service Representative. Banking experience, excellent communication and computer skills is required. Bilingual preferred. Please submit a resume and three professional references to GPCU, Attention: Robert A. Chavez, President/CEO, P.O. Box 97, Antonito, CO 81120 or drop off at the main branch. Application deadline is Friday, April 17, 2020 at 5pm. For more information please contact Robert A. Chavez, President/CEO at 719-376-5413. (4/17)

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

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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 27, 2020.(4/25)

221 HELP WANTED

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)

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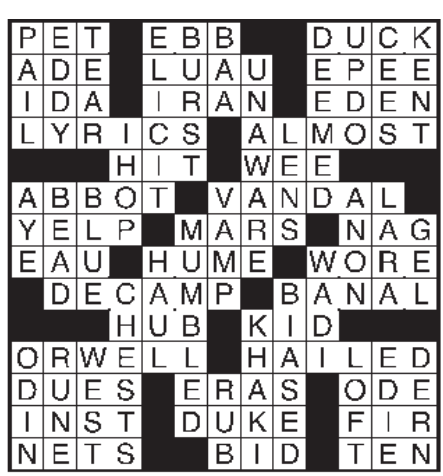
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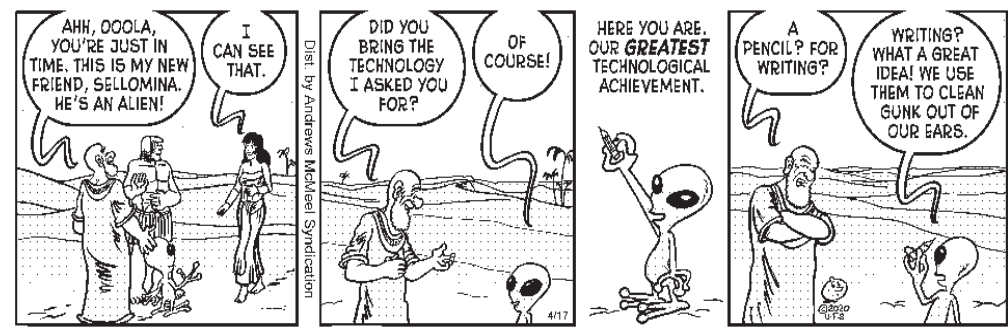
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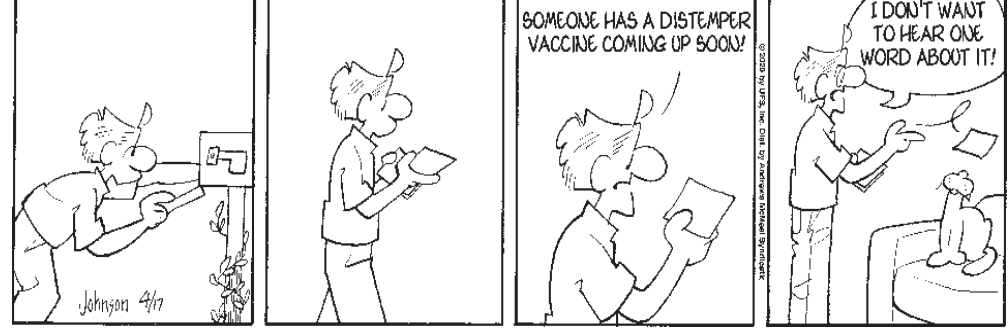


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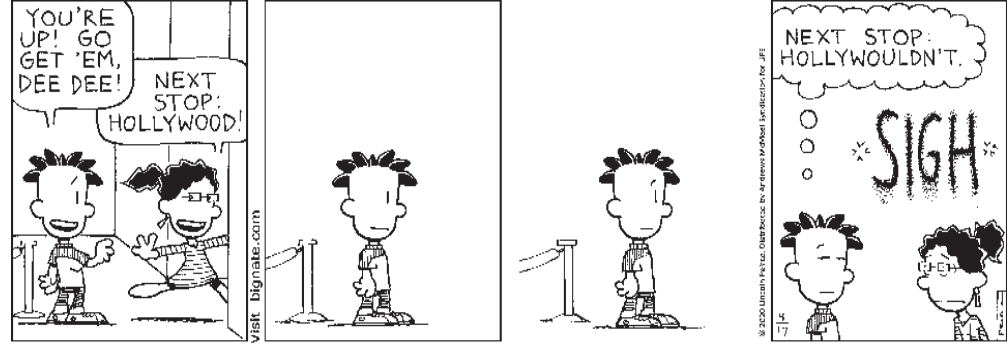
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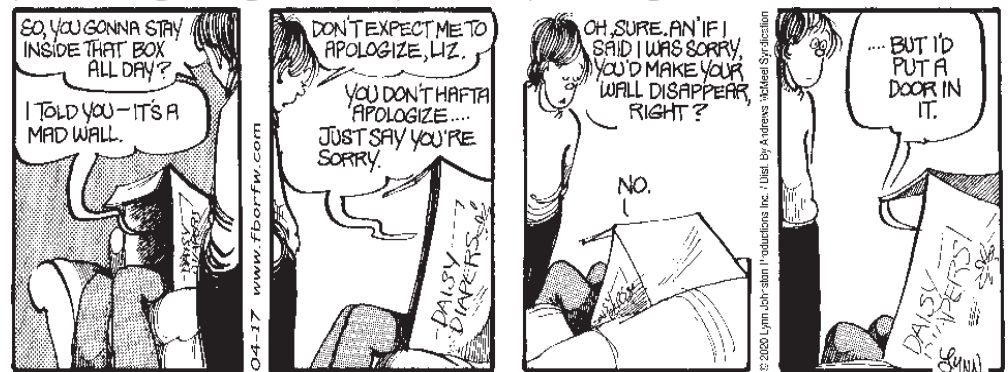
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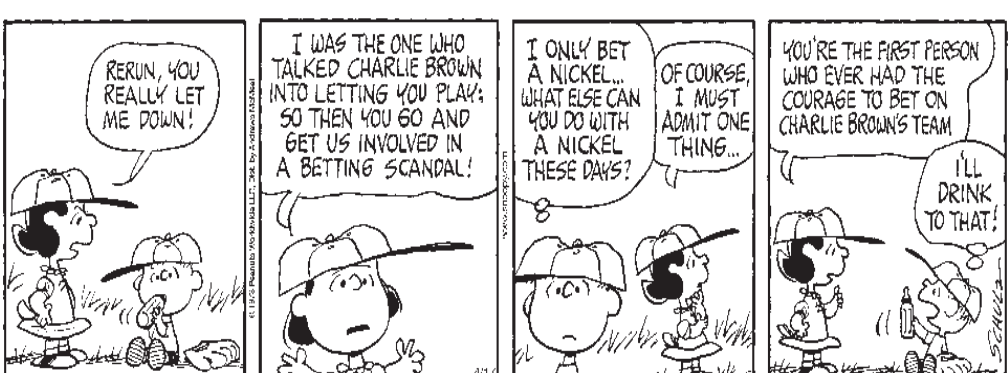
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Son won't accept mom's new relationship with old friend

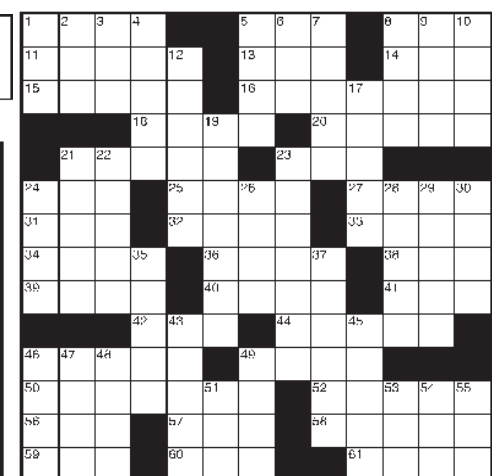
DEAR ABBY: I was married for more than 20 years and am recently divorced. I should have done it years ago, but my son, "Nicky," begged me not to. He's 22. I am now dating a gentleman, "Clyde," and am very happy to be in this relationship. Clyde treats me like a queen. I have known him longer than I've known my ex-husband. He and his family (including his ex-wife) are close friends. Before we started dating, Clyde called my ex, told him we were going to start seeing each other and that he wanted my ex to hear it from him, not through the rumor mill. My ex said he was fine with it and thanked him for letting him know. We then informed Clyde's kids and my son. Everyone was fine with it except Nicky. He's upset that we started dating three months after my divorce. Mind you, my marriage to Nicky's father was over years ago. Clyde had nothing to do with it. Now my son has an "attitude" with Clyde. He hardly speaks to him and never spends time with us. I have always been there for Nicky. His actions hurt. He can't seem to accept that I'm happy and that Clyde and I are more than friends now. Before we started dating, Nicky and Clyde had a good relationship. How do I get my son to come around?

DEAR ABBY: My children attend a school where they are in three different buildings. One is in high school, one in middle school and the youngest is in elementary. Recently, the married elementary school principal had an affair with a married teacher's assistant. A few years before, the married middle school principal had an affair with a married teacher. My concern is that the administration knows this but does nothing about it. I have addressed them with my concerns. I believe there was an abuse of power. If they are willing to sweep this under the rug, what else have they swept? Should I mind my own business or pursue the issue further? -- MOM ON

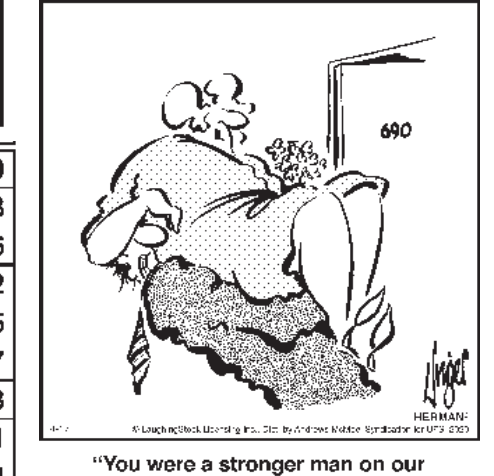


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Sanford schools are still strong

Sanford School District is doing its best to continue providing the best possible education to its students in these difficult times. Many teachers in the upper-level grades are still meeting via conference-style apps and doing all online work.

However, for the younger grades where hands-on learning is still very important, Sanford Schools has found a way to minimize risk to those students picking up packets.

The cafeteria tables are still set up, but instead of serving lunches, they now serve packets and school assignments.

Each table is divided by grade and teachers. Each student has their own spot to pick up their work or return any work that needs to be turned in. The pick-up day is divided up into time slots by last name. Families are encouraged to have their students pick up their supplies and be out of the building within five minutes.

Technology is still very important, and Sanford is doing its best to continue to provide quality technology to its students. Mitch Miller, Sanford's IT Director, is still as busy as ever. Since Sanford School has a 1 to 1 technology program for all students third grade and up, each of those students were able to take home an iPad or laptop to continue their schoolwork.

This has helped students connect with teachers daily. Many teachers are recording themselves reading, giving lessons, and short messages. The school has put together messages from the staff members and teachers and posted it on the school's website and YouTube channel.



Courtesy photos

The cafeteria tables are set up for Sanford students to pick up packets of school work.

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