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Fundraiser canceled

ALAMOSA — San Luis Valley Trout Unlimited would like to remind everyone that their Annual Fundraiser Auction scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd has regrettably been canceled for 2020. Thanksgoouttoalloftheir supporters and donors through many years of successful auctions.

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La Jara makes local history

LA JARA — When the count had become official and it was obvious the people had spoken, La Jara was one in the history books — again.

For a small town drawing nourishment from the agriculture and railroads, the town was primed for the up and down the road to success.

The latest victory was hiring Larry Zaragoza as town manager, bringing his winning athletic and coaching career and attitude for success to the post, despite the larger challenges created by the Coronavirus and the closing of town government due to the growing pandemic. He had been serving as interim town manager and had watched the people before being hired to the post on April



File photo Paula Medina

22. Zaragoza estimates it was the largest election turn out in at least the past 15 years.

Election Day was affected by COVID-19. Voters who had their ballots needed to hand them in at Town Hall. Voters were



Courtesy Larry Zaragoza

allowed into the polls one at a time.

Town board meetings are conducted using Zoom. The trustees cannot take the chance to gather because of social distancing.

Topping the ballot for mayor was longtime Mayor Pro Tem Paula Medina, a non-profit employee who defeated challenger Mary

Ann Gallegos, a business-woman, with 197 votes.

Medina became La Jara's first-ever female mayor Paula Medina.

Medina was born and raised in the town of La Jara, graduated high school there and moved to Denver. She and her husband traveled the United States and eventually made the decision to move back to La Jara in hopes to raise their

children in a small-town environment like she was.

Her father and mother were always very active members of the community and always gave of their time, so when Paula moved back to La Jara she felt it was a very natural thing for her to start getting involved with the community.

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Propane explosions rock neighborhood



Courtesy photo

Two propane tanks exploded while Alamosa firefighters attempted to extinguish two sheds fully engulfed in flames about 5:30 a.m. Friday at 704 Murphy Drive. Fire Chief Don Chapman said fortunately no one was injured. The side-by-side sheds, contents and wooden fence in the adjoining alley were a total loss. Chapman said besides the propane tanks, the sheds owned by Judge Michael Gonzales, contained lawn mowers and personal items. Eighteen AFD firefighters responded with three trucks and were on scene for two hours. Chapman said the cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

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Tempering COVID-19 expectations

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Over the past 7 days we have received news of 4 additional positive cases in the San Luis Valley. It is important to keep this in mind as we prepare to transition to the 'Safer at Home' phase of reopening. The virus remains present in our community and while we begin to prepare for reopening businesses on May 1st, it is important that we all follow the guidelines to protect our community. When the stay at home order expires, it is important that we remember it is still safer at home and everyone is encouraged to stay home as much as possible except for necessary activities, jobs and government functions.

If your business has not been open as a critical service business during the Stay at Home phase, you should NOT open your doors on April 27th. Guidance will be available from the state next week to guide businesses as they prepare to reopen on May 1st with precautions in place.

The Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) sent the following message to licensees in the personal services industry last night and provides more information about what businesses should expect as we move forward into the Safer at Home phase.

Dear Licensee: Numerous questions have emerged within the personal services industry as the state enters the Safer-at-Home phase in its recovery plan related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) recognizes that there is pent-up demand to return to work in all aspects of the economy, including those deemed "non-critical" under the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order, DORA

wants to stress that if you are not currently operating as a critical service business, you should not open your doors on April 27th.

Governor Polis is expected to officially announce in the coming days the parameters for personal services businesses to re-open with strict precautions beginning on Friday, May 1st. Please note that the Governor's lifting of statewide restrictions does not relieve you of continuing to comply with local public health orders if you work in a community where the local public health authority has extended restrictions on work or travel. In those communities with continued stay-at-home orders, you will need to await the lifting of those local restrictions before you resume operations.

Following the Governor's directive, DORA will communicate via email a comprehensive summary of state-level information and guidance specific to your industry. Again, personal services should not take place until these directives are officially conveyed, and you can safely re-open, should you choose to do so.

As we navigate into this next stage, deliberation and the latest information must remain at the forefront before resuming operations. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to ensure that those who re-open can provide the safest customer experience possible.

If you are a licensee, ensure that your email information is current with DORA and look for further guidance from DORA specific to your industry in your email.

The practices that we encouraged early on are

still important. Wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your face, and keep your surroundings clean. When you clean, it is important to not mix cleaning products in order to get a stronger effect. Some combinations of common cleaning products may generate harmful gases. Some of those combinations of cleaning products can be deadly for not only you but others in your home. Use those products only as directed on the product label.

Two men face numerous charges

By **KEITH R. CERNY**
Courier Publisher
COSTILLA — Two male suspects were arrested on various charges and two females were questioned and released following an incident here late Tuesday afternoon. All four were captured with the assistance of drone surveillance.

Ryan Munoz, 30, Denver, was arrested on multiple traffic infractions including felony eluding, according to Master Sergeant Shawn J. Olmstead of the Colorado State Patrol (CSP). He said the incident began on Interstate 25 after an attempted traffic stop lead to a high-speed chase that ended about an hour later on Trinchera Ranch east of Fort Garland.

Olmstead said Munoz has a lengthy criminal history and was in possession of a considerable amount of cash.

Miguel Duran-Garcia, 21, Evans, was arrested on several outstanding felony warrants in Weld County and was in pos-

session of a "personal use" quantity of heroin. Additionally, he was charged with attempt to introduce contraband into a detention facility, Olmstead said.

Mst. Sgt. Olmstead is a specialist in smuggling, trafficking and interdiction for CSP's District 2 which encompasses most of the southeast quadrant of the state.

He praised the combined efforts of CSP officers and the Costilla County Sheriff's Department in the pursuit and eventual arrests, calling their partnerships "impressive." Huerfano and Alamosa sheriff's departments assisted as well.

Olmstead said several attempts at deploying tire deflation devices were avoided by the driver, Munoz, who exceeded 100 mph several times during the pursuit.

The vehicle, a white VW Jetta, was pursued to an area south of Highway 160 at mile marker 262 (near the roadside picnic tables). Olmstead said when the suspects were

seen abandoning the vehicle, he established a perimeter and ordered a Reverse 911 call to residents in the area at that time, warning them of the situation.

After a short search, deputies were able to locate and follow tracks that lead to an area where a male and female were taken into custody.

A short time later, Costilla County Search and Rescue arrived with a drone. Once the drone was in the air deputies were able to locate the other two suspects who had fled, another man and woman. All four were in custody by 6:30 p.m.

Olmstead said he was totally impressed with the drone and its operator, noting that was the first time he had been involved in a search with a drone.

No known firearms were involved in the incident, he said, and no one was injured. The vehicle was secured, seized and towed from the scene pending a search warrant.

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Record

SLV Educators of the Year named

By **KEITH R. CERNY**
Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA – With the state-ordered closure of schools in the San Luis Valley and social distancing requirements, the 34th annual Education Recognition Banquet will not be held tonight (April 22) as originally scheduled.

San Luis Valley BOCES, San Luis Valley Federal Bank and Adams State University sponsor the annual recognition along with the 14 public school districts to celebrate outstanding educators across the Valley.

Each district named a 2019-20 Educator of the Year nominee. Districts in the SLV include: Alamosa, Centennial, Center, Creede, Upper Rio Grande, Moffat, Monte Vista, Mountain Valley, North Conejos, Sanford, Sangre De Cristo, Sargent, Sierra Grande and South Conejos.

“We thank BOCES for the opportunity to assist as a sponsor of their Educator of the Year awards,” said SLV Federal Bank CEO Duane Bussey. “We appreciate the commitment all teachers make to children in the San Luis Valley and we’re especially proud of the teachers who’ve been nominated by their districts to receive this special recognition.”

“This year with the challenging environment we’re currently in, all parents of school age children have an even greater appreciation of the critical role our teachers play in the education and development of our children.”

Nominated candidates will be awarded a check from San Luis Federal Bank, an ASU shirt as well as certificates and a gift bag. The hope is that an event can be held this fall to celebrate the honored educators when conditions permit.

Alamosa School District

Yvette Romero
Ms. Romero has been with the Alamosa School District for 17 years where she teaches 3rd grade. Yvette received a BA degree in Elementary Education K-6 and an Endorsement in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education K-12 from Adams State University and a MA degree in Reading from Walden University.

Yvette serves on the Staff Leadership Team, the Building Leadership Team, the Curriculum and Development Team

and the English Language Team. She believes in teaching the whole child and incorporates new ideas and research daily.

Centennial School District

Audrey Rael

Ms. Rael has been with the Centennial School District for 10 years where she teaches 4th grade.

Audrey received a BA degree in Elementary Education/Emphasis in Literacy. She is on a PBIS Committee which encourages positive behavior in students. Audrey is the coordinator for the Regional Science Fair and Lina Mood Bell Trained.

Ms. Rael is not only a teacher at Centennial but she was also a student who graduated and knows

the community well. Audrey has the ability to relate to her students in many unique ways. This certainly helps her provide the best education possible to her students.

Center School District

Kim Gonzales

Ms. Gonzales has been with the Center School District for 4 years where she teaches Kindergarten. Kim

received a BA degree with a minor in Spanish and American sign Language.

She also received a MA degree in Education with an Endorsement in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse.

Kim believes that every student can learn regardless of language, background or socioeconomic status. She consistently maintained a focus on growth and achievement, manipulating and growing her instructional practices of ALL students. As an educator she is a very positive person who is patient, kind, determined, and always willing to learn.

Creede School District

Cathy Ormsby

Ms. Ormsby has been with the Creede School District for 18 years where she teaches 2nd grade.

Cathy has taught levels K- 5th grade. Ms. Ormsby received a MS Degree in Agriculture from Southern Illinois University, a Teaching Certificate from New Mexico, Colorado K-6 Teaching

Certificate.

Cathy created and oversees weekly student meetings call MINERS meetings (based on PBIS). These meetings stress the importance of neighborliness, manners, integrity, and work ethic. She is trained in Reading First and other professional development activities to ensure that her students are receiving the best possible practices and instruction.

Moffat School District

Linda Vigil

Ms. Vigil has been with the Moffat School District for 7 years where teaches 3rd grade.

Ms. Vigil is a Safety Team leader, PreK consultant, PBIS team member and afterschool tutor.

Linda is a leader in giving up planning time to tutor students from other classes in like literacy and Math.

Monte Vista School District

Edwin Mondragon

Mr. Mondragon has been with the Monte Vista School District for 15 years where he is the Special Education/Resource teacher at Monte Vista High School.

Edwin makes sure that each student has the opportunity to achieve their goals and to even push them beyond. He is student driven and his first response is always “What can we do for this student”. Mr. Mondragon has a passion for his work and truly cares about each and every student who crosses his path.

Mountain Valley School District

Yvonne Morfitt

Ms. Morfitt has been with the Mountain Valley School District for 23 years. Yvonne is the district Grant Writer & Culinary Arts Teacher. Yvonne received a BA degree in Forestry from

University of Minnesota, a Certification in Health Education from CU Denver, and a MA degree in Counselor.

Ms. Morfitt is a champion for health and wellness and works diligently with students to help them grow. She has brought grant programs such as a full-time nurse, AmeriCorps volunteers, summer programs, health and wellness, social and emotional programs.

North Conejos School District

Margaret Salazar-Muniz

Ms. Salazar-Muniz has been with the North Conejos School District for 19 years where she teaches High School Math. Margaret received a BA Degree in Mathematics and a Secondary Teacher Certification in Mathematics.

Margaret believes that students do not want to fail, and she will help them succeed by beginning with where students are. Margaret serves as a teacher on the National Honor Society Selection Committee. She also sponsored Chess Club, Math Club and Sophomore class.

Sanford School District

JoAnn Bagwell

Ms. Bagwell has been with the Sanford School District for 11 years where she teaches Jr./Sr. High School FCCLA. JoAnn received a BA degree in Elementary Education from Adams State University.

She works diligently to make sure all of the students know that she is here for them.

Joann skillfully connects parents, community members, and colleagues with her students’ learning experiences resulting in enhanced, effective and meaningful instruction. Ms. Bagwell’s ability to consistently go above and beyond

San Luis Valley BOCES

Michelle Sisneros

Ms. Sisneros has been with the San Luis Valley BOCES for 10 years where she teaches K-2 Special Education and 4 years with the Center School District. Michelle has a BA degree in Elementary Education a MA degree in Special Education from Adams State University and an Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership and Administration from the University of Northern Colorado.

Michelle’s passion is to work within the special education systems to assist families, educators, service providers, and community members to provide the best education services possible for students with disabilities. She is a mentor to new teachers, provides training for small vehicle licensure and professional development through BOCES, Michelle is also on the Steering Committee at the BOCES.

Sargent School District

Rafe Paulson

Mr. Paulson has been with the Sargent School District for 5 years where he teaches High School Science. Rafe received a BS degree in Science in Mathematics & a Minor in Chemistry from Adams State University.

Rafe serves as Sargent’s Technology Chairman and is a member of Leader in Me Academic Adult Team. He sponsors students for the local, state, and international Science Fair. His professional relationship with students is such that students work hard and enjoy the difficult content knowing that Mr. Paulson is by their side to help them achieve day in and day out.

Sierra Grande

Jane Jacquart

Ms. Jacquart has been with the Sierra Grande School District for 3 years where she teaches Middle School Math. Janet is certified in Elementary Education K-6/ Certified Gifted K-12.

Jane has served on the RTI, UIP and PROWL Committees and continues to help improve her district. She has the desire to make every student successful in math. Ms. Jacquart has taken on the gifted and Talented Coordinator role this year. She has made much progress in this role.

South Conejos School District

David Jackson

Mr. Jackson has been the South Conejos School District for 8 years where he teaches Middle School Math.

David believes in moving students towards excellence and gives them his all when it comes to being an educator, friend and colleague. He loves teaching and working with children from all walks of life.

Sangre de Cristo School District

Erica Mortensen

Ms. Mortensen has been with the Sangre de Cristo School District for 13 years where she teaches 3rd grade ELA, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. Erica received a BA degree in K-12 Physical Education

Endorsement in elementary Education. A Minor in Exercise Physiology and Coaching.

Ms. Mortensen takes pride in instilling a positive educational experience for all of her students and parents. Her instructional strategies allow all students to succeed not only academically but socially as well. Erica believes that all students, regardless of their home life or socioeconomic standings benefit from nurtured instruction.

Bike to Work Day Postponed

DENVER – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Colorado Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, is rescheduling this year’s annual Bike to Work Day, from Wednesday, June 24 to Tuesday, Sept. 22.

“To maintain the health of riders and of our communities, we believe it’s best to delay Bike to Work day due to the current situation,” said CDOT’s Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Scenic Byways Section Manager Betsy Jacobsen. “Although this event celebrates physical fitness, social distancing would be more challenging this year if we have additional people traveling in closer proximity to each other on our bike paths and local streets.”

June is designated as Bike Month in Colorado, with Bike to Work Day falling on the fourth Wednesday. Thousands of individuals throughout Colorado use that day to show their support for the fun and ease of bicycle transportation by riding their bikes to and from work.

The date for this year’s Bike to Work Day in Colorado was selected to coincide with the same event held by the League of American Bicyclists.

COVID-19

Safe transportation infrastructure is essential for emergency first responders and freight drivers as Colorado navigates the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, construction continues on CDOT projects with social distancing and other measures to reduce COVID-19 exposure on worksites. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment announced guidelines for construction activities. Gov. Polis issued an emergency, temporary stay-at-home order for all of Colorado, which went into effect Thursday, March 26. With this order, the public is urged to join the campaign for #DoingMyPartCO and avoid all nonessential travel. With fewer vehicles on the roads, CDOT crews will be able to work more efficiently and safely.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

ALAMOSA —The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP.

Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email amanda@alamosastatebank.com

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

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sen-

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

ALAMOSA — Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday at the Alamosa County Sheriff Office, 1315 17th

St., at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome. Call Suzi at 719-588-9236.

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

ALAMOSA — Families Healing Families is a community-based organization that provides support and resources

for families affected by the impact of substance abuse. They meet on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center at 92 Rio Grande Ave. (on the north end of Cole Park) in Alamosa.

School Menu
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BIRTHS

Lacey Kathleen Romero

ALAMOSA — Lacey Kathleen Romero was born April 21, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Health Center of Alamosa to Corin and Justin Romero. Lacey weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 17 and one half inches long. Lacey’s siblings are Stetson, Easton, Landon and Dawson. Maternal grandparents are Loren and Kathy Crowther of Alamosa. Paternal grandparents are Manual and Toni Romero of Monte Vista. Great-grandparents are Ed and Leona Crother, John and Gini Gardiner, Harvey and Jan Sullivan and Levi and Hellen Romero.

Valley News

Why Congress needs to support your local news sources in this crisis

By DEAN RIDINGS

CEO, America's Newspapers

During this coronavirus pandemic, access to accurate and trustworthy information in your community is as critical to life under quarantine and as sought after as hand sanitizer and face masks.

Your local newspaper provides the news and information unique to your community. Where are the testing sites and who's eligible, which businesses are open, what is the local online unemployment benefit application process, and much more. But your access to local news and information is gravely threatened by the economic carnage COVID-19 has wrought.

While local newspapers continue to field reporters and bring news and advice from public health authorities in print and online — at considerable cost — their revenues have all but disappeared as the businesses that were their most important advertisers were shuttered. That's why America's Newspapers and other organizations representing local news providers are asking Congress to take urgent action to ensure you don't lose your vital sources of timely and trustworthy information.

First, we're asking that Congress expand and clarify the Payroll Protection Program to ensure it covers all local newspapers and news broadcasters. While some of these outlets may be owned by large organizations, they must



Courtesy photo

Dean Ridings
CEO America's Newspapers

survive on their own. It's only fair that they should be included in any expansion of the program. These loans will keep the newspaper employees — your neighbors — on their payrolls and help get the news to you in print as well as

online. We appreciate the bipartisan letter of April 19th from U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA), John Kennedy (R-LA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and John Boozman (R-AR) that requested waiving the Small Business Administration's (SBA) affiliation rule to allow local media outlets to access funding, pointing to the critical role these outlets play in keeping communities healthy and informed.

Second, we are asking that the Trump Administration direct current federal government advertising funds to local news and media outlets. These public service and informative ads could be similar to the ones running right now about the U.S. Census. They could carry critical government information about data from the CDC, access to small business loans, medical resources for families and other important topics. We're asking for a commitment that would be spent in an equitable manner across all local news providers.

We also believe that there should be an immediate relief package that is based on total newsroom employees. Some local news organizations won't survive without some type of immediate grant or infusion that is tied to the organization's employees who directly work in the newsroom.

This is not a demand for an industry bailout by local news providers. Instead, these measures recognize that local

news publishers are on the information front line of the coronavirus pandemic, providing a public service vital to keeping our communities safe, secure and sustained during this unprecedented public health crisis.

Please contact the offices of your senators and representatives in the U.S. Congress and tell them you support expanding the Payroll Protection Program to include your local news source and that the federal government should use your local newspapers or news broadcaster to convey important information through public service ads. And finally, let them know that a grant based on newsroom employees is critical at this time. Visit www.usa.gov/elected-officials for their contact information.

Take this easy action to ensure that your access to local information doesn't become another victim to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you and may you and your family remain safe and informed during this difficult time.

On behalf of its approximately 1,500 newspaper and associate member companies, America's Newspapers is committed to explaining, defending and advancing the vital role of newspapers in democracy and civil life. We put an emphasis on educating the public on all the ways newspapers contribute to building a community identity and the success of local businesses. Learn more: www.newspapers.org

COVID

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If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you can participate in the CDPHE symptom tracker by going to <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid19-symptoms>.

At this time, the CDPHE symptom tracker does

not refer users to testing or allow them to register to receive a test for COVID-19.

Local screening is being done through our local nurse triage lines. REMEMBER: testing capacity

is increasing in our region! If you have symptoms, or think you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please continue to call our local triage lines. [Rio Grande Hospital (719) 657-4990;

SLV Health (719) 589-2511 ext. 9; Valley-Wide Health Systems (719) 589-3658]

We have no changes today in San Luis Valley case counts. To see current numbers, go to our website at <https://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/>. There will be no daily update on Saturday or Sunday from SLV Public Health. However, work will continue over the weekend to prepare for the phased reopening.

History

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She volunteered for several programs that eventually branched out into her becoming a board member for other nonprofits. Her husband had served as a trustee for La Jara and that is how she got interested in becoming a trustee herself.

Now in office officially, Zaragoza is taking on some challenges that are

rooted in the past.

He has been a resident of the town of La Jara for 34 years. He received both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree from Adams State University in Alamosa, with a number of accolades and titles to his name as an elite runner.

"I'm coaching a different team," he says, "but

it's the same concept."

"I'm their leader. I work for them and they work with me."

Retired from a career as a teacher he has been devoting his time to substitute teaching and coaching. He said he took the town manager position as a choice to get involved in local government to pay back the

community and show his appreciation to La Jara for being so good to him and his family.

Also hired to fill a vacancy created by retirement, Ben Parcyga is the new town attorney, who replaces Raymond Valdez.

The election results follow:

Four candidates were

including long-time trustee Austin Valdez, incumbent, 129 votes to become mayor pro-tem and chal-

lengers, Margie Wagoner, 126, also an ASU athletic standout in the past, Annette Chavez, 121 and Rocky Villagomez, 111.

COVID-19 related special enrollment ends on April 30

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insured. Health insurance coverage will start on May 1 for anyone enrolling during this period.

All individual insurance plans (meaning plans NOT from an employer) are available. People enrolling during this period only have to verbally attest that they are currently uninsured, and the insurance companies cannot require further proof of being uninsured.

Colorado consumers are encouraged to enroll through our state's exchange, Connect for Health Colorado. Financial as-

sistance for those who qualify is only available when enrolling through Connect for Health Colorado. Contact Connect at 855-752-6749 or find in-person assistance through their statewide network of certified experts at connectforhealthco.com/we-can-help, including appointments with a broker or assister by phone. In addition, Connect for Health offers tools such as the Quick Cost & Plan Finder that can help check eligibility for financial assistance while finding plans that fit consumers'

needs.

Coloradans who lose their job, or who may lose their job in the coming weeks, and thus lose their employer-based health insurance, are reminded that loss of such coverage allows them a 60-day window to enroll in individual coverage, whenever that might happen throughout the year. A change in income or a person's living situation may also trigger such enrollment windows. See Connect for Health Colorado's "When can I buy insurance?" page for details.

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- Proven professional competence-conducted over 50 jury trials in the Valley to include a felony trial in every one of the 6 SLV counties
- Dedicated to justice for victims and safety in the community, but empathetic to the unique challenges of people in the Valley

I would appreciate your vote as candidate for District Attorney in the Democratic primary on June 30th.

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Opinion

God Bless America ...

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

President Trump's convicted former lawyer Michael Cohen was one of thousands of prisoners freed due to the COVID-19 scare. The virus resulted in a feeling of forgiveness across the land. Any day, I expect to see a public health commercial in which O.J. Simpson assures us that gloves work.

Psychology Today published a study warning that prolonged isolation can lead some people to depression. For my part, the hygiene ritual makes me a little OCD. Since corona virus started, I've washed my hands so many times I've revealed a disco stamp on my wrist from the Red Onion in 1977.

The New York Mercantile Exchange reported oil selling at only sixteen dollars a barrel Friday, prompting oil analysts to call for a bailout for Big Oil. How the mighty have fallen. Today the difference between an oil man and a pigeon is that a pigeon can still make a deposit on a new Bentley.

President Trump announced new recommendations Thursday that give doctors the green light to resume performing elective surgeries. And not a moment too soon for L.A. Since the shutdown rules went into effect, breast implants in Beverly Hills are being done at drive-thru's called Jiffy Boob.

The Treasury Department revealed startling expenditures for health supplies Thursday. It was reported we are giving China five hundred million dollars to buy face masks to protect us from a virus they



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gave us. It's like Charlie Sheen selling his own brand of penicillin to all his ex-girlfriends.

The White House published an order Friday to cut off all immigration to the U.S. except health care workers and farm workers. It's not popular to be as conservative as I am on this issue. My ancestors did not come all the way here from Great Britain to see this country overrun by migrants.

Georgia Governor Kemp became the first governor to defy White House guidelines Friday. He opened up tattoo parlors, nail and hair salons and bowling alleys. Updated COVID-19 guidelines now recommend that friends returning from Georgia be hosed down and left out in the yard for two weeks.

President Trump made it clear

at his news briefing Thursday that he disagrees with Georgia's Governor Kemp on the way he opened up the state. As of Friday, in the state of Georgia you are able to get a haircut and tattoo and go bowling. It's like the state is being run by the Big Lebowski.

Georgia, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas began opening up their economies on Friday despite furious opposition by the media and political establishment. This corona virus has done what no woman was ever able to do. Cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and men are staying home.

President Trump at his press conference on Thursday ripped into a CNN News reporter for being so negative and called him a representative of Fake News. The other side does it too. The same day, I heard on Fox News that a baby bat is called a pup and an old bat is called Nancy Pelosi.

President Trump at his press briefing Thursday angrily dismissed

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Propaganda Material

What a week! Starting with the Peyton Sanchez Birthday Parade last Saturday—it was so wonderful! I know you saw pictures in the paper but did you know that 136 vehicles showed up to honor this young man? We had Firetrucks, Sherriff's vehicles, motorcycles (lots of motorcycles), Semi's, hot rods, tractors, regular cars and trucks, and my little yellow truck! The folks who participated in this parade are the 'salt of the earth' people...they are special...they are dear! They made this special man feel very special—like we all know he is. They made his parents and his grandparents cry...with joy, and love. Thank you to everyone who participated!! I know it left you all with lasting memories.

Sometime this week Paul Duarte with the Mean Moose Baseball team brought me in a crisp \$100.00. I was confused and surprised to receive it. And then I felt honored, really honored. The Courier had an article explaining what they were doing, but I had no idea it would include me. Because I know that the SLV Cancer Relief Fund has been kind of depleted lately, with no idea when they can do their annual fundraiser, I decided to 'pay it forward'. I gave that \$100

to them along with some other donations. We have started collecting loose change at the register, and will certainly take donations from you if you so choose. This group is totally volunteer and all the funds raised, go directly to our friends and family members battling cancer in the SLV!!

Wouldn't it be great if they could raise lots of money without the expense of a fundraiser? Could we all help them do that this year? One of my plans is to beg on the street corner by Walmart in a few weeks. Does anyone want to help me with that project?? A few years ago, I took over the driveway by the Loaf N' Jug, and the resident beggar moved out of town. It was a win-win situation!

We are starting to get more and more plants in....spring fever for sure! It isn't exactly time to plant everything right now, but we are getting closer. Many folks have greenhouses or sunrooms to keep their plants for a few weeks, if necessary, and that helps tremendously.

With all this virus stuff going on, if you need to meet before I open or after I close to get gardening supplies,

please give me a call. I, personally, have real mixed feelings about all these germs everywhere, but I do want you to be in your comfort zone. For instance, I had to get a prescription filled at a big box pharmacy this week.

When I asked how often they cleaned the pen that everyone signed with, the first answer I received was 'daily' and that was quickly changed to 'hourly'. That means that everyone getting a prescription filled in an

hour might be touching that same pen! How do you protect yourself from that? I know this virus stuff is serious, really serious stuff, but the economic failures may be our downfall more than the virus.

Do you also wonder about who is going to pay for all these loans and benefits? Why are folks on unemployment getting an extra \$600.00 PER week?? I just keep on working...plodding along, hoping me and all my friends survive. Many do not qualify for the 'free' loans. We are the worker bees of the country.

I guess the next thing I wonder, given the location of my business (lower downtown Alamosa), is why

folks who have chosen a lifestyle of being homeless, camping on the river and taking advantage of every social program in our Valley think they should receive a stimulus check??

Let me add that they have probably never paid taxes. I just don't get it! I was raised to work. I think everyone getting 'free' money should have to do some type of meaningful community work. (I have lots of projects). I'm thinking Work Progress Administration (WPA) programs of the depression era.

Okay, gladiolas have arrived and they can be planted now.

Planting them every 10 days will give you a continuous bouquet of flowers. Also, I just received my shipment of hops vines—haven't even opened the box, so hoping they are quality plants. Limited supply.

As we collect money for the Cancer Relief Fund, I do so to honor, Gigi Darricades, who passed away this week. She battled her rare cancer tirelessly and with unending hope. The battle ended on Wednesday and Gigi is no longer in pain. Love and hugs to her husband Mike Gibson. You have a lot of friends who will help you, when you need.

Colorado community colleges rise to challenging times

Have any of us ever seen anything like this before?

Shuttered and locked businesses. Stay-at-home orders. School-aged children underfoot as we struggle to adapt to remote work and "self-isolating". Millions suddenly out of work and a stalled economy.

The impacts of the COVID-19 epidemic are overwhelming, inescapable and unprecedented, at least in our lifetimes. It is enough—more than enough—to make us feel lost and, worse, hopeless.

How we choose to respond to the current crisis will define our future, and the good news is that Colorado has always been resilient.

We have suffered through floods, fires and blizzards, and we have learned that we are adaptable, that we will pitch in to help our neighbor, and that we can still find groceries and toilet paper if we look hard enough.

For most of us, there is a sense of optimism that we will soon emerge, if not unscathed from the crisis, at least with most of our institutions and systems intact.

While COVID-19 may have brought much of our country to a standstill, we know we need to keep moving, and it is our educational institutions that can fuel our recovery. In fact, almost all of those institutions are still functioning

and still fulfilling their missions.

While our students are no longer on our campuses and in our residence halls, what we are doing now at the Colorado Community College System hasn't stopped and hasn't changed. Through our 13 colleges and 40 locations, we still offer over 5,000 courses and 2,000 degree and certificate programs, serving over 125,000 college students.

Alamosa and the San Luis Valley are served by Trinidad State Junior College and Pueblo Community College.

In the midst of this pandemic, we are still open for business and almost all of our students are continuing their education this semester, although most of them are doing so through online or remote instruction.

None of this is new to us. We have been delivering academic as well as career and technical education courses online for decades and we are good at it. Our students earn meaningful degrees and credentials that enable them to directly enter the workforce or transfer their credits to four-year colleges and universities in Colorado and beyond.

Our low-tuition, flexible schedules,

online courses, and student supportive services make it possible even for those who are working and raising families, or who face other obstacles to traditional college life.

Many of our students come from vulnerable populations that are taking the hardest hits right now. Parents, employees, mid-career changers, the recently unemployed, and those for whom high school is a distant memory, can find a place and a program for them. They need an education now, more than ever, because we know that even as our economy recovers, it will look very different than it did before.

During the last decade in which we clawed our way out of the Great Recession, individuals with college certificates or degrees filled virtually all of the millions of new jobs created. Left behind were those whose ambitions ended with the completion of a high school diploma.

College matters, and college includes everything from the traditional liberal arts leading to a four-year degree to programs of study that may take only one or two years to complete.

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ing universities where you can complete your bachelor's degree, and more. Our shorter certificate and associate degree programs lead to satisfying careers in fields as diverse as health care, law enforcement, firefighting, education, construction and skilled trades, transportation, agriculture, and too many others to list here.

Employers know the value of the well-educated employee, and they know our colleges and our programs make their employees even more productive and valuable.

Now is the time to look to your local community college and to discover the vast range of courses, programs, certificates and degrees that you can complete while studying from home, and at very low cost.

Now is the time to pursue that new degree or course that will improve your life, your income, and your future. Turn the crisis of the moment into the opportunity of your lifetime. Colorado's community colleges stand ready to help and we are committed to your success.

You need an education, and Colorado needs you, now more than ever.

Joe Garcia is chancellor of the Colorado Community College System, the state's largest system of higher education and workforce development.



Joe Garcia

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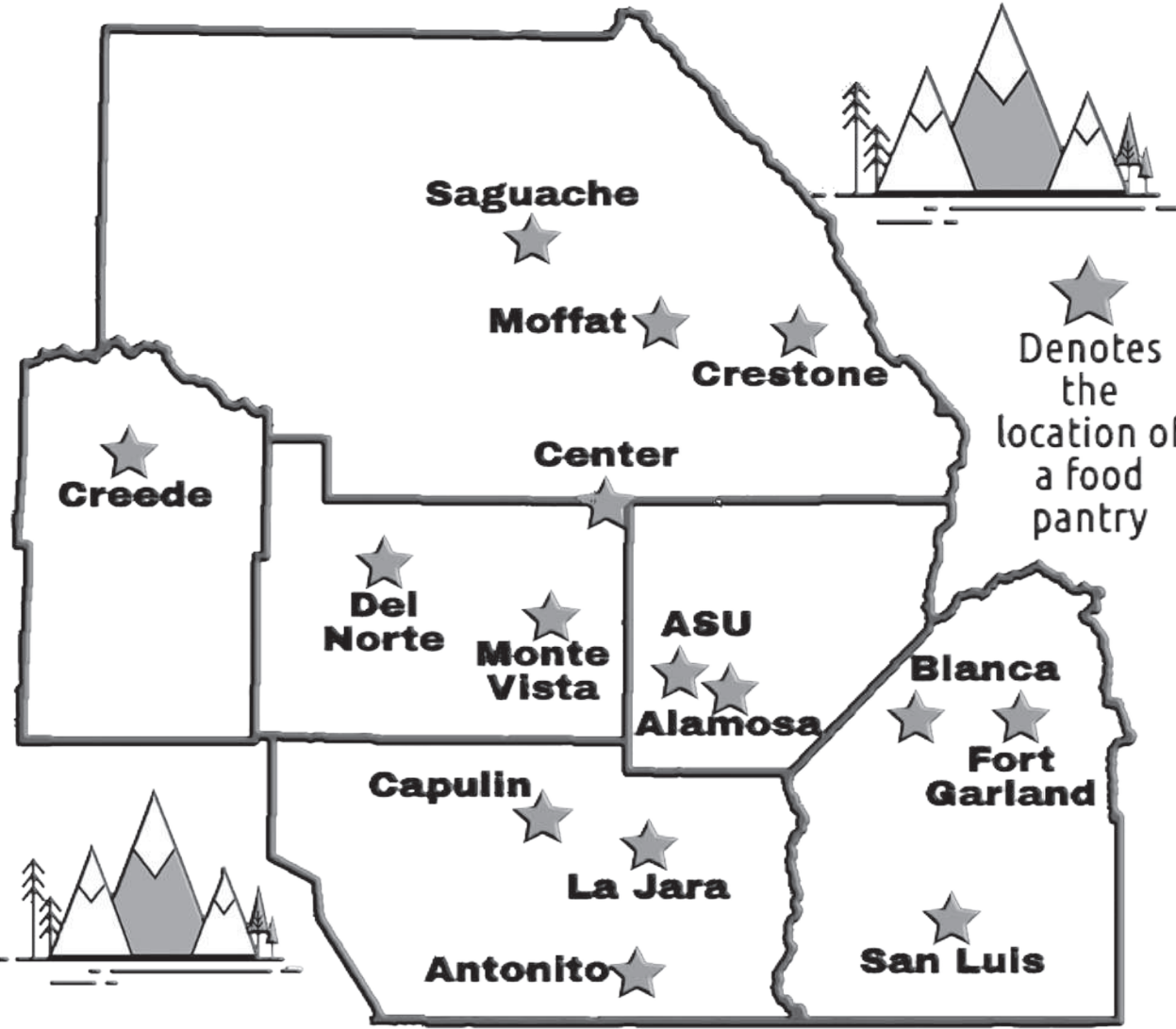


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We will need your support far beyond COVID to help ensure that our neighbors do not have to go to bed hungry.

"If you want to eliminate hunger, everybody has to be involved." Bono



Hunger Education Week

"Help Fight Hunger During COVID & Beyond!"

April 26 - May 3



www.lapuentehome.org/HungerEd

Learn more about how you can be part of our solution to the pervasive hunger in our community.

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Help your community by donating high-needs items to the Food Bank.

We are hoping to secure donations of plastic bags, boxes, & egg cartons. Community members can also learn about volunteer opportunities to help fight hunger locally.

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Lifestyle

Help fight hunger during COVID & beyond

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

ALAMOSA — COVID-19 has impacted us all. In many ways, it has shown the best of us as a community. It has shown the power of compassion and cooperation, as community partners develop new creative solutions and collaborations. COVID has proven that we are indeed stronger together.

Our community has always had its issues, but COVID laid bare many of the vulnerabilities in our society and has shown just how many families struggle to get their basic needs met.

As we begin the slow crawl back to recovery, the most vulnerable among us will need us more than ever.

Together, we have and will continue to take care of our neighbors in need. One persistent issue that has been exacerbated by this current crisis is that of hunger in our community.

In order to understand what hunger looks like in the San Luis Valley, one must understand that it doesn't just hide in the fringes. With over 10,000 unduplicated individuals utilizing one of the 15 pantries in La Puente's Food Bank Network last year, it's clear that food insecurity in the Valley is a real problem. Here in our rural communities, one in four feel the effects of hunger and reach out for assistance to feed their family. To solve this issue, we're all going to have to be involved.

To engage community support for hunger relief efforts, La Puente is hosting their Hunger Education Week.

Rather than cancel this annual education series due to COVID, the La Puente staff believe we can all benefit from the support and education this event provides to the community. This year's events look much different than events in the past, but still hold the same amazing opportunities to help others.

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La Puente is so proud to have served the San Luis Valley for 38 years and will continue to serve as long as there are those in our community who struggle with homelessness, hunger, & other crises that destabilize families. La Puente can only serve because of the compassionate neighbors who believe in the power of their mission and support their efforts. Be a part of their efforts and see firsthand how we really are stronger together.

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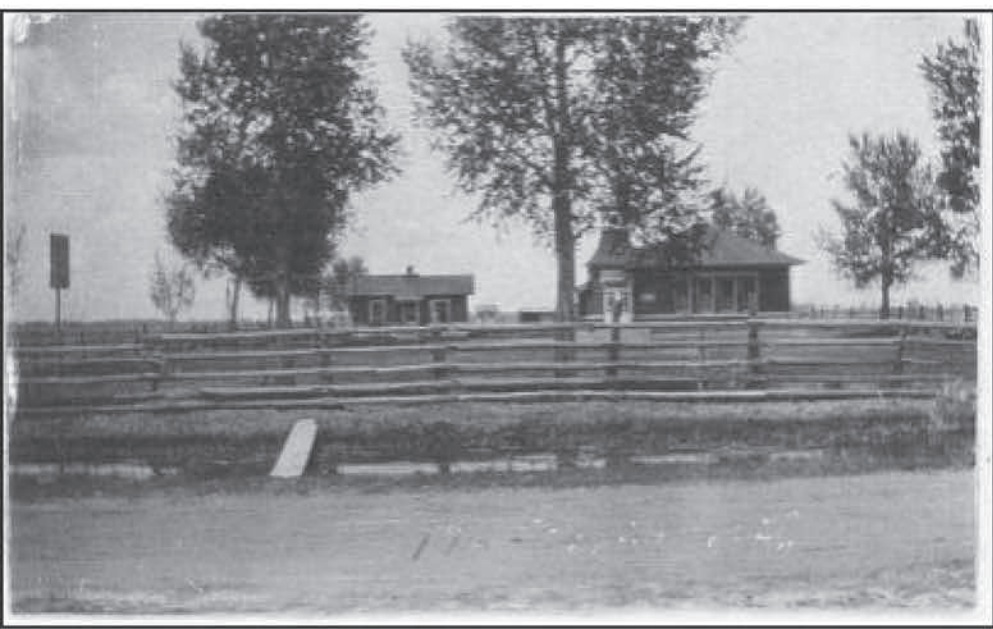
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Lifestyle

History shared for Mt. Pleasant School



Courtesy photo

A historic photo of the Mt. Pleasant School site as shared by the Colorado State Land Board. The building in the rear of the property was a teacherage that is no longer standing.

ALAMOSA — The Mt. Pleasant School District had its beginnings as District No. 19 in Conejos County. At that time, before Alamosa County was formed, land lying north of the Rio Grande was Costilla County and land south of the river was Conejos County.

When Alamosa County was created in 1913, District No. 19 changed to District No. 1. The new district encompassed an area starting about five miles west of Alamosa, continuing west to the county line, on north to the Rio Grande River, and slightly south of Highway 160.

The first settlers to the area were of German descent (Higel, Stender, Zeigler, Knapp, Heersink, Schaak and Johannsen among others), many of whom still have families farming in the area. Children from these families originally attended the old Parma School located at the west county line. This building was constructed for \$100--\$80 for materials and \$20 for labor.

On May 19, 1888, parents met to organize a new school district, resulting in the relocation of the 12' x 18' Parma School to the present Mt. Pleasant site. The first teacher was Miss Sophie Uhri, who earned \$40 a month and boarded at the home of Ferdinand Higel. She and Higel's son, Louis, walked together to school, a distance of two miles.

More families came and soon the little school was outgrown. By 1902, a new brick schoolhouse stood on a stone foundation, but faulty construction shortened the life of this building when strong winds damaged the south gable so severely that it was replaced in 1911 with the current building. The new schoolhouse was constructed of bricks made on site. The name of the builder is not known.

Some of the things remembered by former students about their experiences at Mt. Pleasant School are the faithful recital of the Pledge of Allegiance every morning and the fun games that were played during recess. Classroom duties, such as sweeping the floor, cleaning the chalk boards and erasers, hoisting, lowering and folding the flag, were assigned to the students on a rotating basis.

Before the teacherage was constructed, the teachers came to school on horseback, by bicycle, and one living north of the river used a boat. During the winter, some teachers lived with nearby families.

About 1920, there was an effort to consolidate the District with Alamosa because of the long-distance children had to walk in the cold to get to the schoolhouse. The community resisted and decided instead that they needed a school bus.

Ferdinand Higel purchased a 1921 Reo bus and provided transportation for the students. The school originally had an eight-grade program, and one year it was a nine-grade program. In 1947, it was reduced to six grades.

In the 1960s, it was further reduced to only a four-grade program. District No. 1 continued in spite of sporadic efforts to consolidate. It eventually became part of the Alamosa school system but continued to operate as a community school.

On August 25, 1964, a motion was approved by the Alamosa

Board of Education to close Mt. Pleasant School.

Again, the community resisted and through a special meeting the motion was rescinded, allowing the school to continue one more year. The building officially closed at the end of the 1964-65 school year.

Following its closure, the building was used as a community center with the Alamosa School District retaining ownership.

By the mid-1970s, the Mt. Pleasant community was finding it difficult to continue with the necessary upkeep of the building and vandalism was becoming a problem. Constant repair and theft caused the school district to decide that the building had to be put to use or sold for salvage. The Mt. Pleasant community and its alumni initiated an idea to save the school that was endorsed by the school district, the Alamosa community, Adams State College, and the Alamosa Centennial-Bicentennial Commission.

In 1975, it was proposed to relocate the building to the campus of Adams State College, a teacher training institution. Plans were to position the building west of the library and use it as a schoolhouse museum. In a few months, after several fund-raising events and publicity in local papers, \$3,500 was raised with a sizeable amount being donated from the Phipps Foundation.

The goal was \$5,000 and Adams State College Foundation planned to come up with matching funds. As the building is still at its original location, the proposal was obviously never realized.

By 1981, the Rio Grande Arts Council had acquired title to the building from Alamosa School District RE 11 J and had a lease agreement with the State of Colorado for the land. In 1989, the Rio Grande Arts Center sold the building to its current owners, the Mt. Pleasant School Association, a non-profit incorporated the previous year. The land is still owned by the Colorado State Land Board, which supports the designation. The Mt. Pleasant Community Association occasionally uses the building as a meeting place for various activities, including 4H.

The building was used for other purposes besides serving as a school, a pattern typical of rural schoolhouses. Extension Club meetings, 4-H Club meetings and other community gatherings were (and still are) held there. Prior to the 1950s, the building served as a place for the political parties to hold their caucuses and then used as a polling place during the elections. It was also used as a place to register for the draft during World War II, and a place for volunteers to roll bandages during the same war.

Dances, community plays and picnics have been held there. When the building was still being used as a school, a wonderful Christmas program was put on by the students every year. Other holidays also had their anniversaries. Family reunions and anniversary parties have been held there.

It was once the hub of the community. As there were so many families of different faiths and the area had no church, the school was the focal point, the tie that bonded the community together.

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For a Change of Name to: Stone Trujillo
Case Number: 2020CV5
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Public Notice is given on April 14, 2020 that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Minor Child has been filed with the Rio Grande Court. The Petition requests that the name of Stone Walker Palmgren be changed to Stone Walker Trujillo
By Pearl Gutierrez
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
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By Pearl Gutierrez
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PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Conejos County Commissioners along with the Conejos Sheriffs are proposing to adopt a new revised fire ordinance for Conejos County. Said ordinance is up for review on the Conejos County Website - conejoscounty.org. Ordinance was also published in the Valley Courier on Wednesday April 22nd 2020.
A public hearing will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday May 7th 2020 at the Conejos County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room to obtain citizen views and to respond to question related to the proposed fire ban.
Written comments are also welcome and must be received by May 6, 2020 at the Conejos County Commissioners office located at 6683 County Rd. 13 Conejos, CO. or mailed to P. O. Box 157 Conejos, CO 81129 in care of Tressessa Martinez County Administrator.
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SOUTH-CENTRAL COLORADO SENIORS, Inc., the Area Agency on Aging is looking for a Home Delivered Meals Driver. The job is perfect for someone retired or just wanting to volunteer! 1.5 - 2 hours per day, Monday through Friday. Requirements: Current Driver's License, clean driving record, compassionate and effective communication skills with older adults. South-Central Colorado Seniors' Nutrition Program is an EOE and an application must be completed. Applications are available at 1116 3rd St. in Alamosa. Call 719-589-4511 for more information.(5/2)

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) Construction Technology teacher at Centauri High School. Applicants applying for the position need to hold, or be able to obtain, a valid CDE teaching license, have construction experience (At least 10,000 hours of verifiable work experience), or have the education to obtain a valid CTE Construction endorsement. Applications are available at the District Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO, or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. For more information on educational requirements to obtain certification or to submit application contact Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. Application deadline is until position is filled. EOE.(5/2)

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.(5/27)

THE TOWN OF Romeo is hiring for a Town Clerk and A Town Maintenance. Both Positions are part-time. For details and applications contact the Romeo Town Hall @719-843-5785 on Tuesday thru Thursday from 9am to 4pm. The closing date is May 15th.(5/1)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Third Grade Teacher. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted by May 5, 2020, or until the position is filled. The application may be accessed on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(5/12)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for an Alternative Education Campus & Online Secondary Science Teacher. The Byron Syring DELTA Center & the Monte Vista On-Line Academy seek an enthusiastic, interactive, relationship-based science teacher to join a dynamic team serving non-traditional students. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted by May 5, 2020, or until the position is filled. The application may be accessed on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(5/12)

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

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

ELDERLY MAN NEEDS help with home repair, painting, and other odd jobs. Call 719-580-9717.(5/5)

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TOWN OF DEL Norte is hiring part-time-Code Enforcement Officer. Must be at least 21 years of age, have a valid Colorado driver license and be a credible witness in court and have no felony convictions. High school diploma or the equivalent. Position is on year to year basis depending on Town budget. Approx. 20 hours a work week. Patrols limits of the Town to detect and identify violators of municipal ordinances including vehicle owners, property owners and residents. Inform citizens of ordinance violations, issue written notices of violations, and issue written summon complaints to offenders. Knowledge of Town Codes and experience dealing with citizens under stressful situations are preferred. Works closely with Del Norte Police department. Send resume to Del Norte Police Department or job application available online at delnortecolorado.com and submitted to email address delnorte1860@outlook.com or mailed to Del Norte Police Department 525 Grand Avenue, Del Norte, Co 81132 or call 719-657-2600 EOE.(5/8)

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.(4/25)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking a girls High School Basketball coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org. Applications are available at sdc.schools.net.(4/25)

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)

TORRES BUILDERS, LLC is now hiring skilled carpenters and laborers. Please email resumes to toresbuildersllc@outlook.com. Call Joe 719-580-5860 with TORRES BUILDERS LLC.(5/1)

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SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is now accepting applications for a .5 graphic design & photography teacher. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Please submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to southconejos.com. Deadline 4/16/2020.(4/16)

EXPERIENCED HAY AND grain farm hand needed. signing bonus plus wages. Call for more info. 719-588-0207(5/8)

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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Middle School Math Teacher. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html> or call 719-852-5996.(4/28)

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163 LOST & FOUND

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SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is currently seeking a preschool teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must possess an associate's degree in early childhood education and must be director qualified and must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@southconejos.com. Applications will be accepted until May 8th, 2020.(5/8)

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ALAMOSA MOSQUITO CONTROL District is now hiring for seasonal staff. Please visit their website www.mosquitobytes.org. Click on EMPLOYMENT for job descriptions and applications. Alamosa Mosquito Control District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Must be 18+ to apply.(5/8)

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

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Second Grade Teacher. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by April 23, 2020, or until position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html or call 719-852-5996.(4/28)

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

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

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

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THE SAN LUIS Care Center in Alamosa are currently taking applications for the following positions: Full Time night shift RN, PRN Nurses/all shifts, Full Time Nurse Staff Development Coordinator, PRN Cook, PRN Diet Aide, and PRN Hostess. Please apply in person at the San Luis Care Center, 240 Craft Drive in Alamosa or call 719-589-9081.(4/29)

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)

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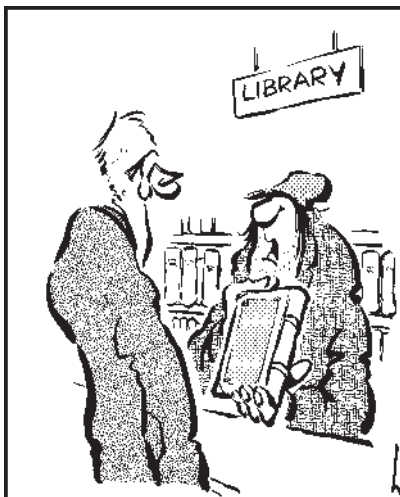
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- 41 Agree
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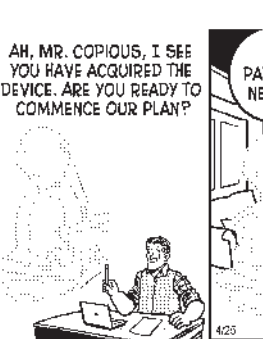
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"Got any nice gift-wrapping paper?"

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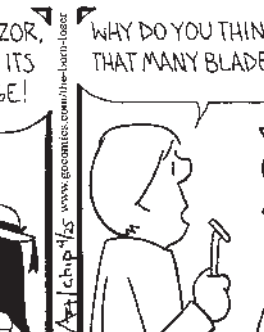
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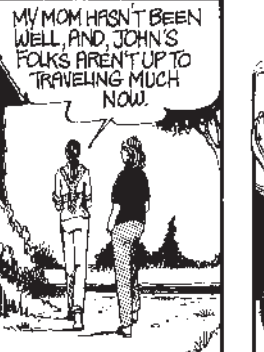
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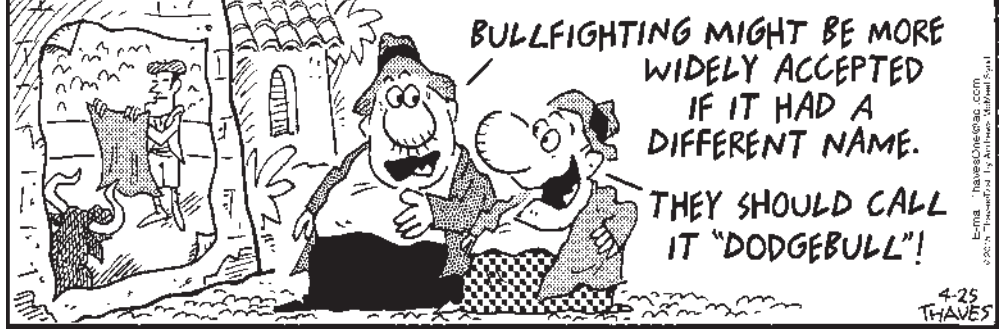
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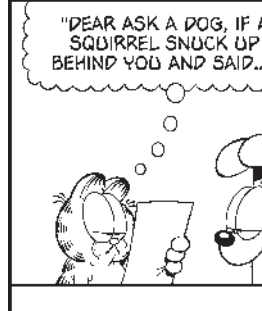
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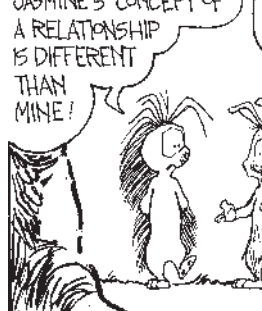
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"CWXP OBLBPW VWJWPXLNTJH:
ERWXHW XKKWEL TBP XETRTVNW.
FW FWPW PTRRNJV CPBJG TJ
EWLPTRWBY." — GBPL ATJJWVBL

Previous Solution: "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." — Chief Seattle

Moving near family forces a choice between two sons

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have a dilemma we don't know how to handle. We both recently retired. Our sons (both married with children) live in other states. Since my wife and I no longer have family here, we are going to move close to one of our sons. Our dilemma: They both want us to move near them, but they are 2,000 miles apart.

Both of the states they live in are similar in terms of taxes, home prices, cost of living, etc. We have decided where we would like to go and found a home to purchase. How do we tell our other son why we moved where we did? He's going to be very hurt and feel that we favor his brother, which couldn't be further from the truth. Both are financially stable (as are my wife and I), so that is not an issue.

I'm sure many people would feel blessed to have two sons who both want their parents close by. How do we tell one we picked the other? -- NEARBY IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NEARBY: Do not tell either brother that you picked the one you did. You chose a LOCATION.

Why did you arrive at the decision you did? Make a list of the reasons you made your choice and recite them when you are asked. You are all adults. Your reasons are valid ones, and this should not be couched in terms of one son being loved better than

the other, which is childish.

DEAR ABBY: Seven years ago, I found out my husband hadn't paid our mortgage and credit card bills for more than two years, and our home of 23 years was in preforeclosure. Once the secret was out, we managed to save the house (thankfully).

Problem is, I no longer trust my husband and often doubt what he says. My priority was to save our home, but now I am no longer sure I want to stay with him. Our 40th anniversary is this year, but I feel bitter and resentful about his irresponsible decisions. I want to leave, but I'm scared I am making the wrong decision. Help, please. -- MIXED UP IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MIXED UP: Because I have no idea why your husband behaved so irresponsibly, you need to hash this out with a licensed marriage and family therapist. You should also consult an attorney. IF you decide to stay, it is imperative that you be in a position to closely monitor any financial actions and obligations in your household.

DEAR ABBY: I like to jump on our neighbors' trampoline when they're out of town. I have been doing it for decades. Normally it's no big deal, but last weekend they returned home earlier than usual and caught me in the act. Now my wife is



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ashamed to show her face around the neighborhood, and she's blaming me for the whole thing.

Abby, I have a simple solution to this mess. If the neighbors don't want me jumping on their trampoline, they should cough up the money for a privacy fence. Don't you agree? -- BOUNCING INTO TROUBLE

DEAR BOUNCING: If you are so jumpy and can't keep your feet on the ground, it may be time to buy your own trampoline, which would save your wife a world of embarrassment.

Your comment about the neighbors building a fence may have been offered in jest, but it is sensible. If someone's child were to play on that trampoline in their absence and be injured, your neighbor could wind up paying a lot more than the cost of a fence.