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SLVREC board meeting

ALAMOSA — Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic situation and Governors Orders, the regular board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2020 is closed to the public. Future meeting will be closed to the public until further notice.

Rio Grande meeting

postponed

MONTE VISTA — Rio Grande Water Users Association (RGWUA) have postponed their March 25 meeting. The Meeting of the Rio Grande Compact scheduled for April 9th has also been postponed as a precautionary measure.



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Homemade face masks are a labor of love kits that can be used

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By KEITH R. CERNY

Courier Publisher ALAMOSA - In times

of uncertainly and fear due to Covid-19, it's heartwarming to find a related "feel good"

Answering a need expressed by San Luis Valley Health, Randy and Micah Jackson of Rustic Log Furniture put their knowledge and equipment to work manufacturing face mask
Photos courtesy of Rustic Log Furniture

product from a pattern originally designed by SLV Health but improvised by the Jacksons. The end result is that 1,300 mask kits have been made to date and

to sew. ■ See MASKS page 3

Jackson family members and Rustic Log employee Adam Gylling show completed face mask kits ready to be distributed for sewing; from left, Micah, Angie, Caden and Ben Jackson, and Gylling.



Meals on wheels for essential personnel



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron

Wood'ys Q Shack and Century Property Management teamed up to feed essential personnel. Larry Ortega and Marc Eaton keep pace behind the counter while Melanie Woodward (right) checks the order with a driver.

> By STEPHEN JIRON

Interim Editor

ALAMOSA — There is a reason that Kyle Woodward's BBQ truck has gone from a stalwart in the Subway parking lot, to the resident restaurant at Cattails to opening his own location on Main Street. A quality product. The medals and

trophies that adorn the entrance of Woody's Q Shack are proof of that. Thursday, Woody's Q Shack teamed up with Century Property Management to provide that product to those were unable to quarantine during this crisis.

Darlene McCarroll from Century Property Management got in touch with the restaurateur asking if he'd go in with her on a "free day", the beneficiary? All the hard-working men and women within driving distance of Johnny's Auto Sales who are considered essential personnel - including but not limited to truck drivers, law enforcement, first responders, medical workers and grocery store employees.

McCarroll financed the smoked and sauced spread while Woodward and company provided the manpower and the maintenance workers at Century made the whole project mobile getting meals to essential personnel all over the area. According to Woody's Facebook page, they provided 230 free meals to those on the front line.

Century Property Management and Woody's Q Shack will be at it again on Friday getting free grilled delights to all who are helping to keep the wheels of industry turning. Due to the already impressive number of pre-orders (104 as of Thursday afternoon), the trailer will not be posted up at a second location as they'll need all hands on deck to take care of orders.

Woody's was sure to recognize Darlene Mc-Carroll and Century possible.

Property Management, Coca-Cola and Mike and Janet Yohn for their part in making the giveaway

Two more **COVID-19 cases** in SLV

ALAMOSA – Two more positive cases of COVID-19 viral infections in the San Luis Valley were reported

An 80-year-old woman is hospitalized in isolation after being the first positive case of COVID-19 in Alamosa County. Alamosa County Public Health made the announcement early Thursday morning.

Costilla County Public Health also reported Thursday morning that a county resident in their 20's has tested positive for Covid-19 by the SLV Regional Epidemiologist and is currently isolating in their home and cooperating with Public Health to futher investigate the case.

When positive results are received, out of both the respect for the individual and national privacy laws, Public Health does not release information regarding the identity of those who receive positive test results. stated a press release from public health. "If you know someone who has received a positive test result, please be respectful of their privacy and do not share that ■ See COVID page 3 information with others.

Public Health Update on COVID-19

SAN LUIS VALLEY

In the past twentyfour hours, new positive COVID-19 test results were received in Alamosa for a resident in Alamosa County in their 80's and a Costilla County resident in their 20's. Added to the two cases confirmed in Rio Grande County earlier this week, that brings the total to four for the San Luis Valley. We expect that we will see more, as more of our pending tests are processed. These new results reinforce the importance of staying home to slow down the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. On Wednesday, Gover-

nor Polis issued a stay-athome order for Colorado. Today, many in our community are trying to figure out exactly what that means, and how to comply with this temporary law. In a nutshell, the order is for everyone to stay at home, unless you are engaged in a critical business or an essential activity.



Large group gatherings, which had already been prohibited by recent local public health orders in most counties, are not in alignment with the new temporary State law.

More details about the Governor's order, including a useful "Frequently Asked Questions" document that spells out which activities and businesses are exempt, can be found at https://covid19. colorado.gov/. The same website includes a daily update of COVID-19 cases in Colorado. It should be noted that there may be a lag time of several days between when someone is tested, and when their results are reported. General questions about CO-VID-19 in the San Luis Valley can be directed to 719-480-8719.

Under the governor's order, you may still travel in your car to do essential business like getting your prescriptions filled, getting groceries, or going to work if your work is

exempt under the order. It is still okay to go outside and enjoy your yard or go for a walk as long as you maintain distance from others. Grandparents, use your phone to chat with your grandchildren, rather than having your grandchildren come over to visit. Continue to wash your hands frequently.

The San Luis Valley received and distributed some essential personal protective equipment this week to health care providers and first responders through the San Luis Valley Healthcare Coalition. Another shipment is anticipated to be distributed again soon. The supplies, which came through the public health Strategic National Stockpile, were distributed in coordination with San Luis Valley Healthcare Coalition. They are helpful, but they are limited, and they are not anticipated to be enough to fill demand as this pandemic progresses. As a reminder, please

avoid flushing anything except toilet paper. If you are using an alternative to toilet paper such as baby wipes, "flushable" wipes, paper towels, or other alternatives, safely dispose of them in the trash bag instead of the toilet. Remember safe trash disposal and tie the trash bag closed to reduce the risk of others being exposed to the waste.

SLV COVID-19 general questions: 719-480-8719, 9am-3pm

CO HELP line 1-877-462-2911 (English and Spanish) for Colorado general information.

Colorado updates and guidance: https://covid19.

colorado.gov

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OBITUARIES

Gloria Mott Wuckert, 91

ALAMOSA — Gloria Mott Wuckert, age 91, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2020, in Sandy, Utah of natural causes incident to age. She was born on September 17, 1928, in Alamosa, Colorado to Jacob Lyman Mott and Elsie Sowards, one of 12 children.

Gloria married the love of her life, Donald James Wuckert, on June 25, 1950, in Alamosa.

After graduating from high school, Gloria went to cosmetology school in Denver and received her license to be a hairdresser/beautician. After marrying Don and settling in Alamosa, she became a housewife which she thoroughly loved as it reminded her of growing up on a farm in a large family in the Carmel district near Alamosa.

From this marriage two children were born, Alan Kent and Pamela Jo. Throughout her life, Gloria gave unwavering support to Don in his many businesses. These included the Home Lumber Co., First National Bank in Alamosa (which later grew to include other branches in the San Luis Valley), Alamosa Plaza Apartments, Appletree Storage

(which they jokingly called Easy Street), among other ventures. Gloria was an excel-

lent seamstress, knitter, and cook. She made many beautiful items for friends and fam-



Her cooking was legendary and loved by all. Favorites that she made included chicken tamales, kraut bierok, wilted spinach salad, and rhubarb pie—just a small sampling of her cooking prowess. She loved candy and treats and always had a secret stash which she thought nobody knew about, but

Gloria was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and loved the Gospel dearly.

we all did.

Gloria is survived by her children, Alan (Janice) Wuckert, Murray, UT, and Pam (Chris) Morgan, Draper, UT, and 5 grandchildren, Heidi, Kristjan, Nick, Taylor, and Caitlin. Also surviving are 9 great-grandchildren, Maren, Porter, Ben, Indy, Heath, Cole, Olivia, Emma, and Amelia. She is also survived by her siblings, Donna (Betty), Carol, Kathleen, Joe, and Jeannie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Don, and her siblings Lyman, Maurice, Winfred, June, Marilyn, and Joyce.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the many people who have given great care and assistance to Gloria over the past many years. This includes her neighbors and friends in Alamosa, and her live-in roommates Kandace, Casey, Lisyuri, and Nicole.

Also, the staff at Cedarwood at Sandy, and Encompass Health and Hospice are due special recognition and our heartfelt gratitude for their kind and tender

Due to the Covid-19 epidemic, our family is concerned for the health and safety of all those family and friends who loved our mother. We have decided that it is best for us to not have a viewing and funeral for her at this time. A private graveside service and interment will take place at the Alamosa Cemetery under the direction of Rogers Family Mortuary. A family celebration of our mother's life will be held at a later date. We appreciate all of your love and support.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Gloria's honor to San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa, or to a charity of your choice. To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit www. rogersfunerals.com.

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San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

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

Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

SUNDAY

5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa

7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

MONDAY

12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa

5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte

7 p.m. Community Church on Main

St., Creede 7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at

304 Walnut St., La Jara.

TUESDAY 12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st

and State, Alamosa 8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian

Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church

at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa 6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito

6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

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

7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.

THURSDAY

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

12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone

7 p.m. Community Church on Main

7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at

304 Walnut St., La Jara. 7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist

Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

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

Edison, Alamosa. **SATURDAY**

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

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

For schedule changes, please contact your group service representative (GSR) **AL-ANON**

8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY 5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior Health Group at 8745 CR 9S., Alamosa

TUESDAY

THURSDAY 5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st St., Alamosa

7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thursdays)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NarcAnon) TUESDAY

T. Crestone

7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607 4th St., Alamosa 7:30 p.m. Baca Grande Library at Road

ENGAGEMENT

Gomez - Romero

Peter A. and Darlene M. Gomez of Sanford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kaylee Amber Gomez, to Patrick James Romero; son of Jerry and Margaret Romero of Lakewood. Kaylee is a 2011 gradu-

ate of Alamosa high school and 2015 Graduate of Adams State University where she currently works at a Recruitment Specialist/Post-Secondary Advocate for the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). Patrick is a 2007 gradu-

ate of Bear Creek high school in Lakewood, and



has served four years in the United States Marine Corps (2011-20015). Patrick currently works as a bus mechanic for the North Conejos School

The couple plans to wed on October 10, 2020, in

Alamosa, where they will continue to reside and call

The bride's paternal grandparents are the late Ben and Carmen Gomez of Guadalupe. Maternal Grandmother Anna Rendon of Sanford.

The groom's paternal grandparents are the late Celena Romero and the late Medward Romero of Los Cerritos. Maternal grandparents are Elizabeth Doyle and the late John Doyle of Denver.

Freeda Alene Black, 94

DEL NORTE Longtime Del Norte resident Freeda Alene Black, 94, passed away Tuesday, March 24, at the River Valley Inn Nursing Home in Del Norte. She was the last remaining sibling of her family.

Freeda was born in Voca, TX, on January 23, 1926, to Noah and Annie Viola Allen. She was one of 10 children and attended school in Brady, TX where she graduated in 1943 as a Brady Bulldog. She always loved her Texas Bluebonnets. While in high school,

she was Captain of the Volleyball team, Secretary of her Speech Club and wanted a career as a Stenographer. She met the love of her life, Barney, in 1945. His sister married

her brother so this began a pen pal relationship with Barney while he was in the Navy. When he got discharged from the service they got married on Jan 9, 1946, in Wilmer, TX, after just two weeks of dating!

They finally settled

down in Del Norte,

where he worked with his father at a sawmill in the Summitville area. People had bets that their marriage would not last two months and boy did they prove them wrong. They had been married 66 years when Barney died in Feb 2012.

After raising their five kids, Freeda then got a job with the Rio Grande Courts system taking dictation.

For many years she was President of the Val Alto Club, loved going Gambling, playing Solitaire, hitting all the local garage sales and enjoyed spending time in the mountains, camping and jeeping.

Truth be told she probably spent more time walking outside of the jeep than riding because Dad's driving scared her to death on those tiny mountain trails.

She is survived by all five children: Richard (Colleen) Black; Ken (Alice) Black; Kelly (Kathy) Black, all from Del Norte; two daughters: Patsy Black Moreland of Durango and Robin (Craig) Hargis of Carlsbad, NM. Also surviving are

18 great-grandchildren; seven great-greatgrandchildren; along with numerous nieces and cousins from both sides and a host of friends. Cremation was cho-

eight grandchildren,

sen and due to the global crisis services are pending and will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to River Valley Inn Nursing Home, in Del Norte, in memory of Freeda Black. Arrangements in care of Strohmayer's Funeral

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 Ala-

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

ALAMOSA — Veterans Therapeutic/Sup-

port 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.

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

ALAMOSA — Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday at the Alamosa County Sheriff Office, 1315 17th St., at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome. Call Suzi at 719-588-9236.

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

phen@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)

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

Knowlan 805-886-6959.

in Alamosa.

ALAMOSA—American ALAMOSA — TOPS Legion Auxiliary Unit #113, Alamosa, holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday at the American Legion Building at 514 Fourth Street, Alamosa. Call Evelyn Espinola at 719-313-1466 or Alice Robinson at 589-0543.



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Home

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The homemade masks, made with denim material on the exterior and cotton on the inside, include a pocket where a HEPA filter can be inserted. Filters are cut from dismantled heater filters with a high particulate and allergen level, according to Micah Jackson, similar to what you replace in a forced-air furnace.

Micah said staff at SLV Health derived the idea of using furnace filters.

Rustic Log's computerdirected laser, purchased about a year ago to cut upholstery fabric for the company's furniture business, is used to cut both the material and filters based on the final pattern de-

signed by Randy Jackson. "There are a lot of different mask patterns out there," Micah said, "but SLV Health tested this pattern with their staff to get approval."

The kits include all of the materials required to build and sew a mask including interior and exterior cloth, bias tape for binding the top and bottom and to provide straps for tying the mask on, and a piece of wire for over the nose. The end result is masks of varying colors and patterns.

Going one step further, Micah Jackson created a "how-to" video on how to build the masks with the help of Nicole Broyles Mortensen. The video is available on Rustic Living's Facebook page (shorturl.at/evVZ2).

Micah said the whole project began around 3 p.m. Friday and computer programing and testing continued into Saturday and Sunday with a number of the Jackson's children and friends jumping in to help.

Among those joining in the "impromptu work session" were the Jackson family, Roxann Sittler, Abi Sittler, Dr. Martin and Lorna Sowards, Evan Sowards, Denice Broyles, Candace Broyles and Greg and Nicole Mortensen.

By mid-day Tuesday, the Alamosa and Manassa stakes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) had distributed 1,000 kits to church members to begin sewing.

"Monday was insane, Micah said, "with people offering to donate materials and help put kits together.

Other local businesses offered to help, according to Micah, Kristi Mountain Sports volunteering to remove the frames and wire covers of the furnace filters and Weiss Dry Cleaners offering to flatten the accordion-shaped filters using a clothing press.

Micah said Randy's computer expertise has been critical to the operation as well as those who have the knowledge to operate the laser cutter, mainly Rustic Log employees and the Jacksons children.

In putting the kits together, she said bias tape was the hardest material to find as donors gobbled up everything Walmart had in stock. Some kits come with strips of cloth instead with directions in the "how-to" video on how to make bias tape with a hot iron. Each mask requires 80-inches



Courtesy photo by Rustic Log Furniture

This photo shows a completed mask ready to use with a makeshift filter made from furnace filters.

of bias tape.

She noted that the masks are reusable as the fabric part can be washed and a new filter inserted.

Since posting a video on Facebook, Micah Jackson said they have been contacted by hospitals in Arizona and New Mexico requesting the pattern and the video, as well as staff from the hospital in

Salida who she is meeting with on Saturday.

Material donations are still being accepted: denim, canvas or tightly woven fabric (not cut-up jeans) in minimum oneyard pieces, bias tape (1/2-inch double fold preferred), cotton fabric (onesquare yard pieces) and 20-gauge wire. Call 589-0656 ext. 11 to coordinate

drop-off. Donations will be used for any surrounding hospital.

Micah said the project has been a positive thing for the Valley and a lot of other communities.

"It's been an amazing project to be involved with," she said. "Now let's just remember that when all of this is over, support local businesses."

COVID

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"Knowing who has or has not been tested does not change the need to continue to observe social distancing and the governor's stay at home

Alamosa County Public Health Department urges all residents to follow the law and adhere to the stayat-home order issued by Governor Polis yesterday. Social distancing remains the best way to minimize

When going to get groceries, medications, or other essential goods and services, please ensure social distancing by staying at least six feet away from others at all times.

If you think you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, self-quarantine by staying home and away from others for 14-days. If you feel sick, self-isolate and stay home and away from other household members for at least 7-days from the start of your symptoms, you have no remaining symptoms, and until you have had no fever for at least 72-hours without using medicine that reduces fevers.

For further information, go to covid19.colorado.gov or call the SLV information line at 719-480-8719.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 and live in the San Luis Valley, call the SLV Health Nurse line at 719-589-2511 Option #9 or the Rio Grande Hospital at 719-657-4990.

Bennet Praises Senate Passage of Bipartisan Coronavirus Aid and Economic Relief Package

Package Includes Bennet-Led Colorado Priorities, Boosts Health Care Response, and **Provides Urgent Sup**port to Workers, Families, and Businesses

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet released the statement below following Senate passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a \$2 trillion plan to fight the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and help Americans weather the economic fallout of the crisis. The package is the result of bipartisan negotiations with the Trump Administration and relentless efforts by Bennet and Senate Democrats to strengthen the inadequate initial bill that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell put forward. The package passed in the Senate today significantly improves McConnell's partisan bill with a \$150 billion "Marshall Plan" for America's hospitals on the front lines of the pandemic, stronger direct payments to Americans, a historic expansion of unemployment benefits, and immediate support for state and local governments, America's small businesses, and nonprofits of all sizes.

"The public health and economic crisis we face is unlike any in living memory, and it demands extraordinary action to protect millions of Americans at risk of losing their jobs, incomes, and businesses through no fault of their own. Today's bipartisan agreement is a major step toward addressing the unprecedented scope of this crisis and the need for urgent action to support American workers and families. The extra time taken to get this right resulted in a much better final product.

"The bipartisan agreement features provisions that we fought hard to secure, including a significantly larger commitment to our frontline health care workers and hospitals, historic expansions of unemployment benefits to support our workers, increased support for small businesses, direct assistance to the most vulnerable Americans, and much stronger transparency and accountability.

"Today's agreement, however, is not the end of our responsibility. In the weeks ahead, we must continue working to support families, keep small businesses afloat, and ensure that our health care workers have everything they need to overcome this pandemic, as we most

"I am grateful to everyone who set aside politics and rose to our nation's moment of need.'

While McConnell held show-votes on his partisan bill, Bennet worked behind-the-scenes with his colleagues and the administration to hammer out bipartisan solutions to ensure the priorities of the American people are included in our nation's public health and economic response to the coronavirus crisis. A summary of the major improvements made to the legislation by Bennet and others as a result of the bipartisan negotiations with the administration is available HERE.

Bennet fought tirelessly to secure Colorado's priorities in the final package. Colorado priorities included in the package include:

Direct Cash Payments: Bennet led the charge for large, direct economic support payments, and the CARES Act provides the full \$1,200 payment to all Americans below the income caps and \$500 per child. The typical family of four will receive \$3,400.

Funding to Boost Production and Acquisition of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Medical Supplies: Bennet led the entire Senate Democratic Caucus in calling on President Trump to immediately invoke the Defense Production Act (DPA) to meet national supply shortages. He also called for action on the Senate floor. The CARES Act allocates \$1 billion for the DPA, allowing the Department of Defense to invest in manufacturing capabilities to produce PPE and medical equipment. Funding throughout the bill will support production and acquisition of such supplies and equipment through the Biomedical Advanced Research

and Development Authority (BAR-

DA) and the Strategic National Stockpile. FEMA will also use part of their new funding for medical supply and equipment acquisition.

Funding for Telehealth Services: Bennet urged the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to issue necessary guidance for Colorado to take advantage of the expanded Medicare telehealth services that were secured in the first coronavirus funding package. Bennet also urged the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to increase support for telehealth to expand access to care while limiting in-person visits wherever possible to reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus. The CARES Act provides \$200 million to the FCC for a telehealth pilot program. The bill also provides greater telehealth flexibility to community health centers and rural health clinics. Money throughout the bill will support utilization of telehealth for home dialysis, hospice care, and homes health services, and telehealth use by agencies like Indian Health Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Funding to Sustain Rural Hospitals and Providers: Bennet introduced the bipartisan Immediate Relief for Rural Facilities and Providers Act that would extend a lifeline to rural hospitals and providers and the 60 million Americans who depend on them for health care. Across the country, rural hospitals, independent physician practices, ambulatory surgery centers, and other outpatient facilities play a critical role treating cancer, chronic diseases, and other pressing health conditions. Despite these vital services, many rural providers have been forced to close or to dramatically reduce operations, damaging the health and economies of our rural communities. On top of a \$100 billion "Marshall Plan" to reimburse COVID-19 costs to hospitals, the CARES Act ensures that hospitals can request up to 6 months of advanced, accelerated payments equal to 100% of prior reimbursement or lost revenue (or 125% for rural critical access hospitals). It also lifts the

Medicare sequester and increases

for coronavirus services.

Medicare reimbursement by 20%

and School Employees: The CARES Act includes funding that Bennet called for to support schools and school employees working overtime to support their communities during this crisis. \$13.5 billion is available for states to use through formula grants to compensate school employees, to purchase sanitation and cleaning supplies for schools, to plan and coordinate during long-term school closures,

Expanded Unemployment Insurance (UI): Bennet unveiled a sweeping proposal to strengthen and modernize unemployment insurance by expanding eligibility for regular UI and standardizing the amount received across states. The CARES Act expands UI to cover the self-employed, independent contractors, and gig workers, and adds a substantial increase to every recipient's weekly benefit.

and to defray the cost of technol-

ogy needed for distance learning.

Funding to Bring Stranded Americans Home: Bennet called on Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to establish a task force dedicated to bringing Americans stranded overseas home and on Senate appropriators to secure the funding necessary to do so. The CARES Act includes \$324 million for Diplomatic Programs, which will bolster repatriation efforts and the State Department's Bureau of Medical Services.

Cybersecurity Funding: After reports of cyberactivity on Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) networks, Bennet wroteto the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) at the Department of Homeland Security to urge action in response to the cyber incident. The CARES Act includes \$9 million for CISA to conduct supply chain analysis and for impacted critical infrastructure coordination.

Colorado National Guard Funding: Bennet, U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner, and members of the Colorado Congressional Delegation urged-President Trump to provide additional funding for the Colorado National Guard as they work to respond to statewide incidents related to the preservation of life and property in connection with COVID-19. The CARES Act includes \$1.4 billion for National Increased Funding for Schools Guard deployments.

God Bless America ...

HOLLYWOOD-God Bless America,

and how's every body?

White House Corona Virus Task Force leader Dr. Deborah Birx praised Americans for cooperating with her hygiene directive. It's thorough.

Here on day twelve of home quarantine, I noticed that my system has absorbed so much



Hamilton

soap and disinfectant, that every time I take a leak, I clean the toilet.

The New York Post reported that Hollywood mogul and Clinton friend Harvey Weinstein has contracted Corona Virus at Rikers Island jail in New York City while awaiting transport to prison for his rape conviction.

It looks a little fishy. Since when did Corona Virus leave marks on your neck? The U.S. Senate reached a bipartisan

agreement and passed a two-trilliondollar relief bill filled with goodies. Conservatives are outraged by all the

As if the Corona Virus weren't enough of a problem, if the bill were any more laden with pork, it would risk spreading the Swine Flu.

The London Daily Mail quoted teenybopper world climate activist Greta Thunberg Wednesday saying she has come down with symptoms of Corona It just so happens that Greta recently

met with Prince Charles. Imagine what she might have caught if she had met with Prince Andrew instead. Buckingham Palace confirmed

Wednesday that Prince Charles has tested positive for Corona Virus. I have faith the Royal Family will tough it out.

Meanwhile, Prince Charles is in isolation at Balmoral Castle with Covid-19 and Prince Andrew is in isolation at Windsor Castle with Jennifer-14. Prince Charles assured the world

Wednesday that he's feeling fine and working in isolation at Balmoral Castle. Charles is the future King of England

and head of my church, and I feel awful about him catching coronavirus. Nevertheless, he's the one who insisted on sleeping with an old bat.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti lashed out at projections that the city could return to normal life soon

L.A. County has ten million residents, and only seventeen people have died of the Chinese Virus. During that time,

more people have been killed in Los Angeles by the Chinese Drivers. Dr. Deborah Birx told reporters Tuesday she's encouraged by declining virus numbers in Asia and Italy. I just spoke

on the phone with a professor in China. He says it's not worth getting the COVID-19 epidemic now, because they're expecting the COVID-20 Pro to

be released this September. An Arizonan died ingesting a poisonous fish tank cleaning solution containing chloroquine phosphate, prompting

CNN to accuse Trump of murder. He'd touted the anti-malarial drug chloroguine as it's worked on the virus.

I think the biggest lie the media has told us was that March Madness was canceled this year. The White House said parts of

America could be back to normal by Easter Sunday if everyone observes all the precautions. The precautions don't apply to me.

I'm immune from catching the Corona Virus because I have twenty cases of Arrowhead Water and two hundred

rolls of toilet paper. Democratic presumptive nominee Joe

Biden stayed engaged in the virus crisis by going on cable news and trying not to be goofy this week.

But Monday, Biden coughed into his hand during a CNN interview about coronavirus precautions. And now Fox

News wants to interview Joe about gun rights. NASA reports a one-hundred-and-

fifty-foot-long meteor is headed our way through space and will pass very close to Earth in April.

Word gets around, and right now the meteor is a lot more frightened of us than we are of the meteor. Everyone's

just hoping the meteor is bringing toilet paper.

President Trump took questions from reporters Tuesday and urged them to report good news as well during the crisis.

There is plenty of good news out there if you just look for it. A Chicago coronavirus victim has fully recovered and is now able to return to his life as a future gunfire victim.

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Life in the time of Corona

As I sit to write this, I feel confined, though I am at my home computer doing what I usually

I self-quarantined more than a week ago because my sinuses and allergies frightened people. I was a little

scared myself, but rest, knowing this will be gone by May. Now, I am confined

by the governor. Over the years, I have been entered

wacky mailing lists, so I decided to open the first 20 of my morning emails. Someone is obviously maintaining

into some pretty

those messages. One law firm can make it all better by writing to my credi-

tors, another wants a \$1,000 retainer to keep me out of bankruptcy. A loan firm tells

me my signature is still needed on a loan I didn't seek and they need my bank account num-



Sylvia Lobato

Another tells me

I forgot to put my social security number on the application and the money I need won't go into the bank until they have it.

One thing for sure, they believe a loan is the only way to avoid bankruptcy. I can do it in a day if I borrow up to \$50,000. Anyway, they declare, if someone is idle right now, a loan would be the best remedy.

But I need to be willing to come in and sign. Their home offices are in

Chicago. Informational websites offer painless panaceas to all sorts of problems, bait the hook and then ask for good money to tell me

Today, three loans are pre-approved, but they have been approved for several months or perhaps years. I opened one out of curiosity and it rapidly became evident they wanted personal information.

I am also approved for a pay-on-time purchase of furniture.

The prices are about twice as high as those at the local store and all I would have to go on would be the photos. Anyone can make a silk purse out of a pig's ear with a good camera.

Speaking of that, I received a "job offer" in which I could make up to \$500 a day working from home and taking photos there.

from yard sales, second-hand stores and flea markets. Confined here, I will work on the arrangements. Most of the offers

are for insurance, however.

Car coverage is the most common. My manufacturer's warranty expired long ago and the cost of independent coverage is pretty high. I have good, af-

fordable, comprehensive coverage and have yet to be visited by an emu. TV is ever helpful.

If my car is totaled and I am in traction, I can always call Frank Azar. One "agent" warns

that the government will hang me out to dry. No more than one of those companies would.

The government is already coming for my guns. I can take a concealed carry course online Of my home? It's and send money. No pires." decorated in items training is required.

Local sheriffs offer professional training after which one can receive a permit.

Also online are more offers: I can stop using

Viagra. Botox can eliminate migraines as well as skin wrin-

Kept secret from the government, I can hire a company to get a tax refund of more money than

I can make my baby stop sucking his thumb with this

I made.

The only thing I can get from staying in the house except for essential travel is crazy.

However, the liquor stores and marijuana outlets are still open...

Clickbait on the side of my screen offers info on "Ageless celebrities" who never age and might as well be vam-

And I'm still sober

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LETTERS

Scared Straight

Dear Editor.

It will be interesting to see if the COVID-19 pandemic will be enough of a shock to people to cause them to reassess some of their strongly held beliefs.

I'm thinking of people who opposed the idea of universal healthcare, because they had employer-supported for-profit healthcare. What are they thinking now that they have lost their job, and are facing COVID-19 -- on their own for medical care?

In much the same vein are people who believed the Regan era statement that the government wasn't the solution, that government was the problem. When faced with a pandemic, we look to the government to set and enforce boundaries that are meant to protect us all.

We are learning that the call for small government only helped to en-

rich the 1%. Just as in the past, they are using a crisis to rush through changes that they could not get under

I, for one, wish the federal government had spent less on wars -- which only protect corporate interests, and more on having masks, gowns and ventilators for the medical staff to use.

designed to prepare for such emergencies have had staffing and funding cuts, as we make major increases in the budget for the Pentagon.

routine will cause us to question the trickle-up economy we have lived with for the past 40 years, and lead us to realize that GDP and the stock market are not what gives us a quality of life.

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Instead, we learn that task forces

Maybe this shock from our normal

Sincerely, Don Thompson



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Meanings behind the **Easter lily**

Easter symbols and traditions help make the holiday familiar and special. Eggs, hot cross buns and frilly church dresses help paint the picture, and so does a delicate and beautiful white flower.

The Easter lily plant is native to both Taiwan and the Ryukyu Islands of Japan. The plant's flowering season begins in April and ends in June. The plant produces pure white flowers on top of long stems. Easter lilies often adorn homes and church altars during this time of year.

Tradition states that the Easter lily originated in the Garden of Eden from the teardrops of Eve that spread when she and Adam were cast out of the garden. These were believed to be tears of repentance.

Historians and biblical scholars say that the lily has always been highly regarded in the Christian ences the flower in Luke 12:27, stating "Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Legend has it that, after Jesus death and resurrection, lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus is said to have prayed before his crucifixion. They were believed to have sprung up from a drop of sweat from his brow when his head was bent in prayer.

In Easter celebrations, the lily represents Christ's Resurrection, and thusly new birth and new life. The delicate, white blooms can be viewed as pure, innocent and untainted by the world.

The flower itself is used in various ways to tell the resurrection story. The bulb is buried in the

Unique Easter

traditions from



ground as a representation of Christ's tomb. The trumpet-shaped fragrant flowers also announce life after death, since bulbed flowers often regrow year after year, according to the religious resource All About Jesus. And the trumpet shape signifies the angel Gabriel's trumpet call.

It's common for Easter lilies to decorate homes, churches, gardens, and more throughout the Easter season. TF204830

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Christian Science Services

Christian Bethel Christian Church

Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary

Sunday are at 9 am - Services School Room. Choir is held on Wednesday

at 6pm during the summer months with a final practice at 8:15am on Sunda

Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m.

Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Monday Free Music Classes Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night

Sundays, 6 p.m. - Fellowship

Bible Studt Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45

11:UU a.m. - Worsnij

Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship

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Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step

group meets, every Friday at 7 p.m. South Fork Chuch of Christ

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class

Sunday Bible Study 9 am

Comerstone Community Church Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical Clinic

Sunday Worship 10 am Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm

Sunday 9:50 a.m. free breakfast

Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service

Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary

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704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-589-2114

Pastor Mark 719-657-9107

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518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa

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Morning Worship - Sunday, 10:15 am Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am

First United Methodist Church 2005 Mullins Ave., Alamosa

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589-6805

Worship 2:00-3:00

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The Peak Community Church

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The Door 1300 West 12th St., Alamosa

Christian Independent Alamosa Christian Church

410 McQuerry, Alamosa

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Pentecostal

Church of the Living God 11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper

Prayer House Church

Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth Thursday, 7 p.m - Bible Study San Luis Valley Christian Center 305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study

410 Main Street, La Jara Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am
Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm
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Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado
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Wednesday of each 4 p.m.
Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.
Solve Morning Service, 10:30 am
Wednesday of each 4 p.m.
Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.
Solve Morning Service, 10:30 am
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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Back Row Church - Church Community
In the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Building Adult Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday Coffee Fellowship – 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service – 11:00 a.m. Sunday Church of the South Fork

www.backrowchurch.com Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342 Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm

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510 Fist St., Alamosa Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m. 2-3 p.m. - Lunch 3-5 p.m. - Worship Service

Antonito Apostolic Church 710 Main St., Antonito 11-12 p.m. - Sunday School 12-1 p.m. - Worship service

Apostolic Pentecostal nurch of Champions, Acts 2:38 9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351 Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-588-7307

Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Service Assembly of God

Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service 7th & Miles • P.O. Box 507, Center. CO 81125 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Worship, 7:00 p.m. Assembly of God Sons And Daughters Of God Ministry 677 Madison Street, Monte Vista Pastor Leonard Sandoval, 719-849-0212. Wednesday 7.00 p.m Prayer

520 7th St., Del Norte, 81132 Adult Sunday School - 9:00 Services - 10:00

Grace Community Baptist Church 431 Lincoln Ave, Monte Vista Rev. Bill Walstrom, 719-937-1451 Worship: 9:30; Sunday School: 11:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm 2910 Clark Street, Alamosa Sunday 900 & 1045 am Worship Services*

> Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade) Sunday, 10.45 am Teen Bible Study (6th-12th grade) Tuesday 7:00 pm Young Adults/College Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible Quizzing (1st-6th grade) Wednesday 6:30 pm Reign Youth Group (6th-12th grade) Wednesday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study* Saturday 5:00 cm Worship Service Small Groups meets throughout week, please call for info Nusery is available (Runs-rrek)

College Heights Baptist Church 2045 Church Avenue, Alamosa

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. - Sunday School Kevin Bradley Pastor Sunday, 11 a.m. - Morning Worship San Luis Valley Baptist Church 930 State Avenue, Alamosa

Pastor R.L. McDonald Wednesday 7 p.m. - Worship Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Evening Worship Spanish Ministry- Iglesia Bautista Rehobot Pastor Sal Garcia, 589-3020

> Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Ministry of the Word Small group studies meet during the week.

Calvary Bible Chapel

7160 Brush Lane, Alamosa

Calvary Blanca Pastor Mathew Leonard - 719-379-3317 Sunday, 9:30 am - Bile Study Sunday, 11:00 am - Service Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know You 607 4th Street, Alamosa Calvary Baptist Church 2160 Sherman Ave, Monte Vista

Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 6 p.m. - C.L.A.Y. Youth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study South Fork Baptist Church 0130 Four Seasons Dr.(Old Chizum Bldg), South Fork

(East side near laundromat & car wash) Sunday, 10:30am - Worship For more information - Pastor Paul Moon - 719-496-7702

715 4th Street, Alamosa Saturday, 5:15 p.m. - Mass

Saturday, 7:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass Sunday, 8 a.m. - Mass Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass Sunday, 5 p.m. - Mass

Catholic Mass Student Union Room 308 - ASC Campus, Alamosa Every Sunday, 8 p.m. - Mass

United for Christ Community Church (SBC) Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship Meditation, Kriya Mountain Institute

Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11am Bible Believer's Community Church 11762 E US HWY 160 719) 206-3239 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm Presbyterian Alamosa Presbyterian Church

330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship Hispanic Pentecostal Iglesia Pentecostal Unida L.A. 907 Tenth St. Alamosa Guadalupe Salazar Pastor

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Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa alamosafellowship@gmail.com Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church

Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45

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Sunday, 9:45 am - Sunday School Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner Prayer meeting Home Bible studies in Costilla County

Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa

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Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Fourth Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language)

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Youth 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. St. Peters Lutheran Church & School Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista

Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services School: K-8, Monday-Thursday Trinity Lutheran Church & School

52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship *Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week*

-Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 589-4611, School: 589-327 Conejos Canyon Community Chapel 20062 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Fellowhip Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

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589-2899 or 588-7662 Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista

702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2555 Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church

315 Craft Drive, Alamosa Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship

United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church

5385 Barker Street, Mosca 720-254-5564 Reverend Hugh Harris

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United Presbyterian Church of Antonito

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Sunday -9:45am - Sunday School

10:45am - Service Valley Church of the Nazarene

228 Madison, Monte Vista - 852-5858 Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9:00 a.m. Every other Wednesday, 6 p.m.

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across the globe rate. For example, in the Easter is the most important day of the year on small state of Goa, Easter the Christian calendar. A celebrants host carnivals celebration of the Resurand exchange gifts with rection of Jesus Christ, fellow Christians. Those gifts include the Holy Easter commemorates the very core of the Christian Cross, which is exchanged after Easter church ser-

faith. So it comes as no surprise that such an important day is steeped in tradition. Easter traditions such as Easter Sunday Mass are widely known. But there are many unique Easter traditions across the globe

that, while they may not be as widely known, illustrate the power of this very spe-

community. · India: India may not be the first nation to come to mind when thinking of countries in which Christianity has a strong foothold. And while only a small percentage of people

in India identify as Chris-

tian, Easter celebrations

in the country are elabo-

cial day in the Christian

vices have ended. Such services are then followed by Easter parties, where families and friends gather and break bread together, much like Christian celebrants do in other parts

of the world. Florence celebrate Easter Sunday with a genuine flash. In a tradition that dates back several centuries, Florentines load a cart with fireworks before exploding it outside the famed Florence Cathedral.

· Europe: Many European Christian communities burn an effigy of Judas Iscariot as part of their Easter celebrations. Christians believe the

apostle Judas betrayed Jesus Christ, a betrayal that led to Christ's crucifixion. Despite some groups denouncing the burning of Judas as anti-Semitic, the practice continues in many

 Spain: Holy Week commemorates the entire week preceding Easter Sunday, including Holy Thursday and Good Friday. In the Spanish town of Verges, Christians commemorate Holy Thursday • Italy: Residents of by reenacting scenes from the Passion, which refers to the short period at the end of Christ's life. The "Dansa de la Mort (Death Dance)" is part of that commemoration, and during this dance, participants

> Easter celebrations across the globe are steeped in tradition, including some that might surprise even the most devout Christians. TF204829

dress up like skeletons.

Matthew 6:33 says, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (NIV). The key to living the abundant life God has for us is learning to make Him our first priority. Yet many people seek the "things" first, things like jobs, houses, cars or other material things.

To seek means "to crave, pursue, to make sacrifices to get, to go after with all of your strength and all of your heart." It is a mistake to crave and pursue possessions, believing they will give us the lasting peace, joy and contentment that only come from God's presence in our lives.

Take a moment and ask yourself, "What am I seeking? What do I spend most of my time thinking or talking about? How do I invest the majority of my energy?" These are important questions you need to answer from your heart.

Deep and Wide

I got to a place in my life some years ago where I had lots of material things but I still wasn't very happy. Have you ever been in this place? Maybe you've wondered, What's wrong with me? like I did. Well, when I asked God that question, His answer to me was, "Joyce, you're shallow. It's time to step out into the deep." That was a wake-up call. I was a

shallow Christian. I wanted the "fruit" of God's Spirit-love, joy, peace, patience-and all operating in my life, but I wasn't seeking that, so my "roots" weren't very deep at all. I had it backwards...as many of us do at times. We want the money, the house, the platform or whatever our "thing" is. So we pursue that rather than the true treasure of God's presence.

Just like a tree needs roots to go down deep and spread wide in the soil for it to grow strong, healthy branches that can withstand the elements, Christians need to develop deep

The Truth About What Matters Most spiritual roots in Christ. Our lives need to be deeply rooted and grounded in the Word of God and in His love-not our "stuff"; otherwise, we soon find that out when the storms of life come, our "things" don't to make us so happy anymore. That's because those things can't give us what we truly we need. And it doesn't matter how much stuff

> Don't get me wrong...I'm not saying it's bad to want nice things or to desire a good life. But we need to examine our priorities when it comes to those things. We need to learn to seek God's face and not His hand. If we will seek His face, His hand will always be open to us.

you have if you're miserable.

You may wonder what it means to seek God's face. Maybe you aren't used to hearing that term. It just means we need to take time to cultivate a relationship with God...to get to know Him. We need to learn who we are in Christ and trust what His Word says about us. And with prayer, Bible study and time, we will.

We are to pursue God in prayer, crave time in His Word, and go after a relationship with Him with all of our heart and strength, even if it means sacrificing some of our desires. Because the Bible never tells us to seek things, but instead, "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33 NIV). The Bottom Line: What REALLY

It seems that so much of the time.

we get it the other way around, going after possessions as if we'll never get what we want if we don't. But I encourage you to think about what it will be like at the end of your life. I know that's not a pleasant thought, but do you really think you'll be concerned about your stuff? Or do you

Moving Up Higher Joyce

think you'll want family near? We must establish our lives in

Christ. If we are to be truly happywith or without all the stuff-we must learn to trust our lives to God. If we will pursue His kingdom and His righteousness, we will see what it means to be content in life. As the apostle Paul said, "...I have learned in whatsoever state I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11).

The key is to seek the Kingdom first. Pursue God; seek His face and go after a relationship with Him as if it is everything to you! You will find that if you seek His face, His hand will always be open to you. So, learn to be content in your relationship with God-He knows exactly what you

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching CD series Pursuing What Matters Most. 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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Sunday School 9am 1861 Rd 10 S

see you in sunday school!

Lifestyle

All Colorado Parks and Wildlife Campgrounds Closed Until Further Notice

DENVER — As the State of Colorado continues taking measures to combat the spread of COVID-19, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) will close all playgrounds, campgrounds, camping and camping facilities (including yurts and cabins) at Colorado's state parks as well as camping at State Wildlife Areas effective Thursday, March 26 until further notice. This action has been taken based on The Stay-At-Home Order from Colorado Governor Jared Polis and the advice of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CPW will notify all campers currently on-site to vacate immediately and staff will be contacting reservation holders and provide the process for either refunds or changes for those affected campers.

(CDC).

As of today, non-campground outdoor areas of parks, including trails, boat ramps, marinas and shorelines remain open. However, CPW managers may close areas that do not allow for social distancing. This could include picnic areas, fishing piers and other more concentrated recreation areas and will be determined by location. CPW encourages people to take local and state stay-athome orders seriously, and limit travel time wherever possible, even for approved recreation.

Park visitors are reminded to practice social distancing and maintain at least six feet between other visitors. Anyone demonstrating signs of illness, such as coughing, fever or shortness of breath

should stay home. Restrooms also remain open, and visitors are advised to take soap for handwashing and alcohol-based hand sanitizers when water is not available.

Most importantly, CPW recommends that everyone follow precautionary guidance issued by the CDC, CDPHE, public local health agencies, and the Colorado Governor's Office when recreating in the outdoors.

Last week, CPW temporarily suspended classes and large events and has temporarily closed facilities such as visitor centers and area offices.

CPW is monitoring the COVID-19 situation carefully and is committed to following the state's updated policy on social gatherings to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Visit CPW on the web for the most up-to-date information on how CPW is supporting the state's COVID-19 efforts, as well as our social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

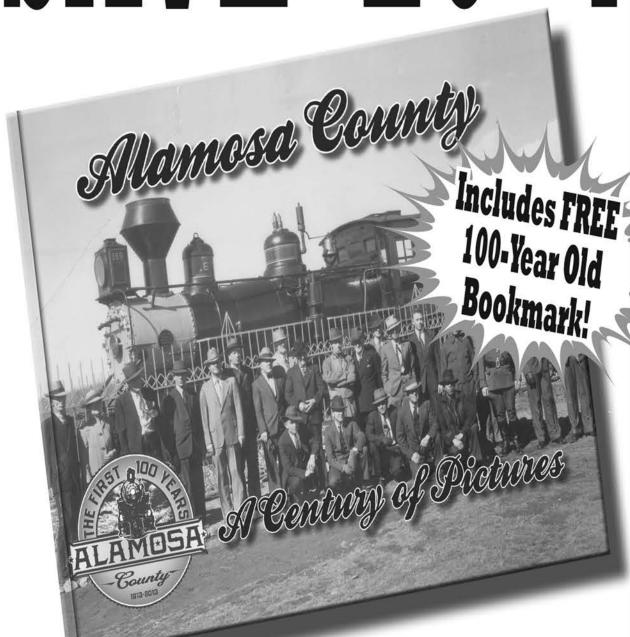
When getting outside, Coloradans must practice social distancing to help prevent COVID-19 and limit community spread. Updated information about Colorado Parks and Wildlife's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is available at cpw.state. co.us.

In addition, all US Forest Service campgrounds, restrooms, trailheads, cabins and fire lookout rentals, picnic sites and trash facilities are closed to the public. Check with your local National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, or US Fish and Wildlife Service office for specific closures and allowed recreation activities.



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Colorado State Parks remain open, but all campgrounds and playgrounds are closed effective immediately.
Restrictions and closures continue to be subject to change.

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Secretary of State Jena Griswold Cautions Coloradans to Beware of Scammers Exploiting the COVID-19 Virus

Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold is warning Coloradans to beware of possible charity scams during the COVID-19 public health crisis and is offering guidance for safe giving to those impacted by the pandemic.

"The COVID-19 public health crisis is tremendously impacting all of Colorado," said Secretary Griswold. "Unfortunately, in times of crisis like this, we've seen scams looking to exploit Coloradans' generosity. I encourage Coloradans to continue to give to those in need, but do so wisely by making sure their donations are going to the right place."

If you decide to make a financial contribution, the Secretary of State's Office offers the following wise giving tips:

When giving to a charity, it's important to confirm the organization is registered and current at checkthecharity.com.

When receiving solicitation calls, ask if the caller is a paid solicitor, and if so, ask for their name and the name of their company, the paid solicitor's registration number which can be verified here, and the percent of your donation that will go to charity. If they refuse to give you any of this information, do not give to that charity.

Be on alert of newly formed charitable organizations. These may be formed with the best of intentions, but an existing charity is more likely have the sound management and experience to quickly respond to the situation, and it will have a track record which you

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can review.

Make a note of the representations made regarding how your donation would be used, e.g. what charitable purposes or programs would benefit and whether or not anyone will benefit locally. Call the charity itself to confirm the details of the solicitation and any local benefits.

Watch out for charities with names that sound similar to well-known, reputable organizations. Sometimes these soundalike names are simply in-

tended to confuse donors.

Do not assume that charity recommendations on Facebook, blogs or other social media have already been vetted.

Be wary if a charity fails to provide detailed information about its identity, mission, and finances and how the donation will be used. Reputable charities will gladly provide the information requested.

Do not pay in cash. Donate by check made payable to the charity or use the charity's website to donate by credit card.

If you believe that you have been solicited by a fraudulent charity, you can file a complaint with the Secretary of State or the Attorney General.

Attorney General, 1-800-222-4444, coag.gov Secretary of State, 303-894-2200, www.sos.state. co.us

More resources for helpful tips include: Internet and Social

Media Solicitations Charities and Fundrais-

ers FAQs Search to see if a charity

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Plaintiffs: RUDY J. MARTINEZ AND LYDIA M. MARTINEZ as Trustees of the RUDY J. MARTINEZ AND LYDIA M. MARTINEZ LIVING TRUST,

DOBINIANIS. BALPH PEREZ, GAY ELIZABETH LUJAN, RICARDO JESUS FAL-CON, JR., AGNES LOVIDA SOLIS, ANGELICA MARIA SANCHEZ,

JANICE SANCHEZ, DAVID EDWARD PACHECO, ROSANNE PA-CHECO, KEVIN ATENCIO, DAVINE ATENCIO, EARNEST MILTON MARTINEZ, the estate of OPHELIA DOLORES MARTINEZ, the estate of EPIFANIO MARTINEZ the UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD, and all unknown persons who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action,

Attorney for Plaintiffs: William F. Dunn, Reg. 1036 585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, Colorado 81132 Phone Number: (719) 657-3323 FAX Number: (719) 657-3324 E-mail: bill@dunn-law.com

Case Number: 2019CV030030

Division:

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO ALL ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PER-SONS WHO MAY CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MAT-

TER OF THIS ACTION: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint To Quiet Title filed with the Court

in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 30 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint to Quiet Title may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint to Quiet Title in writing within 30 days after the date of the last publica-tion, judgment by default may be entered against you by the court

for the relief demanded in the Complaint o Quiet Title without further This is an action in rem to quiet title to a tract of land containing 2.80 acres, more or less, located in the NW?NE? of Section 7, Township 39 North, Range 7 East, N.M.P.M., Rio Grande County, Colorado. A

complete legal description of the subject property is attached to the Complaint now on file with the Clerk of the District Court in the above captioned case. Dated this 18th day of March, 2020.

Published in the Alamosa Valley Courier First Publication: March 20, 2020 Last Publication: April 17, 2020

William F. Dunn, Reg. No. 1036

Attorney for Plaintiffs
No. 1368
Published in the Valle

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON APRIL 7th, 2020, between the of La Jara, Colorado, in the La Jara Town Hall at 221 Broadway, La Jara, Colorado.

Registered voters within the Town of La Jara will vote on the election

of One (1) Mayor seat and Four (4) seats on the Board of Trustees. At such election, a Mayor will be elected for a four-year term; three (3) Town Trustees will be elected for a term of four-years and one (1) Town Trustee will be elected for a term of two years (determined by the total number of voters).
The candidates that have submitted nomination petitions for the Mayor seat are:

MaryAnn Gallegos Paula Medina

The candidates that have submitted nomination petitions for the Town

Trustee seats for four (4) year term or two (2) year term (determined by the total number of votes) are:

Austin Valdez Annette Chavez Margie Wagoner

Larry Zaragoza

Rocky Villagomez
Elector must possess the following qualifications in order to vote in Must be at least 18 years of age.
 Be a resident of the state of Colorado and reside within the city lim-

its of the Town of La Jara for 22 days prior to the date of the election.

3. Must register to vote. May register to vote up to and including Elec-Notice is further given that applications for absent voter's ballots may

be filed with the Town Clerk not later than the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election.

Ouestions regarding this election may be directed to:
Shawn Pagnotta, CMC - Town Clerk
Town of La Jara
221 Broadway
La Jara, CO 81140

(719) 274-5363 No. 1378

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HELP WANTED

SARGENT SCHOOL

DISTRICT is accept-

ing applications for a

High School Head Bas-

ketball Coach position. Please visit our website

for additional informa-

tion and application:

www.sargent.k12.co.us

or call 719-852-4023,

option 6. Applications

accepted until position

SARGENT SCHOOL

DISTRICT is accept-

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6/1/20. Please visit our

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Applications accepted

until position filled. EOE.(4/14)

SARGENT SCHOOL

DISTRICT is accept-

ing applications for a 2020-21 part-time Secondary Business

Teacher position.

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099 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SOUGHT for garage door installation at the Bus Garage of the Upper Rio Grande School District. For more information, please contact the Administrative Offices at 719-657-4040. Bids due by April 1.(4/1)

185 - SERVICES & REPAIRS

FLU PREVENTION CLINIC Every Thursday in March. Be proactive and strengthen your immune system at munity Clinic located in Del Norte, 990 6th st. Call for appointment 360-821-9006.

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221 HELP WANTED

SANGRE DE CRIS-**TO** 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.schooldesk.net. Positions open until

filled.(4/22)

221 **HELP WANTED**

THE SAN LUIS Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services has a position for a full time Early Childhood Special Education Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year. Interested applicants should hold a valid Colorado Teacher License with a license for Early Childhood Special Education or be eligible for a Temporary Educator Eligibility (TEE). Application is available at the BOCES office or on-line www.slvboces. org. Process requires application, letter of interest, and three current letters of reference. Send completed application process to LJ Garcia, Assistant Director of Exceptional Student Services, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101. Application deadline is April 3, 2020.(4/3)

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

Application deadline is

April 3, 2020.(4/3)

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

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking a girls Middle School Basketball coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org.

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

YOUR LUCK IS about to change! Visiting Angels is Now hiring compassionate caregivers to do non-medical in-home care in the San Luis Valley, CO area. Flexible Shift Availability. Full time and part time positions. ** \$50 sign on Bonus to all Caregivers and C.N.A.'s hired March 1-31, 2020. Apply Now, Join the Visiting Angels Team! or call 970-264-5991 for more info. Equal Opportunity

Employer, (3/31)

221 **221 HELP WANTED**

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

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

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online at: www.cross-

roadstp.org.(3/28)

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

ALL AROUND FARM Mechanic needed. Pay depending upon experience. Call 719-588-4481.

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position: Building Night Janitor AHS) Applications are available online at https:// dist.alamosa.k12.co.us For more information. contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline March 27, 2020. EOE(3/27)

MONTE VISTA ES-TATES Nursing Home is Seeking a full time day shift C.N.A seeking a full time evening shift (2-10) shift CAN 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. (3/28)

221 **HELP WANTED**

THE COSTILLA **COUNTY** Conservancy District is now hiring for an Administrative Assistant position. Job requirements: High School Diploma, Microsoft Office experience, and Email and computer skills. Preferred qualifications: Accounting/ bookkeeping (Quickbooks) skills and Good communications/writing skills. Position is for 30 hours per week, Monday

- Friday. Please email resume along with letters of recommendation and references to info@ costillaced.orgby April 2, 2020.(4/4)

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

SAN LUIS VALLEY Health is seeking qualified candidates to fill positions as a Maintenance Mechanic, Maintenance Worker, and Housekeeper. please visit https:// www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/careers/ for a full job summary for these positions, as well as our other job oppor-

221 **HELP WANTED**

APARTMENT MANAGER. OVER the Rainbow Apartments, down-town Alamosa seeks a livein skilled property manager. Responsibilities include lease management, facility upkeep, handling tenant needs and issues. Oualifications: mature, good communication and computer skills, good references. Knowledge of human services helpful. Compensation includes salary, apartment, paid utilities and benefits. Serious applicants, please submit resume to hr@lapuente.net. **HELP WANTED**

NIGHT STAFF NEEDED at La Puente Home. Need Mature, dynamic, compassionate person, able to deal with all types of people. Must be able to work weekend and graveyard shifts. (21+). Bilingual preferred. Looking for the unique applicant who will be a part of an awesome team of individuals helping others. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Send resume to: hr@lapuente.net. (3/31)

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221 **HELP WANTED**

SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Health Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The person in this position will teach health in grades 6th through 12th. 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 1, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the

719-852-5996.(3/28) RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing home in Del Norte Co is seeking a Director of Nursing must have a current Colorado license and in good standing. We offer insurance and competitive wages if interested please stop in @ 1335 6th st to apply or if you have any questions please feel free to contact us @ 719-657-1105 ask for Susan. (RVI is EOE.)(4/3)

district website or call

MONTE VISTA ES-**TATES** 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. (3/28)

FARMING TECH-NOLOGY CORP is seeking Irrigation Technician Qualification, With Sprinkler and Well Maintenance. Apply In Person At 8629 Rd 105 North Mosca, Co 81146 Phone 719-754-0559.

HELP WANTED

THE CITY OF Alamosa is hiring a parttime Library Assistant. (Hiring range \$12.00 to \$12.60/hour DOQ). 20-25 hours per week. Hours will include evenings and weekends. Computer and customer service skills are a must. Duties include, but not limited to, shelving, collection maintenance, and customer service. Full job description, announcement, and application can be found on our website at cityofalamosa.org. Deadline: 03/26/2020 at 4:30 p.m.(3/27)

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FARMING TECH-**NOLOGY CORP** is Seeking Tractor Operator Help. May Apply In Person At 8629 Rd 105 North Mosca, Co 81146.Phone 719-754-0559.(4/15)

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369 - PETS & **SUPPLIES**

REGISTERED MINI **AUSSIE** puppies for sale. Will be 8 weeks old ready on 3/23/20. 3 Blue Merles and 3 Black Tri. Blue Merles \$500 a piece Black Tri \$350 a piece. Current on all shots. 719-849-1877.(3/27)

369 - PETS & **SUPPLIES**

ALL DOGS ADOPTED FROM THE VALLEY HUMANE LEAGUE HAVE TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED BE-FORE GOING TO THEIR NEW HOME.

OOPS! GOT PUPPIES

who need a home? San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society is a nonprofit animal rescue dedicated to stopping the euthanasia of healthy adoptable pets. Having pets altered is the number one way to stop pet overpopulation. If your pet has had puppies contact us. We will take the puppies into our rescue and spay the mama dog for free after the puppies are weaned. If needed we will also provide dog food & gas money to get the dogs to us to help in this situation. Spay/neuter is one of the greatest gifts you can provide your pet, your family and your community. We have found good responsible homes for over 8,000 animals. Contact 719-587-9663 (WOOF); email: woof@ slvaws.org. (TFN)

NEED CATS FOR mousers? Want to adopt kittens? Help trap/neuter/ release efforts? Donate food/litter/supplies? Low cost spay/neuter clinic for cats. http://www.catsaliveslv.com 719-298-7028. (TFN)

FREE TO GOOD home Adults and kittens. NO MOUSERS OR BARN CATS. Spay/neuter clinics coming to Alamosa in near future. Call Donna K 719-589-5952 or 719-580-9078. (TFN)

387 - WANTED TO BUY

LOOKING FOR A 2 or 3 bedroom Mobile Home 1981 or higher for \$15,000 or under. Call or text 719-580-9525(TFN-E)

409 FARM & **RANCH LAND**

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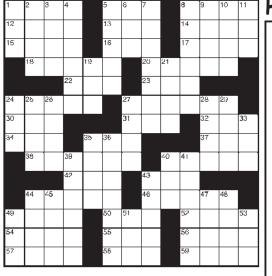
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Parents still in the dark about sibling's sexual abuse

hood. I never told anyone what happened to me until we were engaged. I have in my life where I am happy and healthy.

tionship with my parents, but not with my sibling. My parents often express their are both young and graduatwish for me to have a relationship with my sibling, that telling them what happened at this point would only cause hurt for them. But I also feel that if I tell them, I can stop getting asked uncomfortable questions. What do you suggest? -- SURVIVOR IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR SURVIVOR: I suggest you tell your parents everything. It's something you should have done years ago. Do not worry about hurting them. Once they have all the facts, they will understand why you want nothing to do with your sibling and stop pushing you to have a relation- handwritten note stating ship with your abuser, and that my son should get my

that's the goal. DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with a man for five years, and we are deeply in love. We want to spend the rest of our lives together, but it bothers me

DEARABBY: I was sexu- military for three to five ally abused by a sibling for years. He says he wants me 10 years during my child- to wait for him, but three to five years seems like a lifetime to me. I can't help but I confided in my fiance after feel like he is prioritizing his desire to serve his country gone through counseling over me and years of our sessions and am at a place life together. -- CIVILIAN IN THE EAST

DEAR CIVILIAN: It Currently, I have a rela- would be interesting to know how old you and your boyfriend are. I assume you ing from high school.

This is not necessarbut I always refuse. I feel ily a question of where his priorities lie. While three to five years seems like a large chunk of time, the military may provide your boyfriend with the chance to decide what he wants to do career-wise with his life. It would also provide benefits that could positively affect his future -- and yours once his term of service is finished. If you feel unable to wait for him, you should let him go.

DEAR ABBY: My mother is 88 and in a nursing home. While cleaning out her apartment, I found her will. With it there was a mother's diamond ring. The ring is unique and special. The note specifically said that my sister's kids should

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didn't act like they loved her,

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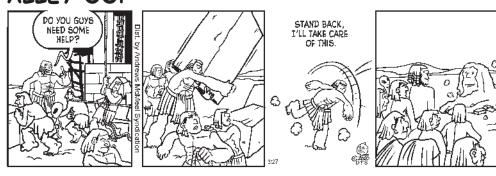
the ring to his wife.

I have not shown the note to my sister because I know she will be upset. I want to give the ring to my son. I know my sister will see the ring on my daughterin-law's finger and know it was my mom's. My sister will wonder how she got the ring. What should I do? · HURT IN OHIO

DEAR HURT: Do not approach your sister with this information until you have spoken to an attorney. Show him or her the will you found in your mother's apartment and the note that was with it. If your mom is able, have the ring details added to the will. In order to avoid any misunderstandings and a possible rift in the family, your sister should be given a copy of both. After that, take your lead from the at-

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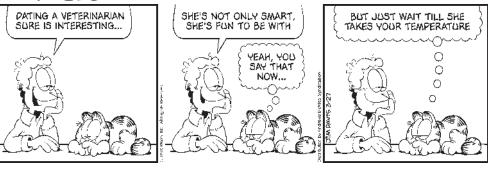
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All-State Basketball teams, all classes

2A Player of the year: Kendra Parra, Del Norte

Senior SG

First Team

Kendra Parra Del Norte

Second Team

Sanford Senior Mackenzie Peterson Mia Garcia Centauri Senior Lilly Lavier Alamosa Senior G Sangre de Cristo Junior PG Kylee Christensen

Honorable Mention

Asia Caldon, Sanford, Sophomore Cheyenne Caldon, Sanford, Sophomore Gabby Jones, Del Norte, Sophomore Kaeci Madrid, Del Norte, Junior Emily Lavier, Alamosa, Junior Brenna McDaniel, Centauri, Junior



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1A Boys Basketball

Cole Christensen, Sangre De Cristo

Coach Of The Year Aaron Christensen – Sangre De Cristo

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Antonio Cordova Primero Jr Isiah Chairez Sierra Grande So Blake Williams Manzanola Jr

Carson Miller La Veta Jr

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Josh Duran Antonito Jr

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Honorable Mention

Lance Peters Primero Jr

Elijah Roberts Moffat Sr

2nd Team

Player of the Year

Kendra Parra steals a pass during a home game against Center in January. Parra was named the 2A Girls Basketball Player of the Year

All Conference Basketball teams

1A Girls Basketball

Coach of the year Dave Forster - Sangre De Cristo

Kylee Christensen - Sangre De Cristo Randy Espinoza- Centennial Alyssa Hammel - Moffat/Moutain Valley Shandiin Tallman – Antonito Mary Goins – LaVeta Lexi Metz – Sangre De Cristo

Alexa Ontiveros - Sierra Grande Ashley Mortensen - Sangre De Cristo Shiinei Tallman - Antonito Nicole Berry – Moffat/Mountain Valley Aanastacia Šalcido - Centennial Avery Palmgren - Sangre De Cristo Emalee Ortibez - LaVeta

Honorable Mention

Maria Loya - Sierra Grande Kendyl Eddelman – LaVeta Katelyn Cunningham - Lake City McKenzie Martinez - Moffat/Mountain Valley Maya Garcia - Antonito

Heaven Martinez - Manzanola Lindsey Gammill - Creede

2A Girls Basketball

Coach of the year-Gibbs Sanchez Del Norte Player of the year-Kendra Parra Del Norte

First Team

Gabby Jones-Del Norte Kaeci Madrid-Del Norte Asia Caldon-Sanford Mackenzie Peterson-Sanford Cheyenne Caldon-Sanford Second Team Brandy Almeida-Center

McKenzie Tolliver-Sargent Jenni Johnson-Sargent Natalia Cendejas-Čenter

Alexis Varela-Center

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Cole Christensen Sangre de Cristo Senior PG/G

Second Team

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