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edition to cease temporarily

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

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

By Appointment only

MONTE VISTA — The Veterans Coalition of the SLV will be helping veterans by appointment only. All group meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Please call 719/992-4108 or email us at help.vcslv@gojade.org for VCSLV assistance.

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Johnson shares his COVID-19 story

CREEDE – Mineral County's first and to date only victim of COVID-19, Clint Johnson, posted about his plight on Facebook and gave permission to share his post publicly in San Luis Valley newspapers. He is currently fighting the pandemic at Parkview Medical in Pueblo where he was flown to on Friday.

His post is printed verbatim with minor corrections: "ATTENTION EVERYONE!!! Well people here we are, I was hesitant at first to put this out on Facebook but the more I think about it I think everyone should know I have now been diagnosed with a bad case of the CORONA.

"The sad thing is I didn't take it seriously at first so I honestly have no idea where I could have contracted it at, or who I could have spread it to and for that I am truly sorry. I have been however avoiding people for the last week and staying home until three nights ago and they air flighted me to Pueblo to a Coronavirus ward.

"I'll try and keep you updated as I get info. I'm actually a little nervous and scared to be honest. They did however start me last night on a treatment that has a 90% success rate so I'm optimistic but it's still too early to tell.

"I am truly sorry. I'm ashamed of myself for not taking this se-

riously. I thought it was being blown out of proportion, but it hasn't. When I arrived here three nights ago, I was the fourth person in this Ward. Last night there was 27 and they're expecting it to double again today so it is totally a serious real thing and it's an experience unlike any sickness I've ever had.

"So please people take warning, protect your families and try and stay home unless you absolutely have to go somewhere. Trust me you don't want to wind up where I'm at.

I hope you all stay safe and stay well."

Courtesy photo

Clint Johnson



Rio Grande County confirms another COVID-19 case

March 28, 2020, Rio Grande County has received notification of another positive case of COVID-19. The individual is a male in his 60s who lives in the northern part of the county.

This will be the County's third test-confirmed positive case and fourth total. The Colorado State Emergency Operations Center has Rio Grande County with four confirmed cases as of March 30th at 4 p.m.

The Rio Grande County Public Health Department continues to follow up with lab-confirmed positives cases and contacts. Individuals are being released from isolation by public health, as appropriate.

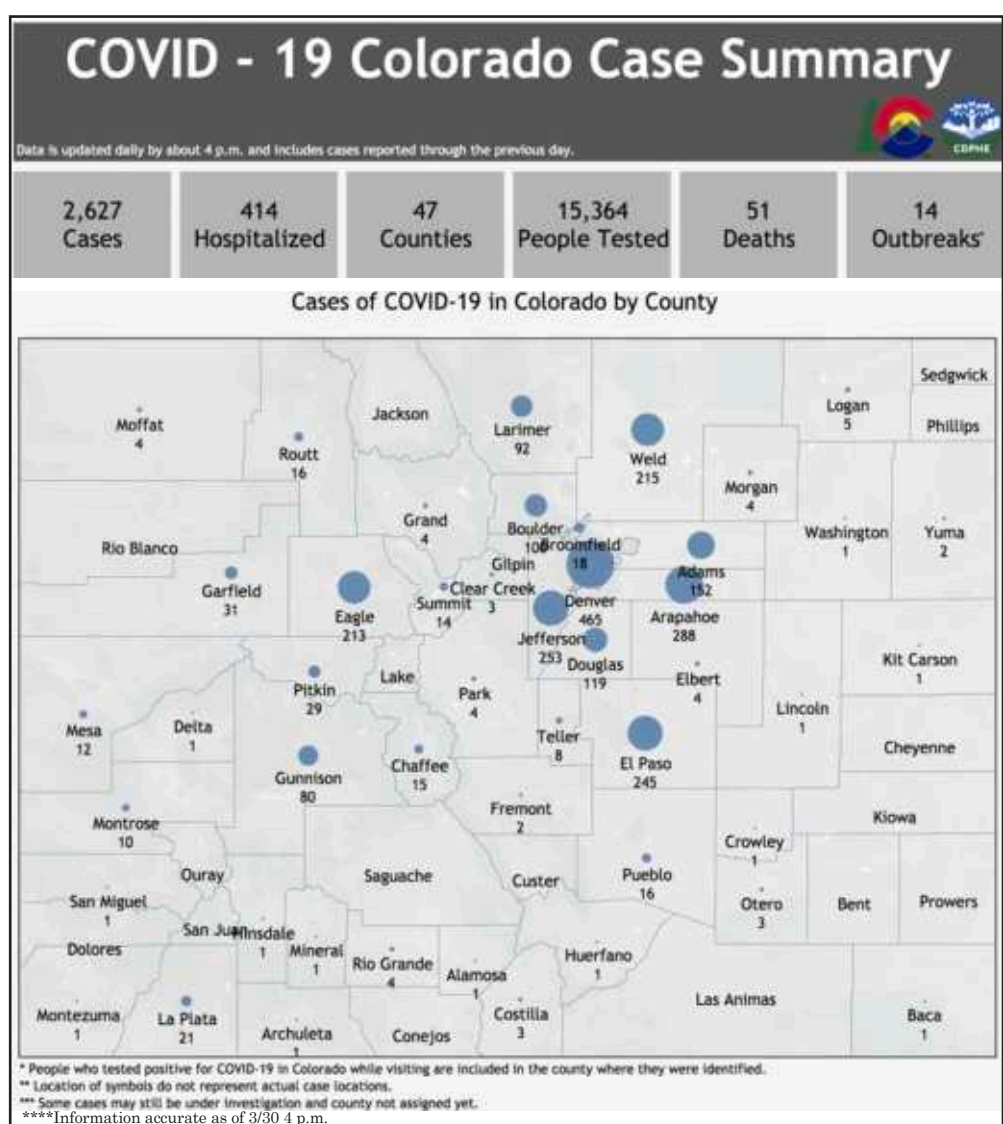
As a reminder, when positive results are received, out of both the respect for the individual and national privacy laws, Public Health does not release information regarding the identity of those who receive positive test results. If you know someone who has received a positive test result, please be respectful of their privacy and do not share that information with others.

Community transmission is occurring in Colorado. In the San Luis Valley due to limited testing, many individuals are being asked to

self-quarantine or isolate without being tested. A positive test is only one, very limited indicator of the virus in our community. 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 order.

If you believe you have been exposed, quarantine at home for 14 days and be observant of any onset of symptoms. Individuals with symptoms should isolate themselves at home until you have met the following factors: At least 3 days (72 hours) without fever, with no use of fever-reducing medications; AND improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); AND at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

If you have questions, use the SLV COVID-19 information hotline (719-480-8719). Questions around symptoms and testing can be directed to the local nurse hotlines: Rio Grande Hospital nurse line (719-657-4990), SLV Health nurse Line (719-589-2511 ext. 9) and Valley-Wide Health Systems nurse line (719-589-3658, ext.9). They will assess your condition over the phone and give you instructions on what to do next.



Continue to find the most current information on this response in the San Luis Valley at www.facebook.com/slveemergency and the www.slvemergency.org website.

Other accurate sources of information include: General COVID information: CO HELP line 1-877-462-2911 (English and Spanish) Colorado updates and

guidance: covid19.colorado.gov/ CDC updates and guidance: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

Goal High School Still Going Strong

Despite the global chaos brought on by the coronavirus, Goal Academy High School, a statewide charter serving over 5,000 students, has remained steady in its educational delivery. Although adjustments have been made in its blended educational model, GOAL is pretty much business-as-usual. The fact that all curriculum is delivered through online platforms has allowed for minimal disruption as the fourth quarter gets underway; furthermore, teaching, tutoring, and other communication with academic coaches, teachers and administrators routinely happens through virtual platforms as well.

GOAL is certainly do-

ing its part in the realm of social distancing along with national and state protocols by eliminating the face-to-face contact which typically takes place in over thirty student drop-in centers across the state. GOAL continues to provide for the needs of its students including: technology components, food and drink, teaching, tutoring, and social-emotional support.

Even more notable, GOAL has enrolled an additional 472 students for the fourth quarter. As students graduate or transfer, leaving available seats, GOAL provides a "lottery" at the end of the second and third quarters to allow for new enrollees from its substantial waiting list.



As the school continues to grow, and despite the substantial educational distraction caused by the pandemic, GOAL is still hopeful to see around one thousand students receive their diplomas this year. Many will finish with college credit,

even associates degrees, thanks to the school's strong partnerships with colleges and universities across the state. A high percentage will also graduate with workforce and industry certificates as well. For the second year in a row, GOAL will

proudly announce a 'Daniel's Scholarship' winner! Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Constance Jones, relayed her thoughts during this un-paralleled time in every aspect of daily life, including education. "Now, more than ever, it is critically important for us to model for our students how important it is to support one another. We need to try and keep things as normal as possible and at the same time, be very conscious of the safety and wellness requirements that have been put in place. We encourage our students and staff to show kindness and compassion, to check on each other, and help each other get through these challenging times."

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OBITUARIES

Paris Marvin Price Jr., 75

SOUTH FORK — Paris Marvin Price Jr., 75, passed away on Friday, March 20th, in South Fork. He was born on March 29th, 1944 to Paris Sr. and Gwendolyn (Wright) Price in San Diego.

He is survived by his wife, Maryann Schulz; son, Eric Price; daughter Tahirih Lang; sons-in-law: Gerhard Schulz and Karl Schulz; and siblings: Thomas "Brad" Price and Ramona Price Alexander. Paris was preceded in

death by his parents, Paris Sr. and Gwendolyn.

The family has chosen cremation with Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, visit www.rogersfunerals.com



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The Courier charges \$30 for each obituary per day. Pending arrangements or death notices are free. This charge affects funeral homes, family or other representatives that place obituaries. All paid obituaries are published on www.alamosanews.com, for no additional fee.

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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.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

La Jara April 7 Election

LA JARA — The Town of La Jara will continue to hold a Polling Place election at Town Hall, 221 Broadway.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. The Town Clerk and Election Judges will make every effort to keep the polling place as safe and sanitary as possible by using disinfectants and enforcing the

social distancing standards as recommended by the health officials.

To help reduce the number of people that are in contact with one another, voters are encouraged to vote early by requesting an Absentee ballot. Please call the Town Clerk at 719-274-5363 to request an application.

SLV food resources

VALLEY — Rio Grande Prevention Partners has provided a link concerning available food information for the entire San Luis Valley.

The web site is found at: <https://sites.google.com/view/slv-covid-food-resource/home?fbclid=IwAR1ZR0fbXuBNjOmHakkC5K1ylrnHogR9Nhr0Ww6UECIXduT74aN1KModQNw>

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REC Board meeting postponed

MONTE VISTA — In order to comply with the current federal, state and local "Stay at Home" orders and to protect REC operations, the March 31, 2020 San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Board of Directors meeting is postponed until further notice. As soon as the "Stay at Home" orders are lifted, a special meeting will be scheduled if there is reasonable time between such

special meeting and the regular April Board meeting. Any special meeting will be noticed by posting on the REC web site, www.slvrec.com, by radio and by newspaper as soon as such meeting is scheduled. San Luis Valley REC and Cielo are taking extraordinary measures to ensure continuity of the vital services provided to all members and customers.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede

7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

TUESDAY

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

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

Vista

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa

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

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

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

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

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

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 St., Creede

7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

5:30 pm. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa

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

8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at

2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

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

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NarcAnon)

TUESDAY

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

7:30 p.m. Baca Grande Library at Road T, Crestone

THURSDAY

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

SATURDAY

9 a.m. Little Shepherd Episcopal Chapel at Alder St., Crestone

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

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

March 14

Helianta Negdini, 38, of Alamosa was cited speeding 10-19 MPH over on HWY 160.

Carter Wilson, 48, of Dallas was cited speeding 20-39 MPH over, on the corner of 300 BLK and HWY 17.

March 15

Arthur Atencio, 66, of Antonito was cited speeding 10-19 MPH

over on HWY 285.

Ryan Kramer, 29, of Philadelphia was cited for a vehicle defect on West Ave.

March 16

Tristan Leger, 24, of Capulin was cited speeding 10-19 MPH over on CR 100.

Philip Hartman, 46, of Grand Junction was cited speeding 10-19 MPH over on HWY 285.

Alejandro Grajeda-Serrano, 29, of Taos was cited with theft at 3333 Clark St.

March 19

Dax Mortensen, 22, of Alamosa was cited speeding 20-39 MPH over, at the corner of 5000 BLK and CR 8.

March 21

Andres Duran, 19, of Alamosa was cited speeding 20-39 MPH over on HWY 285.

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 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 — 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 slvphotostephen@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Toastmasters meets on Mondays at noon at The Bridge in Alamosa at 3407 Carroll Street. Participants will find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows them to achieve their goals at their own pace. Call (719) 588-5127.

ALAMOSA — The GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club of Alamosa meets on the second Friday at noon from September through May at First United Methodist Church, NW door, 2005 Mullins Ave. For more information, please email: womancitizenshipclub@gmail.com

ALAMOSA — Made up of community members who write in many different genres, the Sophia Circle meets weekly to provide support for writers and their writing projects in the downstairs conference room at the Colorado Welcome Center at Alamosa, 6th and State on Sundays from 1-3 p.m.. Writers may drop in on any meeting. Bring copies of the work you want to share. Call Holly at 719-588-7066.

CENTER — The Center Kiwanis meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Kiwanis Hall in Center. Contact Dick Ramstetter at 719-580-3329.

ALAMOSA — Silver Linings, an open and free positivity group, meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Nestle Toll House Café in downtown Alamosa.

ALAMOSA — Groups are held for women who have experienced domestic violence every second Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Grizzly Training Center, Alamosa. There will be refreshments and childcare provided. Contact Jennifer McCoy-Hanna at Tu Casa, Inc. 719-589-2465.

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Valley News

Espinoza, Garcia announce candidacy for Conejos County Commissioner, District 1.

Rick Espinoza

Rick Espinoza, a lifelong resident of Conejos County, is announcing his candidacy for Conejos County Commissioner. He shares his recognition that the needs of Conejos County are great and varied. His many years of service in non-profit and government organizations, as well as maintaining a thriving family farm have prepared him to serve in this capacity. Espinoza recognizes the need for collaboration in the County and acknowledges no one person can address or even try to deal with all the issues. It will be important to establish oversight/advisory committees and partnering with others to address the needs going forward. Throughout his career, he has worked with others to achieve positive outcomes. He is a graduate of Adams State University and The University of Michigan and attended The University of Denver. His work experience of 30 years, includes working for the Council of Governments, SLV-Mental Health Center, SLV-Board Of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) and Conejos County Department of Social Services. He has served on various boards including: The Early Childhood Council, Health and Human Services and SLV Workforce. He was on the board of Rocky Mountain SER for 10 years, and served as interim CEO and Chair.

Rick stated, "These entities afforded me the opportunity to work directly with clients/customers throughout the San Luis Valley, including all 14 school districts." Additionally, as an Administrator for these organizations, "I managed budgets of 6 - 20 million

dollars, and am proud to say, without a single audit exception." Rick has been a partner in his family's ranch and has dealt with private business issues not limited to drought and market swings. "We have weathered the storms no less for wear and tear on our bodies but the strengthening of our resolve to maintain and secure our parents' legacy and our family's future legacy" Rick further stated, "while many speak of supporting and protecting our water, I believe in the wise old man's adage, if your community is going to be run by committee, then you better get on the committee." Espinoza is currently a member of the Conejos Water Conservancy District, Conejos Water Users, and Cumbres/LaManga Cattlemen's Association.

Rick feels one cannot sit back and watch as decisions are made and wonder why? "One must be part of the decision making."

When asked what he sees as the most pressing issue for Conejos County he sums it up by saying "It comes as no secret the county is in dire financial straits, brought on by years of mismanagement. Espinoza believes there is a need to get a clear picture of the finances and then set a fiscally responsible course. He shares, "this can be done by the examination



Courtesy photo, Rick Espinoza

of current resources and evaluation of the method of delivery of services. Just because things have been done one way forever doesn't mean we should or can continue doing them the same way." He is looking to partner with other entities, possibly other counties and work to leverage resources to do more with less. Drugs in the community including the jail population is an ever-increasing problem and addressing this problem must include all stakeholders and must include the availability of ongoing recovery services. Rick concedes, there are no easy answers and the first step is to acknowledge these challenges exist, identify resources and set a plan in motion to address the problems. Currently, the Coronavirus is causing our schools to close, our local businesses to close or diminish accessibility to the greater public, adversely affecting their ability to survive financially. Families will struggle to maintain basic care for their children and extended family members. There is a need for strong communication and strategic planning with our community agencies, schools and county to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing the overarching needs and it is not one sole entity's responsibility. We are in this together and should work together to mitigate the current and long-term impacts. Espinoza believes efforts

to mitigate the impacts of this crisis are going to extend far beyond the time of isolation and quarantine.

This is not time for panic but time for strategic urgency and clear purpose. At a minimum, Commissioners need to be held accountable. Espinoza argues that a good place to start would be to have them establish and maintain regular "office hours," for accessibility and communication with the citizens of Conejos County. Rick also would like to ask the public if it is time to return to term limits, he shared his belief that "unlimited holding of power invites complacency and corruption."

"These are not Republican or Democrat issues, these challenges affect us all. I am running to represent all residents of Conejos County. We can agree to disagree and still work together. There is a need for unity and looking at how we include diverse voices in leadership roles. Failure of leadership is when we are not inclusive and problems are ignored. We cannot continue to do the 'same old same old' and expect different outcomes."

I leave you with a quote, "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we have been waiting for. We are the change we seek." Yes, We Can. Si Se Puede!

Thank you for considering my candidacy for Conejos County Commissioner, District#1. Your

support is appreciated and your vote is needed, now more than ever, as we navigate the challenges in our community.

Carlos Garcia

I am announcing my candidacy as a Republican candidate for Conejos County Commissioner, District 1.

I am a proud lifelong resident of Conejos County, growing up in Antonito. I graduated from Antonito High School, received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from the University of Colorado, and my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Adams State College. I worked for the South Conejos School District for 33 years, serving the district in many capacities, as a Business Education Teacher, Federal Program's Administrator, Elementary Principal and Superintendent of Schools.

My parents are Reginaldo Jr. and Otila Garcia, two brothers Reginaldo III and Roberto. I have two daughters, both married, Lucinda (Xavier) and Katherine (Brandon) and two grandchildren, Manolo and Ava. My father, Reginaldo Jr. served as Conejos County Clerk and Recorder and was very well-known across the county, my grandfather, Reginaldo Sr. served as a Colorado

State Representative, and Ramon Chacon, my cousin, served as a Conejos County Commissioner.

In addition to my prior employment at South Conejos School District, I have and continue to work in the ranching industry. I purchased both commercial and registered Black Angus cows eventually evolving operations into a successful business. I can relate to county and SLV ranchers and farmers including the daily and annual challenges we encounter.

Currently, I am serving in the capacity of Conejos County Commissioner. From day one, I have owned and embraced the position, my work and my votes at regular and special meetings. I have introduced myself and been introduced to many citizens across the county. I listen attentively



Courtesy photo, Carlos Garcia

and follow-up with their concerns. It has been a privilege to meet so many people with whom I have been able to gain their insight, views and trust.

Considering inflationary challenges, I will work hard to maintain and improve existing services, as applicable. I have many plans and goals that I hope to make a reality with effective planning and resources. I will support economic development growth within the county. I will continue to work smart in moving forward with county projects, general fund concerns, road and bridge improvements, elected official and department support and advocating for salaries and wages that are fair and competitive in order to improve employee recruitment and retention.

In light of our current global economy challenges related to the COVID-19 out-

break, we will be met with uncertainty and as such, my plans will continue to evolve. Through all of this change, I commit to ensuring that our county's best interests will always be at the forefront.

In summary, I bring many quality skills to Conejos County government based on my prior occupational and life experiences. I bring strong budget development and implementation skills, public agency personal relations insight, policy development, and an entrepreneurial skillset. I am aware of rancher and farmer concerns, such as the Rio Grande Compact and water issues. I have and will continue to work closely with our Veteran's Officer to ensure benefits and programs are sustained. I will continue to listen to citizen concerns and remain visible, approachable, and transparent. Considering the current circumstances, my plan is to contact as many county residents as possible and eventually campaign door to door. I kindly ask for your support and vote!

CDOT to address truck parking enhancements

MONTEZUMA AND RIO GRANDE COUNTY — Starting on Mon., April 6, 2020, the Colorado Department of Transportation and contract partner Four Corners Materials will begin rest area truck parking enhancements at two locations on U.S. Highway 160. The Sleeping Ute Rest Area at mile point 46.46, east of Cortez, will increase parking from three commercial motor vehicle (CMV) parking spaces to six and the Shaw Creek Rest area at MP 191.40, east of South Fork, will increase from

four CMV spaces to 10.

As part of CDOT's Whole Safety - Whole Safety initiative, this project will focus on safety enhancements to the Sleeping Ute Rest Area and Shaw Creek Rest Area to provide clearly defined locations for CMV parking. When Wolf Creek Pass is impassible or closed due to either weather, crashes, rockfalls, avalanches or other emergencies that arise. The expansion at Shaw Creek Rest Area will provide parking off the highway for CMVs and will reduce truck

traffic in city limits, on local streets, or in areas that are difficult to maneuver. The additional CMV parking spaces in the Sleeping Ute Rest Area will also allow for clearly defined CMV parking, providing passenger vehicles to flow through the rest area preventing potential encounters with the parked trucks.

Additional work for this \$1.23 million project will include: erosion control, widening of the existing truck parking areas, asphalt patching, chip seal, striping, and lighting upgrades that consist of

new poles and luminaries with improved technology and lower energy use.

TRAVEL IMPACTS
Motorists can expect construction crews present and working at the rest areas beginning March 6. The project will be in operation Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Parking and facilities will remain open until the last two weeks of the project when the rest areas will need to be closed for paving. The anticipated completion date is expected at the end of June 2020.

CDOT suspends Bustang and Outrider Service

STATEWIDE — The Colorado Department of Transportation is suspending its Bustang and Outrider bus service between cities throughout the state, effective March 29. The suspension is meant to reduce intercity travel. The suspension is planned to last through at least April 11 and will be reevaluated as guidance or gubernatorial orders change.

CDOT urges all travelers to stay at home whenever possible, limiting all travel to what is absolutely critical, as defined under the statewide Stay-At-Home order. Avoiding travel between cities and regions is an important part of limiting the spread of COVID-19

between different communities. Governor Polis has specifically urged Coloradans to keep close to home when engaging in limited critical activities allowed under the Stay-At-Home order.

"We must do everything we can right now to limit the spread of COVID-19," said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "Minimizing travel between communities is one important piece of our fight against this virus, and so we are suspending our intercity bus service. Please stay at home whenever possible and comply with the governor's Stay-At-Home order in full."

The suspension of these intercity services is different than the local transit services that continue to provide

essential trips in communities throughout Colorado.

2020 Irrigation season start dates

The Division 3 Engineer of the Colorado Division of Water Resources has announced that the irrigation season will begin on April 1, 2020 for surface and groundwater irrigation structures within the following areas:

- Rio Grande area (Water District 20),
- Alamosa River area (Water District 21),
- Conejos River area (Water District 22),
- Culebra Creek area (Water District 24),
- Saguache Creek area (Water District 25),
- Saguache Creek area (Water District 26),
- La Garita and Carnero Creek areas (Water District 27).

Therefore, as of April 1, the irrigation season will be open for all areas of the San Luis Valley.

This announcement is to comply with the State Engineer's Rules and Regulations regarding the setting of an irrigation season in Division 3.

If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Water Resources at 719-589-6683.


3 ways to respond to the Census

Online – my2020census.gov
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If you don't have an ID number, that's fine. Just follow the instructions to enter your address.

Phone – call **844-330-2020**
(en español 844-468-2020)

Mail – If you do not respond online or by phone, you may receive a paper questionnaire. Paper questionnaires will be mailed in early April.

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Lifestyle

Mayor Coleman issues statement

ALAMOSA — The current state of affairs in the world continues to demand a steady mind and plenty of patience. Members of the San Luis Valley and the United States continue to practice responsible health practices as well as pulling together as individual communities to rely on one another to see each other through this. Alamosa Mayor, Ty Coleman penned a letter to the community to both applaud and reaffirm those values.



Courtesy photo
**Alamosa Mayor,
Ty Coleman.**

Hello friends,
We have found ourselves in a defining moment. We know the people who make up our community to be strong, kind, hardworking people who rush to help one another in a crisis

and show kindness to each other in simple ways every day. It has been amazing to watch the outpouring of community support and volunteerism for

our partners, healthcare professionals, emergency responders, and frontline employees in multiple industries. We also thank you for doing your part to slow the spread of the virus by staying home when possible and practicing the recommendations from the health department for social distancing and hand washing at all times.

Our hearts break as we learn about community members who are concerned about how they will move forward, businesses that have had to close, and our friends and neighbors that have lost employment. As we begin to see cases increase in the San Luis Valley, it's important for us to remember to help each other to the best of

our abilities.

We will continue to have difficult days ahead as researchers around the world work to find a solution to COVID-19. We want you to know that we are here working for you and thinking of how this outbreak is affecting you every day. We are doing all we can to monitor

new legislation, stimulus funds, small business solutions, and anything else that may help you and your family through the outbreak. We are working closely with our partners and to them we say, thank you.
Kindness. Safety. Peace.

We encourage you to focus on these important

things as we find our way through this difficult time together. We can define ourselves now as the strong and resilient community we know ourselves to be as we move forward together.

Be well.

Mayor Coleman

ScSEED hires Development Director

SAGUACHE — Saguache County Sustainable Environment and Economic Development, (ScSEED) Saguache County's organization for economic development is pleased to announce that it has hired Development Director, Melinda Myers.

ScSEED was formed in 1999 by a diverse group of Saguache County residents wanting to increase opportunities in Saguache County while preserving the environment and rural lifestyle and character of Saguache County.

Myers came to Moffat in 1978 at the tender age of 19 to work on a horse ranch, essentially growing up here. Having adopted Saguache County as her home, she returned to Minnesota to get her horse and being a poor farmhand could not afford to ship Ellie — so she rode her back to Colorado in a mere 46 days.

Her personal career has spanned the diversity of Saguache County. Early on she worked ranches, farms, construction, and landscaping learning hard work and common sense. In 1985 she was awarded a scholarship at SFA State University in Texas where she earned a B.S. in Agriculture with honors.

Returning back to the Valley in 1991, Melinda once again trained horses, while raising her daughter on her own. Moving on to jobs in finance, office management and eventually County Clerk, she always found time to help in her community.

Some of the volunteer positions held are as follows:

- Moffat Vol. Fire Dept. and EMT for the Baca Ambulance Service
- Moffat School Board of Education President — receiving the McGuffy Award for Excellence in Leadership from The Colorado State Association of School Boards,
- Town of Moffat Board Trustee and Moffat Historical Board member
- Town of Moffat Planning Commission Chair
- Saguache County Credit Union Supervisory Committee member
- Crestone/Moffat Business Association Board President
- Chair of Saguache County Democratic Party Executive Committee
- Chair of Saguache County Tourism



Courtesy photo
ScSEED's new hire, Melinda Myers.

Council President San Luis Valley Tourism Council

ScSEED is confident Melinda will bring her vast experience and knowledge of life here in Saguache County to the position of Development Director.

She is joined by Devon Irby conducting IT for the organization and Stephanie Long working on neighborhood energy efficiencies for the Cool Block program.

The ScSEED Board of Directors consisting of Chair Liza Marron, Secretary Lynne Thompson, Treasurer Miranda Clendending and board member Sarah Trujillo; are excited to begin this new decade with strong potential for new projects and increased economic opportunities for all who live in and love Saguache County, its people and its natural beauty. We wish the residents of Saguache County health and wellness and to continue being safe during this COVID pandemic.

Next board meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, April 13th; attendance available from the comfort of your home via ZOOM Spectators welcome. Email grassrootsgirl16@gmail.com or call 719-539-5606 for ZOOM link.

Del Norte election- April 7, 2020 7 am-7 pm polling place

DEL NORTE — Governor Polis' recent stay-at-home order will not impact the election as it falls under essential government services and can continue as normal and which indicated that citizens will still be able to travel in order to cast a vote or drop off a ballot. Also, the election is tied to the State of Colorado and it is up to the State to cancel the election.

Due to the current situation, the Town is taking extra precautions to make in-person polling possible. The Town encourages locals to virus-proof their vote through an Absentee ballot process. Follow these steps to avoid crowds and limit your interactions with others:

1. Throughout the week of March 30, the Town Clerk will schedule 15-minute appointments between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Contact Town Hall 719-657-2708 to make an appointment.
2. Visit Town Hall at your

scheduled time (bring your own pen!) and complete an Absentee ballot application. You can also download the application at delnortecolorado.com and complete it ahead of time.

3. You will receive your ballot at that time and can complete it before leaving Town Hall.

4. This process will take place in Town Hall meeting room where you will be by yourself, except for one Town staff member.

In-person polling will still be an option at Town Hall on April 7 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Town will have measures in place to ensure social distancing is maintained while voting. Hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes will be available as well.

Absentee Ballot Applications must be in by Noon on Friday, April 3, 2020

Absentee Ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, April 7, 2020.





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Lifestyle

National Wildlife Federation partners with notable rancher to protect Bighorn Sheep in San Juan National Forest

By CAIT SHAUGHNESSY
National Wildlife Federation

DURANGO — The National Wildlife Federation's Wildlife Conflict Resolution Program and Ignacio-based rancher, J Paul Brown today announced an agreement to waive his permit to graze the Endlich Mesa domestic sheep allotment to protect the bighorn sheep population in the area. The 11,150-acre allotment is 20 miles northeast of Durango in the Weminuche Wilderness Area and covers much of the City of Durango Watershed Protection Area, including City Reservoir.

Bighorn sheep rely on high elevation meadows and rugged peaks found throughout the San Juan Mountains. Unfortunately, domestic sheep carry a number of pathogens that can cause respiratory disease events and decimate entire herds of bighorn sheep if they come in close contact. In exchange for waiving his family's grazing permit and protecting the bighorn herd, the National Wildlife Federation is providing a fair, market-based compensation to Mr. Brown.

"Domestic sheep no longer grazing on Endlich Mesa will reduce the risk of pathogen transfer

to bighorn sheep, especially high priority herds such as the Weminuche bighorns," said Bob McCready, program manager at National Wildlife Federation. "While completely voluntary, these agreements are still very difficult decisions for the livestock producer and J Paul has been a fantastic partner in every step of the process."

"My family has grazed this allotment for decades and waiving the allotment back to the Forest Service for the possible benefit of the bighorn sheep, which we love, was a very difficult decision. The National Wildlife Federation provided us with a way to do this," said J Paul Brown.

The Wildlife Conflict Resolution Program focuses on grazing agreements across the West where there are chronic conflicts with wildlife such as bears, wolves, grizzly bears, bison and, in Colorado, bighorn sheep. Ranchers voluntarily waive their permits to graze an allotment and the agency that administers the permit commits to holding the allotment vacant for the foreseeable future. This market-based approach recognizes the economic value of public land livestock grazing and fairly compensates ranchers for



How families can confront remote learning

Amid concerns of coronavirus clusters and efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, and based on social distancing recommendations from medical professionals, schools across the country began to close their doors and adopt a remote learning model in March 2020. One of the largest communities affected was New York City, which closed schools across the five boroughs. The New York City school system is vast, with 1,800 schools servicing more than one million students.

School administrators and educators quickly scrambled to find a workaround to meet children's educational needs. Remote learning has been a part of many school curriculums for some time. While remote learning had predominantly been reserved for higher learning institutions, in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, it became a necessity for grades K through 12 as well. Teachers have had to design curriculums and assignments virtually on the fly in an attempt to minimize disruptions that could adversely affect students.

Remote learning requires the cooperation of school staff and also parents and guardians. Patience is necessary, and parents and educators may need to completely transform their daily schedules. The following tips can be an asset as students continue to navigate remote learning.

• Record class sessions. Teachers can consider recording or "going live"

with class instruction so that students can view the video and still have access to their teachers. This helps parents who may be unfamiliar with explaining the curriculum.

• Utilize chat features. Remote education software programs likely have a chat or "hangout" feature, which enables classrooms to keep in touch and ask questions in real time.

• Keep a schedule. It's easy to begin to sleep late and fall out of routine when not required to go to a school building. Families should make scheduling a priority, which can help students stay on top of lessons and complete their assignments on time.

• Ask questions. Everyone is learning as they go, and further clarification may be needed. Students should email or chat with teachers if they don't understand an assignment or are unsure about instructions. Teachers may be able to clearly model a math problem or explain a concept via video chat for students who need help.

• Explore educational options. Many companies are offering free educational services while kids are home from school. Scholastic.com is offering online courses, Nat Geo for Kids, Fun Brain, PBS Kids, and Highlight Kids are other places to turn to for activities.

Remote learning has become the new norm as the world continues to navigate COVID-19 in an effort to keep the public safe. TF205953



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Lifestyle

South Fork Fire Rescue expands interfacility transport capabilities

SOUTH FORK — South Fork Fire Rescue (SFFR) began providing interfacility transfers several years ago as a service to the community. The interfacility transfers are provided for patients who are in need of specialty care available outside of the SLV and require medical care during the trip from San Luis Valley Hospitals and are not critically ill or injured, which would require a flight, not a trip by ground ambulance.

When it began at SFFR it was done on a volunteer basis, and any member who was available to be part of the transport crew that day, would volunteer if a transfer was needed. As the need for the transfers grew, South Fork Fire Rescue created the transport division, staffed by an EMT-Intermediate who could provide Advanced Life Support to patients during transports and added an additional ambulance for these transfers. The demands for interfacility ground transfers have steadily grown and the SFFR has recognized the need to continue to grow and expand the services in the Transport Division. An additional EMT-Intermediate was added to the

full-time staff in November of 2018 and in January of 2020 the transport division has grown to a staff of 7, providing 24-hour coverage for interfacility transfers. Plans for this expansion began in 2019, and included applying for a grant to purchase an additional ambulance that would be dedicated to interfacility transfers, which was awarded. This grant allowed SFFR to purchase a new 2019 Ford Transit Van Ambulance built by Malley Industries that is dedicated to the transport division. That ambulance was delivered on March 14, 2020, and members of SFFR worked to quickly get it prepared to be placed into service. Following an inspection and certification, it was placed into service on March 20, 2020. The addition of this new ambulance brings transport division to 2 ambulances and 7 full-time staff.

As the nation, state and region were preparing for response to COVID-19, SFFR was no exception. One of the transport ambulances is dedicated to transporting patients who are possibly infected with COVID-19. Steps have been taken to keep patients and attendants as safe as possible dur-

ing these transports. Cabinets, seats, and equipment are covered or sealed to help prevent contamination and speed decontamination following a transfer. Extra steps have been taken towards keeping attendants safe as well, above the national guidelines. SFFR engineered and installed a positive pressure air pump, which ensures that the attendant isn't breathing the same air as the COVID-19 patient.

If you are calling 911 for any type of emergency and have been experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, are in isolation or quarantine, please communicate this with the dispatcher. Limiting responders' exposure is important to keep responders healthy and prepared to respond to the emergency needs in the community.

Everyone is urged to follow the stay home order issued by the governor and the direction provided by the various local health departments. If you must leave home for a critical need, such as picking up a prescription or picking up groceries, maintain social distancing practices, staying 6 feet or more from others and following hygiene practices recommended by our health department.



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Setting up a new ambulance, installing the stretcher.



Interfacility Ambulance prepared for COVID-19 transport

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Lifestyle

Nursing observances through the year

Nurses put in long hours as they work tirelessly to advocate for their patients. While any time of year is an opportunity to thank the nurses in our lives, there are various events throughout the year that pay special homage to these hard-working professionals.

January

National Blood Donor Month arrives in January, and while it's not a nursing-specific event, nurses may be on call to help manage patients, take health histories and assist with the collection of blood. Donors can use their trips to donation centers as opportunities to thank nurses for all they do to help others.

March

The week of March 8-14, 2020, is Patient Safety Awareness Week. This week can spark important discussions that can inspire action to improve the safety of the healthcare system for patients and the workforce.

March also is home to Certified Nurses Day, which takes place on the 19th. This is a day when nurses celebrate their nursing certification and organizations around the world join to honor the dedication and service of certified nurses.

April

April 16, 2020 marks National



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While any time of year is an opportunity to thank the healthcare workers in our lives, there are various events throughout the year that pay special homage to these hardworking professionals.

Healthcare Decisions Day. Nurses and other providers may be instrumental in empowering patients to talk about the importance of advanced care planning and being an advocate for one's own health.

May

May is a big month for nursing observances. The entire month is Oncology Nursing Month, when the efforts of nurses who work in cancer care are

celebrated.

May 6 marks National School Nurse Day, which highlights the hardworking nurses who work in our nation's schools.

May 6-12, 2020 is National Nurses Week, annually celebrated on or near the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. This week is also when we celebrate International Nurses Day, which falls on May 12.

May 10-16 is National Nurs-

ing Home Week, where nurses who work in nursing homes are honored as the public learns more about nursing home care and planning.

June

National Nursing Assistant Week begins on June 18 and continues until June 25. This week provides an opportunity to showcase the incredible men and women who devote their lives to being nursing assis-

tants. National Career Nursing Assistants' Day also takes place on June 14.

August

Teamwork is essential in healthcare facilities and health unit coordinators are vital and indispensable professionals who support doctors and nurses in various ways. During Health Unit Coordinators Week, which runs from August 23-29, and on Health Unit Coordinators Day on August 23, these special workers get the attention they deserve.

October

Emergency Nurses Day on October 9 recognizes emergency nurses for their dedication, service and commitment to their patients and communities.

November

Home Health Care Aide Week takes place the second full week of November each year and honors the millions of nurses, home care aides, therapists, and social workers who make differences in the lives of the patients and families they serve.

Promoting nursing and other healthcare observances helps the community learn about these invaluable medical personnel and show appreciation for all that they contribute. TF204811

National Doctors' Day

MARCH 30, 2020



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NATIONAL DOCTORS DAY

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Rita Roberts
599 Pine Street
Monte Vista, CO 81144
NO. 1356
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INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

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

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

Any and all questions shall be submitted in writing prior to 5 p.m. on April 14, 2019 by electronic mail to daspinwall@ci.alamosa.co.us. Questions and responses will be posted on the city web site as soon as possible thereafter. A copy of the Request for Proposal and a sample Scope of Services is available on the City's website at <https://cityofalamosa.org/finditfast/living-in-alamosa/public-bids/>. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or waive any irregularities in any proposal or the proposal process.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON APRIL 7th, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. an election will be held in the Town 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 the Municipal Election:

- 1. Must be at least 18 years of age.
- 2. Be a resident of the state of Colorado and reside within the city limits 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 Election Day.

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.

Questions 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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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)

221 HELP WANTED

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

221 HELP WANTED

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a 2020-21 part-time Secondary Business Teacher position. Please visit our website for additional information and application: www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023, option 6. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE.(4/14)

221 HELP WANTED

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.(4/22)

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SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for an Activities Director position. Start date 6/1/20. Please visit our website for additional information and application. www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023, option 6. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE.(4/14)

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

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)

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIDS BEING 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

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185 - SERVICES & REPAIRS

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

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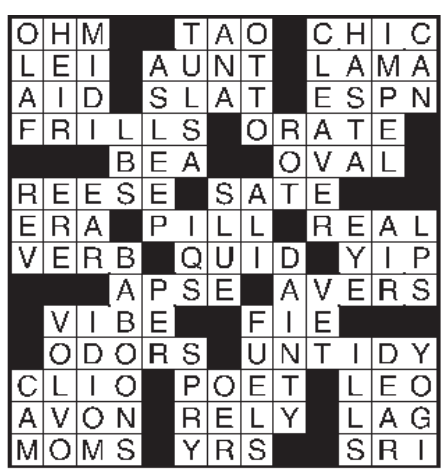
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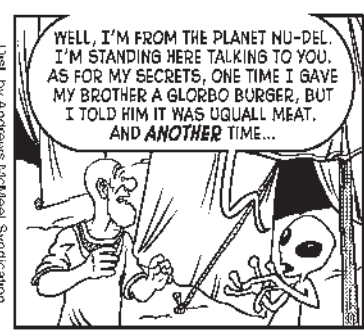
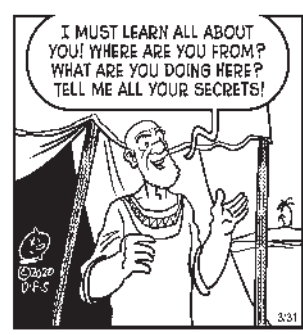
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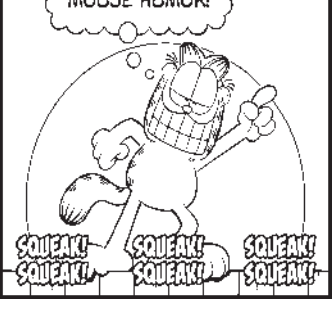
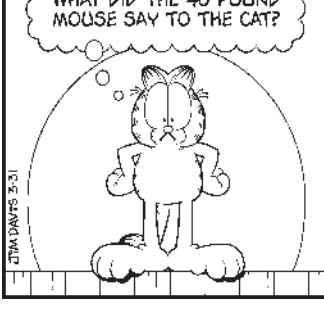
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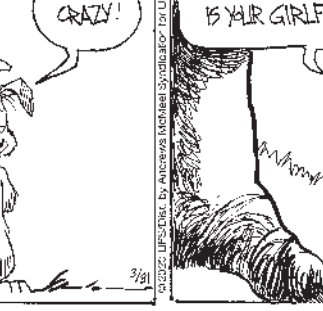
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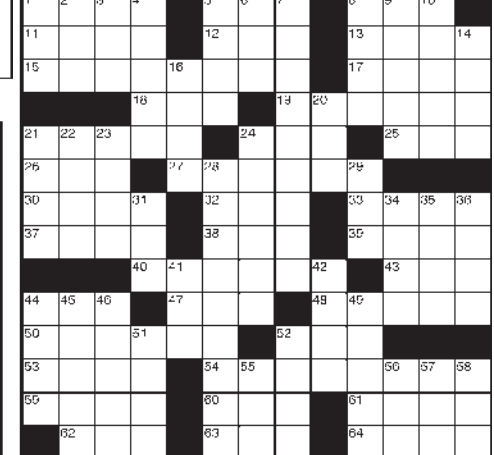
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HERMAN



Revenge on cheating fiance is delivered on wedding day

DEAR ABBY: This is an open letter to all those women who write to you knowing their men cheated on them and then ask, "Should I marry him?" In their hearts they already know the answer; they just want YOU to tell them "NO!"

My mother saw my fiance's car around town, parked at various churches and parking lots. He parked there so I wouldn't see his car at "the other woman's" house. Well, I showed up unexpectedly at his place one night and saw them both asleep in his bed. In a way, I felt relieved. I knew I had to do something. I immediately canceled everything, but had the wedding invitations printed and gave them to his mom and sister to send out "right away." When the big day arrived, I sat across the street in Dad's car with my mom, watching as only HIS side of the family showed up at the vacant church. The note on the door read: "Stay with 'Jazmine.' You two deserve each other! Now tell your family what you did."

I explained everything to my parents an hour later over dinner at the restaurant where we were supposed to have had our reception. We were all relieved the wedding was canceled. We laughed so much, and we reviewed all the signs that my mom tried to show me that I had ignored.

So don't get mad, ladies. Do what I did -- dry your tears and get even. -- NEVER LOOKED BACK

DEAR NEVER: Love is blind, and you should have listened to your mother. You're lucky you found out in time and didn't marry your faithless fiance. While I don't normally recommend revenge, I think in this case, the man had it coming.

DEAR ABBY: I am 52 years old and have experienced chronic fatigue (from Lyme and Epstein-Barr) most of my adult life. Four years ago, I discovered a wonderful medical practitioner and, by adhering to her protocol, regained such improved health that I began volunteering with a local organization. Due to a recent setback, however, fatigue has prevented me from volunteering, and my absence has been noticed.

Although I am usually a private person, I decided to divulge my health issues to the leader so he wouldn't think I was unhappy with my duties. He then began asking if I had tried various health products and remedies to the point where I felt I was on trial and defending myself. In the past, before I received an accurate diagnosis, some family members and physicians doubted the validity of my illness, so I am sensitive to being questioned.

Over the years, I have sought treatment from



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various sources, from local health stores to nationally recognized hospitals, and I don't appreciate advice from healthy armchair experts. I also don't like being questioned or doubted. Did I set myself up by disclosing my health issues, or should I have remained polite but vague? -- SURVIVOR IN THE EAST

DEAR SURVIVOR: In a sense, yes, you did set yourself up by disclosing the reason for your absence. The medical conditions from which you suffer were poorly understood years ago, and many people -- medical personnel included -- were under the impression that their patients' problems were all in their heads. Please try to be less defensive where this person is concerned. From my perspective, he was only trying to be helpful.