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Rio Grande meeting postponed

MONTE VISTA — Rio Grande Water Users Association (RGWUA) have postponed their March 25 meeting.

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Couple charged in son's death

By KEITH R. CERNY

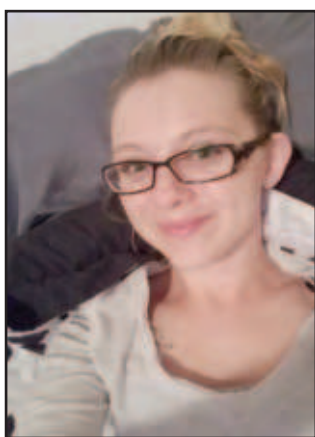
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ALAMOSA— An Alamosa couple has been arrested and charged in the death of their 16-month-old son Crashtyn T. Howell.

Robert T. (Tre) Howell, II and Apryl Behrens have both been charged with first degree murder and child abuse resulting in death. Both were also charged with conspiracy and being accessories to a crime as well as other charges, according to Robert Willett, district attorney for the 12th Judicial District.

Copies of the complaints against the pair were not available by presstime.

The pair appeared for advisement before Judge Daniel Walzl in Alamosa County Court on Tuesday with bond being set at \$500,000 each and both



Couple Apryl Behrens (left) and Robert T. Howell (center) were charged with first degree murder and child abuse resulting in the death of their 16-month old son Crashtyn T. Howell (right).

remain in custody at the Alamosa County Detention Center. Attorneys for both were appointed and preliminary hearings set; April 20 for Behrens and June 3 for Howell.

Willett said he couldn't

discuss other details of the case due to a pre-trial publicity order by the court.

According to an obituary published in the March 7 edition of the Valley Courier, Crashtyn Howell died on March 3, 2020. He was born Nov. 21, 2018 in

Alamosa. The obituary stated that a memorial service was held on March 11.

Sen. Gardner shares thoughts locally

Teleconference held with leaders on Covid-19

By KEITH R. CERNY

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ALAMOSA — "If we stick together and stay united, we will get through this," U.S. Senator Cory Gardner

(R-CO) told a group of over a dozen local community leaders during a teleconference Tuesday.

The Colorado Republican outlined steps that have already been taken in Congress to alleviate the impact of Covid-19 on the state's citizens and businesses. He added that he hoped the Senate would pass a bill Tuesday night that could put up to \$1,200 in the hands of most Colorado adults within a few weeks.

The measure could

inject up to \$2,400 to married couples filing jointly and \$500 per minor child in their homes. The bill would then have to go to the House for their consideration and possible passage.

Gardner added that the proposed bill also currently provides additional unemployment benefits for those in need of up to \$600 per week.

H.R. 748 is the legislative vehicle for the Coronavirus Aid, Re-

lief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Tuesday's call was organized by Gardner's office with the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce and Kathy Rogers Woods, economic development director for the City of Alamosa.

Gardner opened by saying the nation's number one goal is "stopping the spread and flattening the curve" in terms of limiting the future impact of Covid-19.

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Courtesy photo U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) spoke to community leaders during a Tuesday teleconference

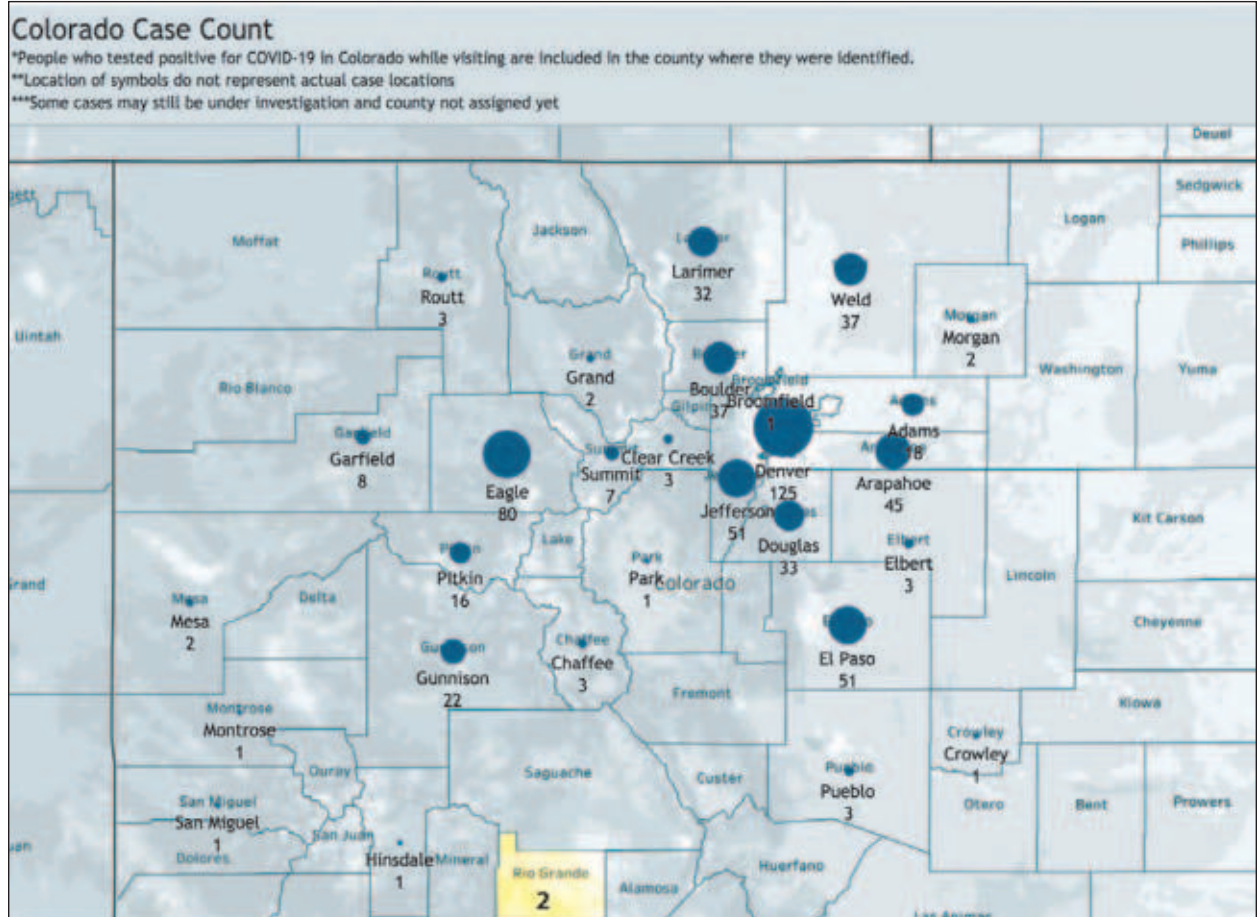
Public Health Update on COVID-19

SAN LUIS VALLEY — The first two lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the San Luis Valley have prompted some questions about what happens next and how Valley residents can best protect themselves. We will do our best here to answer some of those new questions.

First, what do these positive tests mean? They mean just that. We have had two positive tests. It does not mean that we have only had two cases of COVID-19. Nationwide, test supplies are limited and not everyone who has possible COVID-19 symptoms is being tested. In fact, some people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms significant enough to prompt them to call a doctor. Those people can all potentially spread the virus to others. This is called "community spread" and it is present in the San Luis Valley.

Second, what do public health agencies do when a positive test is received? Normal practice in a disease outbreak is to do what is called contact tracing. This involves interviewing the person who has tested positive to see where they have been and whom they have had close contact with during the period when they are infectious, and then contacting those people to advise them on how to isolate or quarantine to prevent the disease from spreading.

However, this is not a normal outbreak. As the COVID-19 pandemic progresses, we have moved quickly past the stage



where contact tracing is the most effective approach, and into a new stage where the emphasis is on slowing down community spread. This is when we assume that many people in the community may unknowingly spread the disease to others, so we see things like school closures, public

health orders to restrict public gatherings, and wide-scale information campaigns to tell people to put physical distance between themselves and others. We are already at that stage.

SLV Epidemiologist Lilian Coll is an expert in contagious diseases. Her best advice to every-

one, healthy or not, is this: "Stay home. Stay home, and do not invite visitors over. Just stay at home as much as possible. Wash your hands. Don't touch your face. If you must go out, keep at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and other people."

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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 hair-dresser/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 excellent seamstress, knitter, and cook. She made many beautiful items for friends and family. 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 we all did.

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

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 care.

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.

Virginia Franklin Cordova, 79

BLANCA — It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Virginia Franklin Cordova on March 16. Born March 31, 1940 on Trinchera Ranch in Blanca. Born to Frank Franklin and Eloisa Franklin (Aragon), Virginia was a highly motivated and independent woman from birth. Throughout her life, she raised five sons, was a business owner, and became the first Woman Republican Commissioner of Costilla County.

Virginia had a will and belief that one could accomplish anything that you want, with hard work and determination. With this philosophy, she motivated not only

herself but those whose lives she touched.

Although impacting nearly everything she endeavored, she will be remembered most for her relationships. She was a fiercely loving and devoted mother, grandmother, aunt, and sister, wife, and friend whose generosity of spirit and loyalty will be impossible to forget.

Virginia was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Eusebio T. Cordova; sisters: Lou Roybal, Henrietta Roybal, Eva Meyer, Lillie Henningsen; brothers: Joe Franklin, Frank Franklin; and daughters-in-law: Rita and Susan.

She is survived and honored by her sister,

Marguerite Hoagland; sons: Andrew, Eugene (Rita), David (Susan), Terry (Donna) and Dominick (Jesikah); grandchildren: Bianca Narango (Johnny), Jennifer Cordova (James), Terry Cordova (Cory), Jessica Cordova, Emily DiRubio

(Joseph), Dante Cordova, Drew Cordova, Brandi Dunaway (Anthony) and Tori Warthen -- great-grandmother to Michael, Daniel, Vincent, Terry, Carter, Alana, Gabriel, Charlie, Vincent, Steven and Alex.

A memorial service will be held this summer in her beloved St. James Church in Blanca this summer.

Barbara Gean "Geanie" Wallendorff, 84

ALAMOSA — Barbara Gean "Geanie" Wallendorff, 84, passed away on Sunday, March 22, at the Gardiner Home in Phoenix. She was a resident of Gilbert, AZ for the past year and former longtime resident of Rock Springs, WY.

Geanie was born on December 21, 1935, in Deming, New Mexico the daughter of Gerald B. Greeman and Beulah Hutchinson Greeman.

She attended schools in Alamosa and was a 1952 graduate of Alamosa High School. Geanie also attended and graduated from North Western Community College, in Rangle, as a Dental Hygienist. She married Robert T. Wallendorff in Taos, on November 24, 1952. He preceded her in death on October 19, 2017.

Geanie was employed by John Pernich, DDS as a Dental Hygienist for 20-plus years, in Rock Springs, WY.

She was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Community and spent many



hours at the Adoration Chapel.

Geanie enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and she also volunteered for Hospice of Sweetwater County for 15 years.

She is survived by: three sons, Melvin G. Wallendorff and wife Kim of Queen Creek, AZ; Lawrence Wallendorff and wife Julie of Loveland; and Robert T. Wallendorff II and wife Dodie of Rock Springs, WY; two brothers, Walter Greeman and wife Joc of Tishomingo, OK; and Michael Dee

Greeman of Alamosa; six grandchildren; Brad Wallendorff and wife Stephanie; Amanda Stevens and husband Andy; Trevor Zancanella and wife Jayla; Matthew Wallendorff; Jill Arquettes and husband Richard; Marty Evans; twelve great-grandchildren; several cousins, nieces, nephews and special friend, Marc Zimmerman.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert; her son, Scott Wallendorff; two brothers, Pat Greeman and Gerald B. Greeman II and grandson, Mark Evans.

The family of Barbara Gean "Geanie" Wallendorff respectfully requests donations be made in her memory to the Gardiner Home/Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85014.

Cremation will take place and there will be private family services.

Condolences may be left at www.vasefuneralhomes.com

Orlando Juarez-Garcia

SANFORD — Sanford resident Orlando Juarez-Garcia, 45, went home to be with the Lord on March 21. Orlando came into the world on December 27, 1974 in Chihuahua, Mexico, the beloved son of Mario Juarez and Maria Luisa Garcia.

He worked as a truck driver for ACI for many years. He loved being on the open road and knowing the sacrifices he made -- his time away from his family -- was all worth it in the end, because he was able to provide for them.

Orlando was a kind, compassionate and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin and friend; who enjoyed going fishing, camping, traveling and spending as much time with



his family, grandchildren and friends.

Orlando will live on through: his wife, Jessica Juarez of Sanford; parents, Mario and Luisa Juarez of Chihuahua, MX; daughters: Mariah (Joel) Villagomez of Center; Arisma Juarez of Yuma, AZ; Melissa (Javier)

Urbina of Monte Vista; Sheela Juarez of Sanford; sons: Christian Juarez, Jesse Estrada both of Sanford; grandchildren: Romeo Villagomez, Armando Ruybal, Isai Villagomez, Ashton Urbina, Paisley Urbina; sisters, Norma Juarez of Chihuahua, MX; Alejandra Enriquez of Phoenix, AZ; brother, Mario Juarez Jr., of Mexico.

He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A private family Mass of the Resurrection will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Antonito.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Patricia Wise, 72

ALAMOSA — Alamosa resident Patricia Wise, 72, passed away March 24. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Richard Samora, 71

MONTE VISTA -- Monte Vista resident Richard Samora, 71 passed away on March 19. A visitation will be held from 1 p.m.-7 p.m. today -- March 25, 2020 -- at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista.

Burial will take place in the Monte Vista cemetery at a later time. A full obituary will follow in a later edition. To express condolences to the family, please visit

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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

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

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Valley News

Sargent School District meeting

MONTE VISTA — Sargent High School released the points from their March meeting.

Superintendent Report/Update Superintendent, Brian Crowther provided the Board with an update on current requirements and recommendations from both Governor Polis, the Commissioner of Education and local Public Health

officials. Current requirements are that all schools discontinue face to face education until April 17th. Sargent Schools are currently scheduled to resume regular classes on April 20th. Per Mr. Crowther's report, the governor said schools are still accountable for instruction and engagement and there will be no social promotion. "We, therefore, ask that parents help us ensure that their students are engaged with the online curriculum so that students are able to pass on to the next grade level". As information is updated it will be shared via Messenger to parents and staff and



posted on the website's Board page. Interested patrons may also request to be added to the Key Communicator List to receive emailed information. (if you're

not on the list and would like to be added, email lfoster@sargent.k12.co.us.)

Board Resolution Approved

A Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent was approved. The Resolution, based on the declared State of Emergency due to COVID-19 grants the superintendent greater flexibility to respond quickly and appropriately to the evolving crisis.

Employment Items Employment included a letter of resignation from Secondary Teacher, Mark Roquemore, and letter of retirement from Administrative Assistant, Lynda Foster, which were accepted with the board's appreciation. Principal contracts for Mrs. David and Mrs. Hemmerling for the 2020-21 school year were approved. Also approved was the employment of Brett Karst, as a Substitute Teacher in Secondary English and an extra pay position agreement for Hector Ramos Garcia, as Yearbook Sponsor.

Board Policy Revisions

One new policy, BEAA Electronic Participation in School Board Meetings, was approved, on an emergency basis. Emergency approval means the policy is approved and effective as of this board meeting. It will also receive a second reading at the next meeting. Policy IC/ICA School Year/School Calendar Instruction Time was also revised on a first reading. It will be considered for a second reading and approval at the next meeting.

Other Items

Also approved were financial reports for February and minutes of the previous meeting. In addition, one student work-study agreement was approved. Strategic planning was a discussion item. Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the board will be on Monday, April 27th. A work session for strategic and long-range planning was scheduled for Friday, April 3rd. All agendas are posted on the Board page of the school website.

Great ways to donate during the COVID-19 pandemic

Centura is so grateful for the generosity of our communities

ENGLEWOOD — As our communities pull together in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, Centura Health is incredibly grateful for the influx of donated supplies. To help manage these donations as effectively as possible and limit potential for exposure to both donors and our caregivers, we are working on setting up drop bins for personal protective equipment (PPE) donations and also sharing some creative ways your efforts can make a true difference for our frontline caregivers!

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Centura Health is standing up designated locations and drop-off boxes for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which will be available beginning Wednesday, March 25 outside the front entrance of each location.

The following locations are available to accept PPE only between 9 a.m. and

3 p.m. Monday through Friday:
9100 Mineral Circle, Englewood, CO (Centura Health Corporate Office)
Penrose Hospital – 2222 N. Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO
Avista Adventist Hospital – 100 Health Park Drive, Louisville, CO
Longmont United Hospital - 1950 Mountain View Ave, Longmont, CO
Mercy Regional Medical Center – 1010 Three Springs Boulevard, Durango, CO
St. Anthony Summit Medical Center – 340 Peak One Drive, Frisco, CO
St. Catherine Hospital – 401 E Spruce Street, Garden City, KS

We are currently able to accept ONLY the following items:

Boxed masks and N95s (single or used masks cannot be accepted)

Gloves that are still in manufacturer packaging

Packaged gowns or rain ponchos with sleeves

Face shields (must include eye protection and be labeled as surgical, isolation, dental, or medical procedure

face shields)

Homemade masks We are so amazed by the talented and giving members of our community offering to make homemade masks. As of today, per CDC guidelines, homemade masks are not considered PPE and should be only considered as a last resort. Therefore, Centura is not currently accepting these as donations, but would like to still hear from you. Please email us at CovidDonations@centura.org so we can provide you a pattern and material specifications in the event our current policy changes and we begin to accept homemade masks.

Ways People Can Help: Needed items

As people continue to seek ways to help, whether for a specific Centura hospital or the system, please email CovidDonations@centura.org and consider the following much-needed items:

Sign up to donate blood at a local donation center, as local blood centers anticipate up to a 35% decline in the

coming weeks due to social distancing.

Deliver catered food for on-duty caregivers (homemade food cannot be accepted).

Assemble care packages for our caregivers who are working long hours and may not have time or resources to obtain essential items for personal use, including items such as:

Shelf-stable food staples

Toilet paper and other paper goods

Home cleaning supplies

Direct financial donations to our Foundations.

Check on an at-risk neighbor:

Exchange phone numbers

Stick to a daily check-in call

Run an urgent errand if needed

We are incredibly grateful for this

outpouring of generosity from our communities in support of our patients and caregivers as you continue delivering the highest quality care during this time of great need.

COVID-19

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All of the things we have been advising people to do every day, that is still what we need everyone to do. The more strictly we all follow this advice, the better we will get through this."

When there is community spread, tracing the contacts or activities of just a couple of people who happened to receive a positive test result does not take into account the fact that there are other people in the community, possibly many people, who

have the virus now, and there is no reliable way to know who that might be, because it is possible to have and share the virus even before the earliest symptoms show up. So, while a public health agency may decide to do some contact tracing in certain cases, that is not our main emphasis at this point.

If you have any symptoms -- even mild ones -- public health urges you to stay home and isolate yourself until:

- You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (without the use of medicine) AND

- Other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) have improved AND

- At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

- If you are sick, anyone in your household who has had close contact with you (within six feet for approximately 10 minutes) should self-quarantine for 14 days,

even if you haven't been tested for COVID-19.

If you have a medical emergency, call 911. If you have severe respiratory symptoms, especially shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, tell the 911 dispatcher about your symptoms. Do not wait for a COVID-19 test to call 911.

SLV COVID-19 Information Line 719-480-8719
CO HELP line 1-877-462-2911 (English and Spanish) for Colorado

general information. Colorado updates and guidance: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>

CDC updates and guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>

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Gardner

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He shared action taken in Congress to allow small businesses (500 employees or less) to borrow up to \$10 million for eight weeks of payroll and payroll support through the Small Business Administration. If the money is used for payroll and payroll support such as providing health insurance, rent assistance, etc., the loans can be forgiven, he said.

Banks, too, are being given more leeway to work with their customers with lower interest rates and adjustments to current loan plans, Gardner said. And help is on the way for hospitals as well as they struggle with cash flow issues related to lost revenue.

"How do we get the economy in position to snap back?" Gardner asked the

Alamosa contingent.

The senator encouraged people to find ways to donate blood as the supply continues to dwindle and he asked that everyone call and check on their neighbors, particularly

"How do we get the economy in position to snap back?"

-U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO)

those in the older population.

In a question and answer period, Gardner talked about finding other ways to help businesses keep their doors open and new health insurance plans being offered to Colorado residents currently without insurance. He also said he plans to meet with the

Secretary of Agriculture about the possible impacts on that sector with labor shortages, etc. and how federal crop insurance might help.

Based on the City of Estes Park fighting to

keep Rocky Mountain National Park open, he asked what if any impact the pandemic has had on the Great Sand Dunes.

Alamosa County Commissioner Darius Allen said Dunes Superintendent Pam Rice is dedicated to keeping the park open. Gardner said he is staying in contact with the Department of

Interior concerning the nation's parks.

Raleigh Burt of Kristi Mountain Sports added how important it is the valley to keep the Dunes and trail systems open.

Allen told Gardner that he appreciates the senator's continued support of the Essential Air Service (EAS) and its importance to airports like Alamosa in providing commercial flights.

Gardner said there is nothing "more dire, more urgent" than getting financial assistance to the people across the nation.

In an email announcing Tuesday's meeting, Woods said, "we're in this till we get through it and we have a lot of partners working together who will try to assist in finding answers and possible resources for you."

Conejos County closures

LA JARA — In an effort to slow the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus in our community, the Conejos County government will be closing public buildings starting on Wednesday, March 19, 2020, at 12:00 pm. Staff will be providing limited ESSENTIAL services via phones and online avenues.

The following departments will have limited schedules please see below and call each department

for more information.

Conejos County Department of Social Services-719-376-5455

Conejos County Public Health will be closed to the public but will have limited access by telephone, email and fax – 719-274-4307

Conejos County Commodities- Will be open on Monday and Wednesdays, curbside delivery only. 719-274-4307

Conejos County Sheriff's Office/Jail – 719-376-2196

Conejos County Combined Courts – 719-376-5456-- Updates to court operations can be found at: https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District_ID=12

The following departments will be closed to the public until further notice.

Conejos County Administration – 719-376-5772

Conejos County Assessor – 719-376-5585

Conejos County Clerk and Recorder – 719-376-5422

Conejos County Land

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Conejos County Road & Bridge- 719-376-5772

Conejos County Treasurer – 719-376-5919

These precautions will be continually evaluated. This announcement is in place until further notice.

The Board of County Commissioners has also posted a letter to the community on our web site. For more information please go to our web page at www.conejoscounty.org


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Opinion

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HOLLYWOOD

—God Bless America, and how's everybody? Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin expressed confidence in a relief bill for business and workers is doable Tuesday. However independent contractors can't get jobless benefits.



Argus Hamilton

I explained to the staff at the West Hollywood unemployment office I'm a comedian, and they gave me two drink tickets.

Nat Geo says geologists discovered diamonds on a Canadian island, proving North America's landmass was connected to Scotland a hundred-fifty million years ago.

Today we know why the dinosaurs perished when the asteroids arrived. Instead of heading for cover they went for toilet paper.

The Centers for Disease Controls sent staffers to all the cable news shows to repeat their daily safety warnings to Americans.

They say don't go out to the bar and don't meet up with your friends, and don't come home with an infection. Honestly, the CDC is starting to sound like my ex-girlfriend.

The L.A. Times reported that local churches received hugely favorable responses to their online services on Sunday. People were all over social media Sunday afternoon praising the experience.

Maybe the answer all along to declining church membership has been no offering and pants optional.

L.A. Mayor, Eric Garcetti, threatened Monday to arrest residents who casually disobey his stay-home orders. He's livid that we're all cheerfully exercising outdoors and running errands in our cars.

Yes, we're all out of toilet paper but spring has just arrived, and a new crop of leaves is on the horizon.

President Trump praised Americans for changing our social habits of shaking hands, hugging and kissing each other as social greetings Monday.

Due to the Coronavirus, I have been shaking elbows with people for three weeks. I now have eczema and a lifetime membership in the Freemasons.

Mitch McConnell blew up Monday after Senate Democrats reneged on a relief bill after House Democrats tacked on solar power credits and diversity requirements for recipient companies.

I just came up with the cure: we put Congress in charge of the Coronavirus and it will immediately stop passing.

The White House Coronavirus Task Force acknowledged to reporters that many parts of the country have been minimally affected by the COVID-19 virus.

Some places are returning to normal. In Chicago once again neighborhood church bells chime five times a day signaling the call to gunfire.

President Trump yielded and stopped calling COVID-19 the "Chinese Virus" this week. He said that he doesn't want to stigmatize Chinese-Americans.

The Chinese Virus, the German Measles and Spanish Flu walk into a bar, but the bartender's not there -- he's at home trying not to look racist.

President Trump had a marathon news conference with his Coronavirus Task Force Monday where he vowed businesses will be opened soon while acknowledging casualties among America's seniors.

Funeral plans are being made for Bill Clinton. He's fine, but he IS quarantined with Hillary.

Hollywood movie mogul and convicted rapist, Harvey Weinstein, contracted Coronavirus on Sunday. He knows where all the bodies are buried in show business and in politics.

That may explain why Hillary Clinton sent Harvey Weinstein a get-well card a week before he caught the virus.

California Governor, Gavin Newsom's, stay-home order was studiously obeyed by middle-aged residents in L.A.

When Generation Xers were kids, they used to dream of sitting around the house with no school, just smoking pot and watching TV. And now forty years later, they're living the dream.

White House Task Force's, Dr. Fauci, dismissed successful tests of chloroquine on COVID-19 patients as anecdotal.

CNN and MSNBC are ridiculing the drug because it's been promoted by Fox News.

All I know is that I have washed my hands so many times they are now legally married in Utah.

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Kids Like Me: DeAndre's story

Jesus said in Matthew 25:40 KJV, "Whatever you've done unto the least of these (kids or adults), you've done it unto me."

DeAndre's story: I am 18 and have used drugs for 6-years.

I don't have children, but it would break my heart if my unborn children grew-up and used drugs. I don't want them to ever go through what I'm going through. If I could change anything, I would change the moment I ever started using heroin and meth.

Growing up, life was very good. My mom and dad weren't on drugs until I was about 9 years old. We lived in Allicott, outside of Colorado Springs. We had our own double-wide trailer that my dad was renting to own.

I was happy growing up. I had everything a boy could want. It was just me and my brother, Antonio, at the time and life was perfect -- until my father and I went for a ride in the truck one night. We ended-up rolling the truck 12-times. I was in a car seat but flew out of the truck. If it had rolled one more time I would have been smashed. Luckily, I had one scratch on my face and dirt in my eyes. That's all.

After a few years, my dad went to prison and we moved to Colorado Springs. Eventually, I moved to Alamosa with my aunty Ashley and my baby brother. We lived by the hospital in the college dorms until my aunty had her baby. Then we moved again with my mom to my dad's, dad's mom, my great grandmother until I was in the fourth grade.

Amarah's Corner



Amarah

My mother used and sold drugs, but she was not a bad mom. She took care of us the best way she could. We were spoiled rotten while my father was away. Then, my mom got locked-up in jail when my father got out. So my father took care of us for about a year, then got locked back up.

Before he got locked-up, my mom got out and got pregnant. Then, she got sent to corrections. Once that happened, me and my little brother moved to Romeo, with my grandma Pat and we started school there. I was in the fifth grade.

Eventually my mom got out and we got a new baby sister. Soon after, my mom got pregnant again, but this time with a baby boy. However, it wasn't from our dad. It was from another guy. Nine months went by and we got our new baby brother.

Sadly, my mom passed away two-months after he was born. I was 12 or 13 then, which is what led me to do drugs. First meth, then heroin -- which totally ruined my life, with my siblings and grandmother.

I sold all my stuff, chose some bad girlfriends, and dropped out of high school my 11th grade year. Since I turned 18 years old, I have been arrested four times and I'm now sitting in jail myself, because of my choices to steal, rob and

lie. I regret ever choosing this lifestyle.

When I was a kid, I had a Tea-Cup dog named Daisy who was very important to me. My grandma Lucille took me to church every Sunday, and I believe in God with my full heart and soul.

I was artistic. I played electric guitar and I drew anything that looked evil or scary. I had a short attention span in school; and I hated homework, but was very smart. I wanted to be a famous rapper.

I played football in school and it was important to me, but then it wasn't because I dropped out of school to smoke weed. I had two friends in school, Victor and Jadon. Victor was my best friend.

My drug of choice is heroin which I have used since I was 12-13 years old. I started using drugs because my mother and my uncle, Ryan, passed away. I want to stop using drugs very badly. It has ruined my life.

My advice for parents who are addicts is to please stop while you can. There's so much more to life. Your child's life is worth more than your next fix or next high, plus you don't want your kids to end up like me -- in jail and on drugs!

For grandparents like mine, who are raising their grandkids when our addict parents can't: thank you for stepping-up to the plate!

My advice for kids like me, don't do drugs! Be grateful for everything -- including your freedom.

If I woke-up tomorrow morning and my life was perfect, I'd be clean, not in jail, working a good job and not in the hole I'm in. ~DeAndre

Lopez for Colorado Senate 2020



Courtesy photo.

Colorado native, Carlos R. Lopez, is running for CO's 35th District Senate.

Hello! My name is Carlos R. Lopez and I am proud to be a candidate for Colorado State Senate District #35.

I was raised in Colorado my entire life. I attended School District #1 in Trinidad, started my college career at Trinidad State Junior College, and finished my undergrad degree at the University of Northern Colorado.

I am running because I am concerned that the state government too often ignores the voices of Southern and Rural Colorado. I want to make sure that your concerns are voiced loud and clear, at the State Capitol,

and turned into tangible legislation that helps us. We need a fighter and I am ready to enter the ring.

The Colorado economy is booming, but too often the needs of Rural and Southern Colorado are ignored. I want to make sure that the advantages of our economy are shared by all Coloradans and the needs and concerns of Rural and Southern Colorado are addressed.

Agriculture is our life blood and our heritage. In order to prosper, we need to make sure our water is continually protected for generations to come. I want to make sure that we can help prepare families for the future so they can continue to work their lands and not be bullied by big government and developers in Denver.

We also need expanded educational opportunities within our district, so people can get a high quality education while staying close to home. Expanding educational opportunity will create a workforce ready for the future and bring companies to the area, as well as unleash peoples' entrepreneurial spirit to create new businesses and jobs here at home.

Lastly, I want to help create healthy communities with more healthcare resources flowing into our rural district, to attract healthcare professionals as well as new healthcare facilities.



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I have been a member of the Trinidad City Council for the past four years and we have had some great successes including reinvigorated economic growth, a new state park and a new youth center.

I was a member of the Executive Board of the Colorado Municipal League. I am currently a board member of the Arkansas River Power Authority; Human Services Advisor Board, with Trinidad State Junior College; and am the Founder and Chair of the Youth Club of Trinidad, Inc.

Please check me out at carloslopezforcolorado.com

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COVID-19 and Tu Casa, Inc.

ALAMOSA — Until further notice, the Tu Casa, Inc. (Tu Casa and Children's Advocacy Center of the San Luis Valley) office space will be closed to the public, and staff will be working remotely. However, we want everyone in our community to know that *we are still* offering services. If you are in an emergency situation, please do not hesitate to call us. If you, or anyone you know, are in need of our services, please call our 24-hour hotline at (719) 589-2465.

In compliance with CDC recommendations, our staff, interns, and volunteers are implementing a social distancing policy. This means we will be doing the majority of our work from home. However, we want to stress that we are still providing services and that no one should hesitate to reach out if they are in a dangerous situation.

Tu Casa and the Children's Advocacy Center of the San Luis Valley recognize that our services are essential to the health and safety of those most vulnerable in our community. We will serve our clients to the

best of our ability within this capacity while being responsible community members and avoiding the spread of disease. It is essential that we remember our fellow humans and take care of one another, showing compassion and working proactively not out of fear. We ask all to listen to the healthcare professionals and leading scientists, maintain proper hygiene by washing your hands often and for 20 seconds, practice social distancing, and make sure your fellow community members are okay.

La Jara Clinic Temporarily Closed

LA JARA — San Luis Valley Health's La Jara Clinic, 509 Main Street, La Jara, Colorado, is temporarily closed due to the need to conserve resources. Routine and well-visits have been postponed.

If you have respiratory symptoms, please call the nurse line at (719) 589-2511, and press 9. The line is open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call prior to entering any healthcare facility if

you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. In some cases, you may be asked to stay home and self-manage. These changes have been made for your safety and the safety of the community.



Paul Harris Fellow plus four



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Jay Meyer, right, was recently honored by the Rotary Club of Alamosa for contributing his fourth donation to the Paul Harris Fellowship program of Rotary International. Harris is credited for having organized Rotary nearly 100 years ago. Presenting the four-year pin is Alamosa Rotary Resident Chris Quintana.



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This is Destiny, she is a female pit bull mix around 8 months. She is very friendly with people and she has quite a bit of energy.



This is Goldie, she is a female pit bull mix around 2 years old. She is very friendly with people and has a fairly calm temperament.



This is Oso, he is a male curly-haired dachshund mix about 4-5 years old. He is friendly with people and does well with most dogs. He jumps very high and will need a tall fence.

To adopt or reclaim any of these pets, contact Conour Animal Shelter at 852-3366 or 2825 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Also see www.slvanimalshelter.



This is Goofy, he is a male pit bull/shepherd mix around 7 months. He is friendly with people and has a lot of energy.

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National Forests in NM to close developed recreation sites; visitors still welcome

TAOS, NM- March 23, 2020 – The five national forests in New Mexico, including the Carson National Forest, will begin the orderly closure of developed recreation sites as early as Monday, March 23, to protect public health and safety and align with state and local measures already in place to contain the COVID-19 outbreak.

Although campgrounds, day-use sites, restrooms and other developed recreation facilities on the Santa Fe, Cibola, Gila, and Lincoln national forests are likely to be closed, the vast majority of the forests will still be available to visitors who want to spend time outdoors. At this time, recreation opportunities include hiking and biking on trails, dispersed camping and other activities that support social distancing and small groups.

The Carson National Forest asks members of the public to recreate responsibly by avoiding high-risk activities, like rock climbing, that increase the chance of injury or distress. Law enforcement and search and rescue operations may be limited due to COVID-19. In addition, visitors can help mitigate resource impacts while recreation sites are closed by bringing home their trash (pack it in, pack it out), and by appropriately managing human waste by burying it at least 6-8 inches deep and 200 feet away from water, trails and recreation sites. Visit the Interactive Visitor Map at <https://www.fs.fed.us/ivm/> for more information on available activities.

"We know how much our communities and our visitors value all the rec-

reation opportunities the national forests have to offer," Carson National Forest Supervisor James Duran said. "This decision was not made lightly, but we believe people understand the serious risks posed by facilities that draw large numbers of people into close proximity with each other. We appreciate your patience and understanding of our efforts to mitigate those risks to protect public health and safety."

The developed recreation site closures will remain in effect until further notice. The Forest Service thanks all New Mexicans, visitors and partners for their cooperation. Please report any instances of vandalism to facilities to the local ranger district office.

All SFNF offices are conducting business and providing services virtually. The Carson National Forest will continue to coordinate its COVID-19 response in alignment with all federal, state and local guidance.

Visitors to national forests are urged to take the precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For tips from the CDC on preventing illnesses like the coronavirus, go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html>.

Contact information for Carson National Forest Headquarters and the ranger district offices is posted on the forest website. Updates on the Carson National Forest response to COVID-19 will also be posted on Facebook and Twitter.

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What to do in the wake of canceled events

Events have been canceled or postponed across the globe in the wake of the outbreak of COVID-19. This has caused a disruption to not only commercial events like concerts and sporting events, but personal gatherings as well. Any party with a large number of potential guests has to be reconsidered. This includes graduation parties, weddings and birthdays. People facing the cancellation of such events can follow these guidelines.

- Speak to vendors to find out if cancellations can occur with no penalties. Many hotels and other travel services are waiving fees for cancellations, or allowing bookings to be rescheduled at no additional cost.

- Try to think of some alternative dates for events like weddings and graduation parties as soon as possible. There is no way to accurately predict the path that

COVID-19 will take, nor put a firm date regular life can resume, but discussing alternative dates with vendors with whom you're already under contract may put you at the top of the list when gatherings are once again allowed.

- Reach out to guests to explain that your plans are fluid. Expect that a good portion of guests, even those who already committed to attend, may not be able to make rescheduled events. Speak with vendors about fluctuating headcounts in the wake of COVID-19.

- Be patient and keep an open minded about events. These are unprecedented times and many people are learning as they go. Rescheduling events when the threat has subsided may cause a bottleneck effect with service providers. Flexibility and patience can help make reschedule less stressful. TF205955

Trout unlimited announcement

The San Luis Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited announces that, based on state and national TU directives and our own concern for the health of Valley residents, our regular March meeting, scheduled for March 31, 2020, has been cancelled. In addition, our annual fundraising auction, originally scheduled for

May 2, 2020, has been postponed until a date later this year. Please stay tuned for more information once a new date has been determined. We appreciate your support and interest and wish everyone well as the Covid-19 outbreak progresses. Stay safe (and you can practice social isolation on a river or lake)!

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How to support local businesses during mandatory restrictions

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 throughout the United States in March 2020 transformed American lives in ways many might never have imagined possible. Social distancing recommendations and restrictions on gatherings of more than a handful of people had a ripple effect on the economy that adversely affected many small businesses.

Small businesses are the backbones of local communities. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses make up 99.9 percent of all businesses in the United States and employ 59.9 million employees. The SBA notes that the accommodation and food services sector is the second largest small business industry. Many of these businesses have been hit especially hard as more and more of their regular customers stay at home in the wake of government advisories promoting social distancing.

But small businesses are vital to local communities, and there are ways to support them and help them stay afloat as they confront the challenges posed by the COVID-19

outbreak.

- Order delivery. It's still possible to enjoy foods from your favorite local restaurants. Many restaurants that had not previously done so have begun to offer delivery services, be it curbside or at-home, and this can provide a great respite for families who have had to cook three meals a day at home for their entire families for extended periods of time. Curbside delivery has made it possible to get takeout meals without compromising social distancing recommendations.

- Recognize that more than food is available for takeout. In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York announced relaxations on laws governing what can and cannot be obtained via takeout, allowing takeout on goods that were previously restricted in regard to takeout. For example, Cuomo announced that the New York State Liquor Authority intended to temporarily relax regulations regarding the takeout and delivery of alcohol. Utilizing such services can be a great way to support local busi-

nesses while still adhering to recommendations designed to slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Purchase a gift card. Gift cards can help small businesses generate revenue at a time when their doors are largely closed to the public. This can be vital to these businesses' survival, and it gives consumers something to look forward when life returns to normal.

- Help market local businesses. Spread the word when local businesses deliver in the wake of the restrictions put on them due to COVID-19. Share these experiences via social media or online reviews, and urge your neighbors to patronize these businesses.

Local businesses are suffering during the COVID-19 outbreak. But communities can come together to support business owners and their employees to help these vital businesses stem the tide. TF205946

SOCIAL MEDIA TEXT: Small businesses are vital to local communities, and there are ways to support them and help them stay afloat as they confront the challenges posed by the COVID-19 outbreak.



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Travel and COVID-19

The global travel industry has been in turmoil since the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in December 2019. Many would-be travelers, including business travelers and vacationers, canceled previously planned trips or delayed future travel plans in the hopes of reducing their risk of catching a virus that CNN estimated had claimed more than 4,000 lives across the globe between December 2019 and mid-March 2020. According to estimates from the Global Business Travel Association, business travel revenue loss totaled \$820 billion across the globe through the first week of March

2020. The International Air Transport Association estimated that global airlines stood to lose \$113 billion in sales if the coronavirus continued to spread, a decline in sales that the industry has not experienced since the global financial crisis of 2008. That loss in revenue has led many airlines and cruise lines to decrease prices in an effort to entice more people to travel. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that travel could be dangerous, particularly for people with underlying health conditions who intend to take cruises. As of March 2020, the CDC was recommending that

travelers who fit that criteria defer all cruise ship travel. Cruises place vast numbers of people in frequent and close contact with each other, conditions that can promote the spread of respiratory viruses like COVID-19. The CDC notes that, due to the way air is circulated and filtered on airplanes, most viruses and other germs do not easily spread on airplanes. However, those who want to err on the side of caution should discuss travel with their physicians, including whether or not it's beneficial to delay unnecessary travel plans until the threat of COVID-19 is minimized. TF204939

State officials discourage open burning during COVID-19 response

DENVER — Officials from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) urge Coloradans not to engage in open burning activities during the current COVID-19 response.

The COVID-19 virus poses a particular threat to individuals with a history of heart or respiratory illness. Smoke from open burns could put a strain on already vulnerable populations. "Open burning" is any fire outdoors where

smoke is released directly into the open air without first passing through a chimney or smokestack.

"In this challenging time, it's important that we look out for each other," said Scott Landes, air quality meteorologist at the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division at CDPHE. "We are strongly urging Coloradans to hold off on open burning while the state responds to the COVID-19 virus. Please be considerate of your neigh-

bors, especially those who are in uniquely vulnerable populations."

Colorado requires that individuals acquire a permit before engaging in open burning. Details on permit requirements can be found on the [department website](#). State air quality officials will continue to monitor the COVID-19 response and will issue additional guidance or restrictions based on the best available evidence.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rocky Mountain High Development, LLC, will make final settlement at the offices of RG and Associates, LLC at 4885 Ward Road, Suite 100, Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033 at 10:00 a.m. on April 6, 2020, to RMS Utilities, Inc. for all work done by said contractor on the Access in CDOT Right-of-Way and Gravel Access Road Extension project. All of said construction being within the boundaries of Rio Grande County, Colorado.
 This notice is provided pursuant to CRS 38-26-107(1). Any person, co-partnership, association of persons, company or corporation that has furnished labor, materials, term hire, sustenance, provisions, provender or other supplies used or consumed by such Contractor or his Subcontractors in or about the performance of the work contracted to be done and whose claim therefore has not been paid by the Contractor or his Subcontractors, at any time up to and including the time of final settlement for the work contracted to be done is required to file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim to RG and Associates, LLC at or before the time and date hereinabove shown. Failure on the part of any claimant to file such verified statement of claim prior to such final settlement will release said RG and Associates, LLC and Rocky Mountain High Development, LLC, of and from any and all liability for such claim.
 RG and Associates, LLC
 By: Gary E. Welp, P.E., CFM
 Senior Project Manager
 No. 1375
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NOTICE OF HEARING TO INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY INHERITANCE PURSUANT TO 15-12-1303 C.R.S.
 In the Matter of the Estate of HARLEY EUGENE CRESSLER, SR To all interested persons
 And owners by inheritance:
 The Estate of Norma Dee Boss Cressler
 By and Through Personal Representative Echo Diane Schmitt Montezuma County District Court Case 19PR30083
 A petition, a copy of which accompanies this notice, has been filed Alleging that the above decedent died leaving the following Property: 50% ownership of Mountain Lake Ranch Lot 11 San Luis, CO 81152.
 The hearing on the petition will be held at the following time and location or at a later date which the hearing may be continued:
 April 24, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
 Costilla County Combined Courts
 304 Main Street
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 March 23, 2020
 Cameron C. Secrist #17585
 P.O. Box 1206
 Cortez, CO 81321
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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

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)

221 HELP WANTED

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

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)

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

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CROSSROADS' TURNING POINTS, Inc is currently hiring for the following position: CIC Caseworker / Full Time / \$12.75 to \$13.75 per hr Available to work different shifts, as needed. Please see job description and apply online at: www.crossroadstp.org.(3/28)

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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.slvbooces.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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221 HELP WANTED

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)

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@costillacc.org by 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 Chely. (RVI is EOE.)(4/3)
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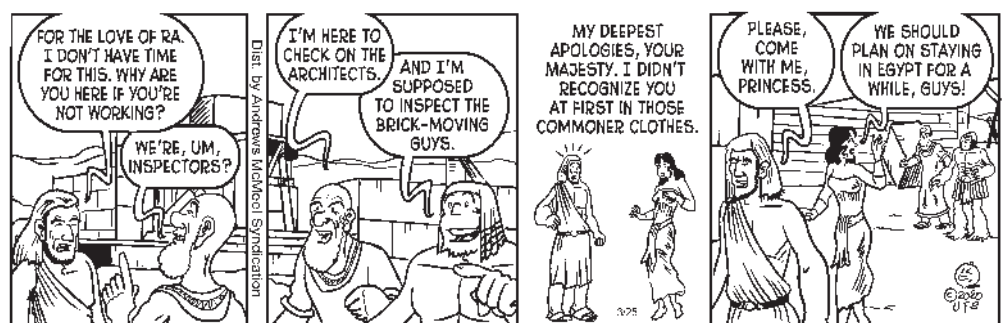
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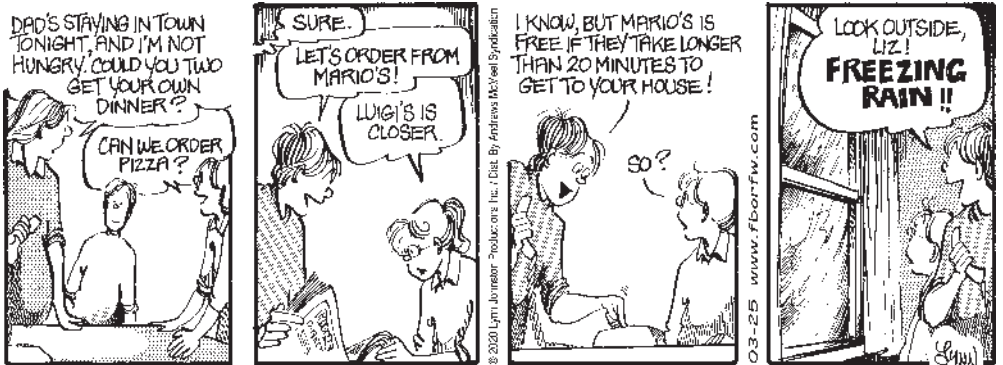
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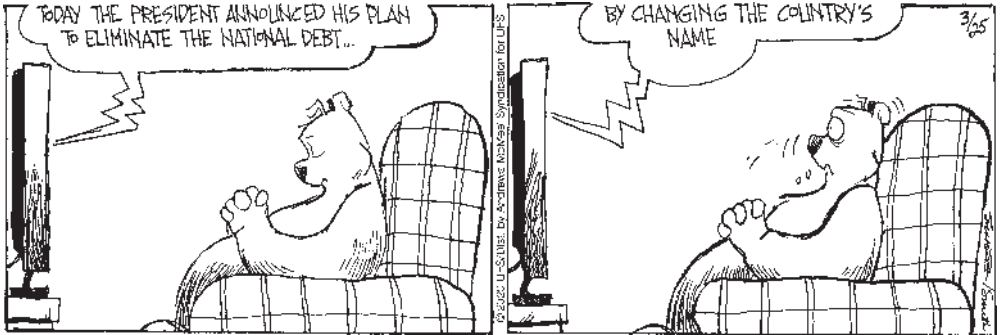
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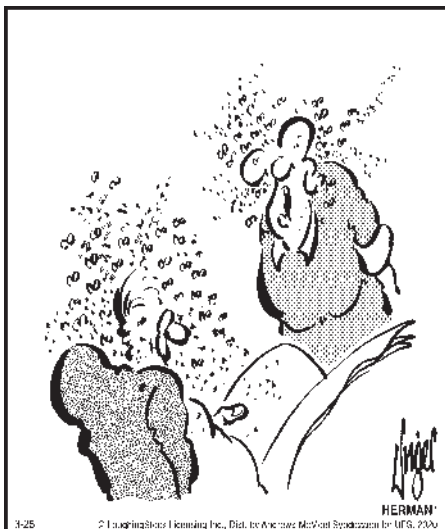
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"You were going to fix the screen door six months ago!"

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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TODAY'S CLUE: K equals P

Previous Solution: "I think that tragedy is part of the lesson you learn to lift yourself up, to pick yourself up and to move on." — Charlize Theron

Husband carried on an affair as wife cared for his mother

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 30-plus years cheated on me several years ago with one of his young private students. In our state, she would have been underage, but she was living in an adjacent state with different laws. I had just finished six months of nursing his mom to heaven. She had Alzheimer's, and he did very little to help.

blew me off after a 35-year friendship. I've no idea why -- just a very hurtful, nasty message. Over the years, we had many ups and downs, but we always made up. Now it has been almost two years since I heard from her.

Last week, for my birthday, she tried to contact me, but I have her blocked. She contacted my sister and said she wants to bury the hatchet. I said, "WHERE? IN THE BACK OF MY HEAD?" I haven't contacted her yet and am not sure I want to. She hurt me badly. I cried for so long. She was my best friend. I knew she wasn't perfect. She is the original Drama Queen, but we were still closer than most sisters.

I would at least like to know what made her blow us apart. Should I contact her? My pastor gave a sermon on forgive and forget, but I don't know if I can do either. --FOEORFRIEND IN ILLINOIS

DEAR FOE OR FRIEND: Contact the woman and get your questions answered. After that, you can decide whether the estrangement is healthier for you than her drama.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

As to your pastor's sermon, I believe that while people should forgive, they should never forget.

DEAR ABBY: A friend DEAR ABBY: We're a senior couple who have been together 20 years. My wife and I have a date night twice a week. I feel our physical intimacy melds our spirits and souls together. But lately my wife's new rule is, "Don't bother me while my TV programs are on!" When I told her I feel her programs are more important to her than I am, she got upset. So did I. Nothing's been the same since. What's your take on this? -- OLD GULF COAST LOVER

DEAR ABBY: My take is that you should reschedule your date nights to ones that don't conflict with your wife's favorite TV shows, or invest in a digital video recorder so your wife doesn't miss her programs and you don't miss a trick.

Lifestyle

La Puente sees increase in need amidst COVID-19

By ISRAEL GARCIA-HUMES

ALAMOSA — With the first confirmed cases of COVID-19, the San Luis Valley prepares for the implications of that on everyday life. Many local human service providers are having to change the way they carry out their work. One such local non-profit, La Puente, finds its staff on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis locally.

La Puente values the safety of the San Luis Valley community and understands that cooperation is how the community will get through this uncertain and difficult time. The non-profit's Director of Community Education, Israel García-Humes, has stated:

"Beginning March 16, La Puente took measures to continue to meet the needs of our community while taking proactive community health precautions. COVID 19 poses a risk to us all, but especially to the most vulnerable. Our community is strong, and we must help one another get through this."

To help create "social distancing," La Puente has made several changes to program operations while continuing to offer much-needed services. At the end of this article, the Courier has noted some of the most significant implemented changes.

It has been difficult for La Puente staff to make these decisions, especially considering the population they serve is made up of those most vulnerable to COVID-19. This fact has motivated the organization to devise creative and safe ways to continue providing services, while also demonstrating staff and volunteers' wholehearted devotion to the SLV community.

One of the biggest changes has been the elimination of the Shelter's daily community meals. For years, the Shelter staff has cooked lunch and dinner, not just for Shelter guests, but for any hungry community member. On average, the Shelter serves around 60-70 community members per meal.

Thus, the elimination of this food source has been a drastic blow to many—especially considering the recent food and supply shortages. In response to this, La Puente has rallied together the resources needed to provide at least one community meal from the Presbyterian Church until further notice.

This is just one of the many ways La Puente is continuing to try and support the community.

La Puente's Food Bank Network has also seen a sharp uptick in the need for their services. In just one week, the Alamosa Food Bank saw 100 new families walk through their doors. This is a 50% increase from the number of families served this time last year. The other pantries in the SLV Food Bank Network similarly saw an increase in the demand for the services.

With supply chains being stretching, the SLV Food Bank Network is

asking the community for support.

"We've seen a sharp increase in visitors, and we need donations of non-perishable foods (rice, beans, corn, green beans, oats, and fruits). We are also in need of egg cartons, plastic bags, and cardboard boxes," said Food Bank Director, Lyndsey Williams.

La Puente is also reporting a demand from the families they serve for sanitizing products, toilet paper, and paper towels. "With tight budgets and many stores low on product, the most vulnerable families are being forced to go without the necessities they need to stay safe. They are coming to us to help," said García-Humes.

Like many others, La Puente is also struggling to acquire the necessary personal protective equipment they need to keep their frontlines staff safe while providing these critical services to the community.

If community members are interested in supporting La Puente's efforts or learning about changes



in their services, you are encouraged to visit www.lapuentehome.org/strongertogether

See below for more details on essential program changes.

Emergency Shelter
-Not accepting new guests until further notice

-The shelter will no longer serve meals to the community, only to current Shelter guests

**Until further notice, daily from 12-12:45 p.m., Alamosa's Presbyterian

Church, on 330 San Juan Ave., will pass out free sack lunches.

-Only La Puente staff allowed inside the facility during the day

Alamosa Food Bank
-March Commodities (3/26, TEFAP) canceled

-The facility closed to the public, only La Puente staff permitted inside

-Instead, clients are asked to please wait in line, outside, for a pre-packaged box of food
-In line, clients are

encouraged to remain at least 6 ft. apart from others

Outreach Services
-Office closed to the public, only La Puente staff permitted

-Energy Assistance available only for electric and natural gas providers--no propane, firewood, or bulk fuel

-Please call to see how Outreach can best assist during this time

Enterprises
-All Rainbow's End

thrift stores (Alamosa, Monte Vista, Center) will be closed from March 17-31

-Alamosa's Milagros coffee shop will only be accepting "to-go" orders, from 7 a.m.—3 p.m.

Adelante
-Office closed to the public, only La Puente staff permitted

-Anyone requesting housing will need to mail in their housing application with all supporting documents and back-ground check fees

Staff available via phone and email

For a complete description of program changes, please visit www.lapuentehome.org/strongertogether.

Overall, Garcia states, "As La Puente manages this crisis, we will continue to need your support, please consider donating online or helping us, with the purchase much-needed supplies. The La Puente family of programs is dedicated to the health of our community and is proud to serve during these trying times."

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