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SLY Today **City Council to** meet by video

ALAMOSA - Alamosa City Council will hold its regular meeting tonight (April 1) by zoom videowebinar beginning at 7 p.m.

A couple of ordinances related to municipal court and other legal matters will be heard as well as a COVID-19 update and discussion.

Thursday 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.

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



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Nationally known rodeo contractor passes

Honeycutt family bids farewell to pa-triarch Roy

ALAMOSA - Longtime, award-winning stock contractor Roy Honeycutt, 82, died at his home on March 25 with his children at his side.

Roy and his late wife Virginia were presented the Donita Barnes Contract Personnel Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019 for their lifetime commitment to the rodeo industry. Virginia, the longtime matriarch of the Honeycutt rodeo family died Dec. 1, 2018, at the age of 76.

Roy and Virginia started the Honeycutt Rodeo Company in 1976 in Ala-

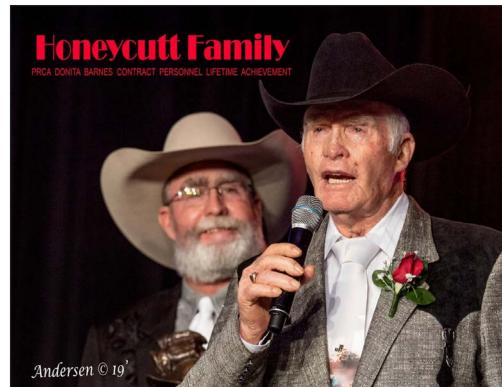
mosa, Colo. They traveled across the country and the world producing rodeos – every performance held on a Sunday included cowboy church. Their son, Jerry, has owned Honeycutt Rodeo Company since 2012.

"I don't know what to say," said Roy, when notified he was receiving the award last year. "This is emotional. It is great to receive this honor. I'm very excited. This is a big deal."

The Donita Barnes Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Roy at the PRCA Awards Banquet at the South Point Hotel & Casino on Dec. 4.

"In the rodeo business tradition means a lot,' Jerry Honeycutt said.

■ See **RODEO** page 3



COVID-19: SLV cases hit 15 plus

SAN LUIS VALLEY

- Reports and web postings from SLV Emergency indicates that there are 15 confirmed cases in the San Luis Valley by late Tuesday.

New cases include three in Alamosa County and one more each in Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and the first in Saguache. The totals to date are: Alamosa 4, Rio Grande 5, Costilla 3 , Mineral 2 and Saguache 1. No confirmed cases have been reported in Conejos County.

Tuesday night's post from SLV Emergency said: As the COVID-19 panto evolve, so do the tools we use to track the illness in our community. We are now posting positive cases by county on a daily basis at www.slvemergency. org/slv-covid-19. As of 5:00 p.m. today, the total number of confirmed cases is 15. These include cases that have been confirmed by lab testing as well as cases where public health has identified a person with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 who has also had close contact with a lab-confirmed case. We know there is community spread because we have identified transmission of the virus between individuals in the Valley unrelated to travel outside the Valley.

With community-level transmission of CO-VID-19 now confirmed in the San Luis ley, it is important to our regional emergency planning and response to also track the spread of illness beyond just the lab-confirmed cases and their close contacts.

■ See COVID page 3

Responsible Activity





Courier photos by Keith R. Cerny

LEFT, Seven-year-old Trey "Bear" was taking advantage of the skate park half-pipe in Alamosa's Cole Park on Tuesday. "I'll be 8 in May," he said. RIGHT, While many stay sheltered at home, others take time to get a little fresh air and enjoy the outdoors. Adams State student Daniel Torres of El Paso, Tex. had a little help from his Husky "Azul" as he skateboarded down 20th Street in South Alamosa on Tuesday afternoon. Torres is an exercise science major at ASU and a former Grizzly soccer player.

CDOT requests comments on SLV transportation plans

By KEITH R. CERNY Courier Publisher

VALLEY- Comments are due Thursday, April 2 on the draft of the San Luis Valley Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transporta-

The plans represent a culmination of work done locally over the past year in identifying the region's transportation vision, goals, needs and priorities.

With recent review meetings having been cancelled

due to the Coronavirus, the draft of the plans are available online at https:// drive.google.com/drive/ folders/1km3T5Crf58Ey-la4 01wKmLOORBN7uChx?usp =sharing. Comments can be shared with CDOT's Carrie Tremblatt at carrie.tremblatt@state.co.us.

In a March memo, Tremblatt said the RTP is a 16-page magazine-style report that is intended to be reader-friendly to enable any TPR resident or agency member to read the

document and understand the regional transportation conditions, needs, and priorities. The plan documents the planning process gone through over the past year and complies with Federal and State requirements.

developed in close coordination with the RTP, and the two plans are companion documents. The plan documents public and stakeholder input specific to transit needs, input from the transit

The Transit Plan was

providers in the region, and findings from the Survey of Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities. The Transit Plan is a requirement of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and all projects must be identified in the plan to be eligible for

FTA Section 5310 funding. CDOT requests input on if both plans reflect the transit needs of the SLV and if there are proposed projects missing in the plans.

Colorado Secretary of State's Office to implement remote notarization

After working closely with the Governor's office, stakeholders, and the legal community, the Colorado Secretary of State's Office will implement a remote notarization process. Remote notarization will assist Coloradans and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are committed to maintaining important services for Coloradans during this national health

crisis," said Secretary of State Jena

Griswold. "Remote notarization will enable Coloradans and businesses continued access to notary services while observing the social distancing guidelines that keep us all safe.'

Governor Polis issued an Executive Order today, which states in part: "Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of

the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701 et seq. (Act), I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order ordering the temporary suspension of the personal appearance requirement before notarial officers to perform notarizations due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado."

Secretary Griswold will issue emergency rules on Monday, setting forth the procedures and requirements for remote notarization in Colorado during this state of emergency. These rules will address implementation of the remote notarization process while including protections against identity theft and fraud. For more information, please visit

www.sos.state.co.us.

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OBITUARIES

Tommy Ernest Sanchez, 70

MONTE VISTA Private Tommy Ernest Sanchez passed away on March 26, 2020, at the Spanish Peaks Veterans Center in Walsenburg. He was born on December 29, 1950, in Monte Vista, the son of Jose P. and Senaida Sanchez.

Tommy enjoyed dancing. He and his friend, Danny Naranjo would compete against each other and they were known as the two best dancers in Monte Vista. Tommy also liked his music, he especially loved Elvis and would sing along with him. He used to entertain staff with his impersonation of Elvis at the Spanish Peaks Veterans Center.

Tommy went to school in Monte Vista and in San Jose, CA at Mt. Pleasant High School. He was drafted in 1971 and was discharged at Ft. Ord, CA. Tommy is survived by

five siblings: sister, Josie Sanchez of Benet Hill Monastery; Ted (Darlene) Sanchez of CA; Theresa Sanchez of Monte Vista; Richard (Josie) Sanchez





of Monte Vista; and Ruth (Jerry) Garcia of Alamosa.

Tommy is also survived by his veteran brothers from the Spanish Peaks Veterans Center, his sisters, and the nurses who took care of him at Spanish Peaks Center. Since he didn't have any children he is survived by the following nieces and nephews: Carleen Sanchez (Tom Martin) of Austin; Shelley (Greg) Mauer of Dallas; Eli (Theresa) Benavides, Chris (Cedrick) Benavides, David Benavides, Joseph (Elena) Benavides, Jason (Wilma) Benavides, Richard Ray Sanchez II, Geraldine (Jesus) Cardona and Anita (Manuel) Vigil.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Felix Alfonso Sanchez; two sisters; grandparents, Moises and Francis Gutierrez. He was also preceded in death by his nephews: Richard Ray Sanchez I and Kenny Paul Sanchez.

Due to the restrictions on public gatherings, a private family service will take place at Homelake Veterans Cemetery under the direction of Romero Funeral Home and a memorial mass in Tommy's honor will be announced at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes. com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Sidney "Sid" L. Klecker, 95

MONTE VISTA Sidney (Sid) L. Klecker -- father, grandfather, great-grandfather, rancher, farmer, businessman -passed into his eternal life at the age of 95 on March 25, 2020. He was born in Monte Vista on March 16, 1925, the son of Sid F. and Helen Klecker.

He will be missed by friends and family: his sons, Jan Klecker (Pam) and Gary Klecker (Loretta); son-in-law, Michael Reikofski; his grandchildren: Erin Keefer (Jim), Stephanie Klecker, Adam



Klecker (Stephanie), Jessica Godwin (Daniel); and Sid's five great-grandchil-

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie; daughter, Sharon Reikofski; and sisters, Shirley Klecker and Sally Kehler.

Because of current restrictions on gatherings, the family will have a celebration of life in Sid's memory at a later date at the Monte Vista Cemetery where he will be interred next to his wife, Marjorie. Donations may be made in Sid's memory to the Rio Grande Hospital in Del Norte.

Gladys Ann Sisneros, 63

te Vista resident Gladys Ann Sisneros, 63, passed she could with her family away peacefully March 30, 2020, at her home with her loving family by her side. Gladys came into the world on August 30, 1956, in Monte Vista, the daughter of Joe Lobato and Mary Chavez Lobato.

She was united in marriage to Willie Sisneros Jr. on October 22, 1977, in Del Norte. The two shared a long and loving union until her passing. Gladys was a kind and loving Duarte, and one greatwife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmoth- sisters, Grace Minx of

spending as much time as and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Willie Sisneros Jr. of Monte Vista; daughters, Kimberly (Brian) Smith of Westminster, CA; Jocelyn (Ray) Duarte of Lakewood, CA; sons, William A. Sisneros and Jose Jesus Sisneros both of Monte Vista; grandchildren: Rachel Smith, Jacob Smith, Leah Smith, Jonathan Sisneros, Joy grandchild Eric Aguilar;

MONTEVISTA-Mon- and friend; who enjoyed Monte Vista; and Marvene Lobato of Phoenix AZ. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Mary Lobato; sisters: Naomi Salazar, Jean Chacon; and one brother, Joe Lobato.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes. com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to the Romero Funeral er, sister, aunt, cousin Denver; Linda Roybal of Home of Monte Vista.

Patricia "Patrice" Jean Wise, 72

ALAMOSA — Patricia (Patrice) Jean Wise, age 72, passed away peacefully with her friend Birdie DeSalvo by her side on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

Patrice was so proud of surviving cancer in 2017 and told the story many times of how if she could survive a Whipple procedure to remove the cancer, she could survive anything. Unfortunately, her cancer returned in late November of 2019, and although she fought hard, she succumbed to the effects of the me-

tastasized colon cancer. Patrice will be dearly remembered by the community as being kind, generous, genuine and for having a flair for fashion. She could always be seen with a statement piece

on and was known for pattern mixing! Patrice is survived by her four pets who



Kiwi, Flopsy, Harry and George will dearly miss her, but are happy in their new homes that she so thoughtfully arranged before her Patrice is also sur-

vived by her three younger brothers and a niece. Both of her parents preceded her in death.

Patrice leaves behind a legacy of generosity. She helped many, many people-in-need

in the San Luis Valley where she resided for the past decade. She also donated to our local shelter (La Puente) and to our local animal

Patrice will live on in all of our hearts and will be dearly missed. To honor her, and in lieu of flowers, please consider "paying it forward" to someone in need.

Because of the recent restrictions due to COVID-19, we will be postponing her memorial service until it is deemed safe to gather together again. A notice will be placed in this newspaper with time and date.

To ensure you will receive notice: please email Birdie @ rdesalvo79@gmail.com indicating your interest. Arrangements have been placed in the care of Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Moses John Vargas, 61

DEL NORTE — Moses John Vargas, 61, passed away Sunday, March 29th, 2020 at the Rio Grande Hospital in Del Norte. He was born on December 23rd, 1958 to Tony and Perfy Vargas in Alamosa. He is survived by his

children: Nicole (Richard) Garcia, Moses Vargas, Yvette Archuleta and Claudette Archuleta; his mother, Perfy Vargas and Clara Lucero; sisters, Marilyn Waters and Jane Atencio; 10 grandchildren



dren; along with numerous

nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. Moses was preceded in

death by his father, Tony Vargas; his brother, Rocky Vargas; and a nephew, Jeremy Vargas.

Rogers Family Mortuary of Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements. The family has chosen cremation and will announce service details at a later date. To leave the family online condolences or words of strength, please visit www.rogersfunerals.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Mary O. Valdez

MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista resident Mary O. Valdez, passed away March 30, 2020. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

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 Epis-

copal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa 5 p.m. Women's Meet-

Spruce St., Del Norte 7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede

ing at Masonic Hall, 598

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

TUESDAY

Church at 1st and State, Alamosa

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

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

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Dr. Monte Vista

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**

SATURDAY

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

5:30 pm. at 929 State 12 p.m. First Christian Ave., Alamosa

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

8 p.m. Mountain View Alamosa

2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

For schedule changes please contact your group service representative

AL-ANON

TUESDAY 8 p.m. 15 Country Club

WEDNESDAY 5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior

Health Group at 8745 CI

9S., Alamosa **THURSDAY** 5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st St.

7 p.m. Crestone Town

Hall, downtown Creston (second and fourth Thurs

NARCOTICS ANONY MOUS (NarcAnon) TUESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

7 p.m. SDA Church a 313 Craft Drive, Alamosa SATURDAY

9 a.m. Little Shephere

Episcopal Chapel at Alde St., Crestone

7 p.m. St. Thomas Epis copal Church, 607 4th St.

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-

ALAMOSA —The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email amanda@

alamosastatebank.com

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

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

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,

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719-873-5466 or email mkmillermink@aol.com ALAMOSA — The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. at the Alamosa Public Library, 300 Hunt Ave. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-544-

5720, ext. 304.

ALAMOSA - TOPS(Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a non-profit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the College Heights Baptist Church at 2035 Church Avenue in Alamosa. Weigh-in is at



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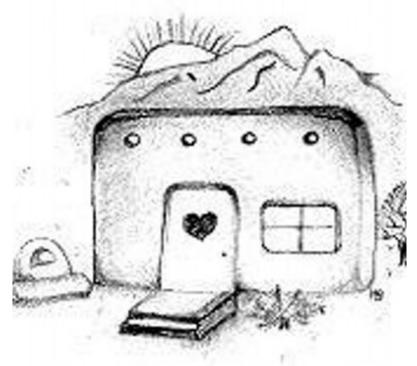
Valley News

Providing children a voice

By SUMMER KING AmeriCorps Volunteer

ALAMOSA — April is a very strong month of the year, bringing awareness to hard subjects that don't often get talked about. In addition to Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April is also Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

A blue ribbon is used to represent and bring awareness to the topic. Why a blue ribbon? In 1989, a grandmother tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her van to take a stand against child abuse. She saw her grandchildren being abused and constantly tried to help them. She lost her grandson, Michael Wayne "Bubba" Dickenson, to child abuse. Her daughter's boyfriend murdered 3-year-old Bubba, and his body was found, bruised and beaten, in a weighted toolbox at the bot-



tom of a canal.

in the San Luis Valley,

around 80% of those with

symptoms have mild, not

severe, symptoms. That

is consistent with what

other parts of the country

are seeing. People who are

not at high risk of severe

illness may not need to

be evaluated in person

or tested for COVID-19.

Whether symptoms are

mild or severe, do not wait

for a test to self-isolate.

The severity of your symp-

toms has nothing to do

with your ability to trans-

mit the virus to others. If

you have symptoms, self-

isolate, or in other words,

stay at home and avoid

contact with others until:

for at least 72 hours (with-

out the use of medicine)

You have had no fever

Other symptoms (cough,

His grandmother chose a blue ribbon because she was thinking about the bruises

she had seen on her grandchildren.

In 1982, Congress recognized the first Child Abuse and Prevention week. Not long after, April was designated as the first Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention month. The Children's Advocacy Center of the San Luis Valley (SLV CAC) has been a part of Tu Casa, Inc. since

"I remember [before] interviewing kids, and sometimes I interviewed them at school, or sometimes I had to interview them in their bedroom while their parents were in the living room," said Theresa Ortega, co-interim Executive Director of Tu Casa, Inc. "Sometimes I had to interview them at the police department."

The SLV CAC is dedicated to allowing children the safe environment to share their story with trusted adults. They don't want children to have to repeat their story more than one time. Their mission is to ensure that the

candidates.

children they serve are not further victimized by the intervention systems designed to protect them.

"I like the idea that children aren't having to talk to a case worker while the officer is sitting in the corner, pretending he's not there," Ortega said. "I like the idea of a family being able to go into a space where it felt safe and not like they might get their kids taken away.

The SLV CAC was talked about for 20 years before Tu Casa made it a reality. They took it under their umbrella and found the funding to support it. The SLV CAC offers forensic interviews and SANE exams to children, 0-17 years old, who have been victims of sexual assault or severe abuse/neglect.

"Just because they're our smallest members doesn't mean they're not important," said Ortega.

Espinoza, Garcia - notice

In Tuesday's edition an announcement article

combined both Rick Espinoza and Carlos Garcia's

announcements of their candidacy for Conejos

County Commissioner, District 1. It was not in-

tended to be a summation of all the candidates

in the race but rather an announcement for both

COVID-19

Closures & Updates

ALAMOSA — Treasure Alley has temporarily closed in

an effort to keep our employees safe and to do everything

we can to help protect our community. Our gift store will

reopen just as soon as we safely are able to do so. Please

all of our friends and customers stay safe and we will

anxiously wait to reopen and until then gift certificates

are a great way to still support the store! Please reach

out to us via email at treasurealley95@gmail.com or by

calling Treasure Alley at 719-587-0878 and the calls will

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To that end, we encourage residents who have experienced symptoms to complete our anonymous online SLV Symptom Tracker at slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19. The information collected through this form helps local public health response teams understand and track the spread of COVID-19 in the San Luis Valley. This survey does not take the place of consulting with your primary care provider or a nurse line. If you are experiencing symptoms that require medical care, please call your healthcare provider or a nurse call line at: San Luis Valley Health 719-589-2511 ext 9, Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990 or Valley Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext 9. If you are having difficulty breath-

ing or another medical emergency, dial 911. During this time it is as important as ever to follow the direction of your primary care provider and this includes taking medication as prescribed. We have heard from some in the community that they are not taking medication as prescribed in an attempt to "save it" should the pharmacy close. The pharmacies will remain open, not impacting your ability to refill your medication. You can also utilize a mail service to refill medications to reduce the need to go out and these services can be set up so medications are delivered on a regular basis according to your prescription. It is important that you continue to take your medications as prescribed by your

We would like to thank everyone who has partici-

healthcare provider.

shortness of breath) have pated so far in our SLV Symptom Tracker survey. improved AND So far the data shows that At least 7 days have

> passed since your symptoms first appeared. Anyone in your house-

hold who has had close contact with you (within six feet for approximately 10 minutes) should selfquarantine for 14 days, even if you haven't been tested for COVID-19. Call your healthcare

provider or a local nurse line if your illness becomes more severe, especially if you are experiencing shortness of breath. You can use telehealth or a nurseline to get medical guidance; find out more and access a list of telehealth and nurseline resources here: https://covid19. colorado.gov/telehealthand-nurselines

If you have a medical emergency, call 911. If

Cases of COVID-19 in Colorado by County

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 self-isolate or call 911.

SLV COVID general questions 9am-3pm: 719-480-8719 for English, or 719-315-5019 for Spanish. You may also email your questions to slvepr@ alamosacounty.org.

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

Colorado updates and guidance: https://covid19. colorado.gov

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

Small Business - www. choosecolorado.com

Volunteer or Donate www.helpcoloradonow.

ways to respond to the Census

be forwarded. Lara, Becky and Carol

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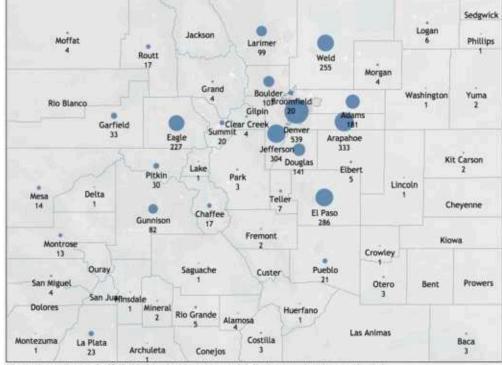
address.

Mail - If you do not respond online or by phone, you may receive a paper questionnaire. Paper questionnaires will be

mailed in early April. ...all without having to meet a census taker



2020census.gov



ive for COVID-19 in Coli

Some cases may still be under investigation and county not assigned yet.

Rodeo

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"We as a younger generation got to step in and realize the fruits of guys like my dad, Walt Alsbaugh, Harry Vold, Cotton Rosser and Mike Cervi and Neal Gay and guys I've missed who came before us and deserve a lot of credit.

"My dad started from nothing and he established a lot of stuff and he did it on his own and I'm proud of him for that fact. I'm also proud of him raising a great family in the midst of all of it.

Jerry, his younger brother Scott and younger sister, Janet all worked in the rodeo business with their dad.

In 1886, Honeycutt's great-grandparents homesteaded to Alamosa from New York. Virginia was the daughter of Walt and Alice Alsbaugh. Walt Alsbaugh was a legendary PRCA stock contractor who was inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in 1990. Virginia's brother, Art Alsbaugh, and his wife, Linda, were the recipients of the 2012 Donita Barnes Lifetime Achievement Award.

"I was involved with my father-in-law, and I appreciated that so much,"

Jerry said Roy's start in rodeo came from Walt Alsbaugh. 'He had a truck and

trailer, but he didn't own any bulls or horses, didn't own one saddle, not one flank, nothing," Jerry said. "He got along with people and he leased everything from my grandpa (Walt

Alsbaugh). "At that time, my grandpa was running 700 to 800 head of horses and 200 head of bulls. My dad would pay my grandpa a lease and

then my dad would go put

on his own rodeos.



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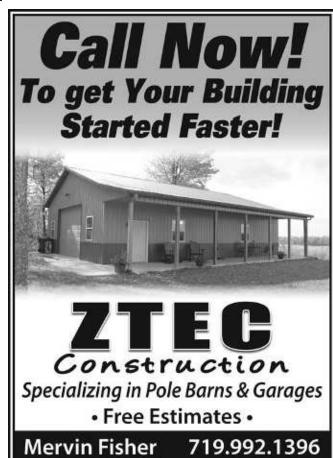
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God Bless America ...

HOLLYWOOD -Major League Baseball postponed the season scheduled to start this week due to Corona Virus that crossed the ocean to the U.S. from China this year.

Incidentally, the sport is not played with any skill in China. One reason why the Chinese are no good at playing

Hamilton baseball is because they eat the bat. The CDC repeated its prediction Monday that the virus can be minimized by good hygiene and common-sense

measures. What's being learned during this pandemic will alter my own profession forever. One hundred years from now, comedians will refer to this time as The Death of the Spit Take.

Argus

The Nixon Library opened a display of dirty tricks that presidential campaigns pulled on each other in the '60s. It's gotten crazy.

Dirty tricks have escalated from pregnant women holding up signs saying Nixon's the One to the CDC getting a call saying impeachment isn't working, release the virus.

The White House expressed hope Monday that home isolation would help hold down the virus mortality rate.

This past Sunday, seven hundred fifty people died in California, and only two of the deaths were from the virus. The rest of the Californians died from watching Donald Trump go up in the polls. President Trump said Monday he's

trying to set an optimistic example during the crisis. This period of forced isolation is an opportunity. I believe that half of Americans are

going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks, while the other half will come out with a drinking problem.

The New York Times led a cascade of media pundits Monday asserting that the Corona Virus casualties would be much lower if Joe Biden were the

You know what, they just might be right. The virus, like Biden, would enter the room, forget why it came into the room and then leave.

The New York City Police Department reported a huge drop in the number of homicides and robberies as a result of the strict home quarantine.

Everyone forced to be home has to discourage burglary as well. The country's number-one crime used to be home break-ins, now it's home escapes.

President Trump on Monday trotted out many of our nation's leading manufacturers who are volunteering to make ventilators and surgical masks, including the popular My Pillow cable TV advertiser Mike Lindell. You know what I haven't seen on cable lately? Cheap life insurance policies.

President Trump went on Twitter Monday to say he loves the Queen and the Royal Family, yet he said Prince Harry and Meghan must pay for their own protection now that they've moved to Los Angeles.

It is a moot point anyway. Since Harry's castration, he doesn't need to

use protection. President Trump addressed reporters in the Rose Garden Monday and emphasized the need to make sure the government helps the airline industry

It shows great sportsmanship by Trump to want to save the airlines.

After all, if air travel shut down, CNN would lose all their viewers. President Trump went to Virginia to

see off a Navy hospital ship heading for virus-plagued New York. No one quite knows what to do.

I agree with the controversial proposal that New York must be quarantined but only long enough for Connecticut, New

Jersey and Pennsylvania to evacuate. Oregon's legislature just approved an emergency measure permitting cannabis stores to offer curbside service.

You pull up to the curb on the street, roll down your car window, receive your weed from the salesperson then you pay him with cash through the window. It's just like the old days.

Facebook Timeline informed me Monday that one year ago, Millennials were posting videos of themselves licking ice cream out of the carton at grocery stores then putting the ice cream back up on the shelves. Now, look what's happened as a result. This is why we can't have nice things.

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Flower and people names

Have you ever wondered about the relationship Landscapes betweenflowerand people's names?

Black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia hirta) and sweet William (Dianthus barbatus) can trace their names to an English poem, "Sweet William's Farewell to Black-eyed Susan" by John Gay written in the early 1700s.

Black-eyed Susan is native to North America and it seems that British colonists gave the name to the yellow flower with the dark center when they arrived in the New World. Turns out the two flowers bloom at the same time and some like to think this expresses the lovers' eternal love for each

called "gloriosa daisies" -- bloom along many Colorado roadways in the summer. They are a biennial but are often grown as an annual. I have several patches that come back every summer. Sweet Williams do well in the

Susan -- also

San Luis Valley, but mine tend to die out after several years and I replace them with new plants from the nursery. You can view images of these plants and most of those listed below at AlamosaFlowers.net.

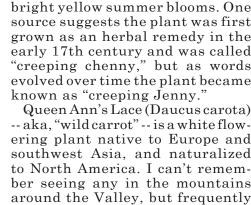
Most of us have known someone named Lily or Rose. But did you know "Rhoda" is of Greek origin and means rose? Or that "Rosalind" is of Spanish origin and means pretty rose?

It is believed that the poet Edmund Spenser coined the name

which was further popularized by Shakespeare's character in: "As You Like It.

Rosalind was a popular girl name in the 1940's, due to the popularity of the movie star Rosalind Russell. As far as growing roses in Alamosa, I do best with the wilder varieties like the yellow Harrison or the pink woodsia.

I've never met a woman named Petunia, but remember the cartoon character from Loony Tunes who was the girlfriend of Porky Pig. I always have a couple of hanging baskets of these annuals around the yard in summer.



cover creeping Jenny (Lysimachia

nummularia) or moneywort with

encountered it along streams in the mountains outside of Colorado Springs when I lived there many years ago.

Ithassmall, openwork white heads that surround a tiny red flower. Legend says the flower represents a blood droplet when Queen Anne (Queen of England, Scotland and Ireland from 1702 - 1707) pricked herself with a needle when she was making lace.

"Marguerite" is of French origin meaning pearl or daisy. The only one I grow is silver leaf Marguerite (Anthemis bierberseiniana). It does very well in the rock

garden with little care. Most of the season it is a low silver mat. In June it develops lovely yellow daisy-like flowers. Marguerite was in the top 100 girl names from 1890-1921.

'Erica" is a Scandinavian name. In Latin, it means heather. It is a genus with over 800 different plants in the family Ericaceae. While I know some Ericas, I don't know of any of the plants growing around the Valley. Let me know if you know of any!

"You can bury a lot of troubles



Sweet William and Black-eyed Susan.

Veronica (Veronica) or speedwell is one of my favorite flower types. The genus name refers to Saint Veronica, an Italian saint. Some believe the name is derived from the Latin word "vera," which means true, and "icon," meaning image. I have several types growing in

the garden and they reliably return each year. One creeping variety (thymoides) should begin blooming soon. Taller types such as pink Spicata Fox and white Icicle bloom in the summer.

Then there's the lovely ground digging in the dirt." Unknown

Tu Casa, a beacon of hope for survivors

It is hard to think that there was ever a time in our history that adults and children weren't advocated for. Domestic violence was common and sexual assault wasn't talked about.

Women have been fighting for their lives and rights for over a century. Marital rape wasn't a crime before the 1970s, and -- before 1993 -- it wasn't officially against the law in all 50

This is a very recent history for us. It isn't old news. In 2001, April was designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the United States.

With the rise of the #MeToo movement, more and more women are finding their voices and stepping forward to fight

against sexual assault. "Sexual assault just totally thrives in silence, in fear, in shame, in all of those things," said Jennifer Hanna, Victim Advocate and Hotline Coordinator, at Tu Casa.

"The more we have people out there saying: 'We know this happened, it's not okay,' the more that gives someone the ability to recognize what they're going

through or what they've been through."

"It gives them the voice to say: 'It wasn't okay and I can talk about it.' It's so empowering."

Tu Casa has been advocating for survivors since 1979. On June 10, 1980, they officially opened their doors as a recognized nonprofit. Their mission is to empower children and adults to live healthy, violence-free lives.

Tu Casa offers free services to survivors to be able to find better lives for themselves. They don't want there to be barriers of poverty, geographic isolation, language and culture issues and limited transportation.

Oftentimes, survivors don't know what their options are because of these things. Tu Casa has a 24-hour hotline that can be called anytime at (719) 589-2465.

"If people would shift away from thinking anything about the victim and just think about what that person [the perpetrator] did, that's where we need to change our mindset,' said Hanna.

"A lot of times victims of

domestic violence — which can include sexual abuse a lot, too— try to change their behaviors to not be in these situations with perpetrators.

"It doesn't work, because that's not what the issue is. The issue is the perpetrator. The people out there who think it is okay to sexually assault other people."

Last fall, Tu Casa came close to having to shut their doors because of the loss of funding and staff. Their current five staff members worked four-day weeks and took a pay cut to be able to keep all of them on.

With a lot of help and funding from the community, they rallied together and fought hard to be able to continue to provide services to the San Luis Valley. They were able to move back into working full-time mid-December 2019.

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Adams State summer registration begins

ALAMOSA - Summer registration for undergraduate courses at Adams State University will open on Monday, April 13, 2020. Registration has begun for graduate students seeking a master's degree or Ph.D. Summer session dates

·1st 6-week Adams State Online session from May 11 until June 21

· 2nd 6-week Adams State Online session from June 22 until July 31

· 12-week Adams State Online session from May 11 until July 31

· 8-week Adams State Online session from May 25 until July 17

· 3-week On-campus session from June 29 until

July 17 · On-campus 1 credit workshops throughout July

Adams State is working hard to ensure students have the ability to continue their education and maintain access to courses throughout the summer 2020 term. The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated some changes to the summer schedule. All oncampus classes originally scheduled for May and June sessions have been switched to online classes. Adams State is planning a 3-week summer oncampus session from June

COVID-19 public health concerns subside.

Financial aid is available for undergraduate and $\bar{graduatestudentsenrolled}$ in a degree program. In order to be considered for financial aid, students must be enrolled at least half-time in any combination of Summer Sessions (6 credit hours for undergraduate students and 3 credit hours for graduate students). Graduated high school seniors can be eligible for summer financial aid. Out-of-state students pay in-state tuition for summer courses. To apply for financial aid or for more information, please visit adams.edu/financial-aid/ summer.

Online classes will be charged Adams State Online tuition and fee rates. Classes in the July session, if held, will be charged oncampus tuition and fees.

Summer registration for undergraduate students will open on Monday, April 13, 2020. Students are encouraged to connect with their advisor prior to that, to discuss options. Please check the class schedule for current options, noting that some adjustments are still underway. Advisors will have up-to-date information for their academic department.



Great Stories Begin Here



Households encourage to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail

ALAMOSA - Observed nationwide, April 1 is Census Day, the day set aside by the federal government to count all persons living in the United States of America - every man, woman, and child, regardless of age, race, or nationality.

By this date, every home in the San Luis Valley, and across the country, should have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. People can respond to the census in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When they respond, they will tell the Census Bureau where they live as of April 1, 2020.

Anyone may respond, whether or not they received an invitation, by going online to www.my-2020census.gov. Or, they may respond by telephone by calling 844-330-2020 (en Espanol 844-468-2020). Eventually, any household that does not respond to the census will receive a paper form at their home by mail or delivered by a census worker.

The census is conducted every ten years by the federal government and is required by the U.S. Constitution. It is used to determine the number of seats in the House of Representatives, how federal and state legislative districts are redrawn, and how over \$880 billion in federal funding is allocated across the 50 states.

There are only ten questions on the 2020 Census and all information is confidential. The Census Bureau is bound by law to keep all information confidential. It cannot be released to any other government agency, even law enforcement agencies. Violating the law is punishable to by prison time and/or a fine of up to \$250,000.

The 2020 Census does not ask whether anyone in a household is a U.S. citizen. The 2020 Census counts everyone living in the country, including non-citizen.

Due to concerns about spreading coronavirus, the U.S. Census Bureau has suspended all field operations until April 15. In late May, census takers will begin visiting households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census to help complete the count.

In a statement released earlier, the Census Bureau said, "The public is strongly encouraged to respond to the 2020 Census online using a desktop computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet, and can also respond by phone or mail. Everyone should respond to the 2020 Census as soon as they receive their invitation and when they're finished, they can make sure their friends, families and social networks know about the importance of responding.



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Lifestyle

Colorado officials respond to federal rule weakening fuel efficiency standards



DENVER— Officials with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado Department of Transportation, and Colorado Energy Office criticized a new rule from the federal Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Transportation that weakens existing vehicle mileage and emissions standards and reverses progress in Colorado and other states in expanding access to lower emission, fuel-efficient vehicles.

The previous standards required automakers to improve average fuel efficiency by five percent per year between model years 2021-2026. The EPA had estimated that the fuel efficiency standards would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by billions of tons between 2009 and 2025

The Safer Affordable Vehicle Rule released today would require only a 1.5 percent annual increase in fuel efficiency standards, a figure that is lower than the average actual increases in efficiency achieved per year since the Bush Administration.

The State of Colorado has already taken significant steps on its own to address harmful air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, including those from automobiles. In 2019, state regulators approved a Zero

Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) rule, following a successful negotiation with auto manufacturers, that will provide consumers with more environmentally friendly vehicle options while slashing greenhouse gas emissions by more than three million tons between model years 2023-2030.

"Fighting climate change and improving air quality will ultimately require a concerted national and international effort," said John Putnam, director of environmental programs at the Department of Public Health and Environment. "So we wish the federal government had done better than a rule that rolls back important environmental progress. In Colorado, we have committed to doing the big things — reducing greenhouse gas emissions, addressing emissions from cars and trucks, providing Coloradans with clean air and improving the quality of life for everyone in our state. We're proud to lead on these important issues, and we hope the federal government eventually

decides to rejoin us."

"It is bitterly ironic that, in the midst of a pandemic that is compromising respiratory health across the globe, this administration is choosing to focus its energies on rolling back air pollution regulations and trying to curtail states'

rights to protect the air we all breathe. It's time for some perspective here: let's put this needlessly partisan fight behind us and work together — federal and state governments, automakers and autoworkers, and the advocates for public health and the environment — and find a way to get auto manufacturers and the auto supply chain through the tumultuous economic time that we are in and on a long term pathway toward zeroemissions transportation as the economy rebounds," said Will Toor, executive director, Colorado Energy

'We remain as adamant as ever that a collaborative approach -- with government partners, auto manufacturers, and auto dealers -- is the best way to ensure that consumers across Colorado have a range of clean vehicle choices to suit their mobility needs," said Shoshana Lew, executive director, Colorado Department of Transportation. 'Our work in Colorado last year to complete the first ZEV rulemaking in the country that followed a successful negotiation with auto manufacturers could be a model for how we can turn the page in the national debate towards a more collaborative approach that's good for the environment, consumers, and our economy.



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Lifestyle

Agriculture remains critical in Colorado



COLORADO — On March 19, Homeland Security announced that agriculture is among 16 industries the department deems a critical infrastructure industry that should continue operations.

While this may not come as a surprise to the thousands of calving cows, many of whom have weathered blizzard conditions, it provides some guidance.

The roles recognized by the department as critical include those raising animals for food, animal production operations, slaughter and packing plants and associated government and regulatory workforce, veterinary health, farm truck delivery and transportation and those involved in field crops, as well as many others in supporting industries.

The Livestock Marketing Association (LMA) said it is actively working with federal, state and local officials to ensure the continuity of business while taking into consideration the public health consequences of the COVID-19 virus situation.

A press release from this group said markets are essential for producers along with maintaining the infrastructure and food supply for consumers. In order to mitigate disease spread, the LMA suggests utilizing social media and websites to communicate changes to producers. In the case of needing to reduce crowd size, it is suggested that consigners drop off livestock and not remain on the premises for the sale.

Also suggested is that auctions sellers offer flexibility to consigners needing to pick up checks by offering to bring checks to their vehicles.

Some markets are encouraging buyers to sign up for online bidding accounts

prior to sales and have moved to online sales. Many production sales already offer online bidding and will continue to do so.

The Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) has asked Governor Jared Polis

to allow markets and bull sales to continue despite limits on gatherings
In a letter to the governor, the CCA said the sale of livestock is a crucial

In a letter to the governor, the CCA said the sale of livestock is a crucial element of the food supply system and at least 14 markets in Colorado sell as

frequently as weekly.

In addition, bull sale season is in full swing in the state, constituting for many an annual paycheck. Interruption of these sales would have lasting impacts throughout the food chain and are time-sensitive.

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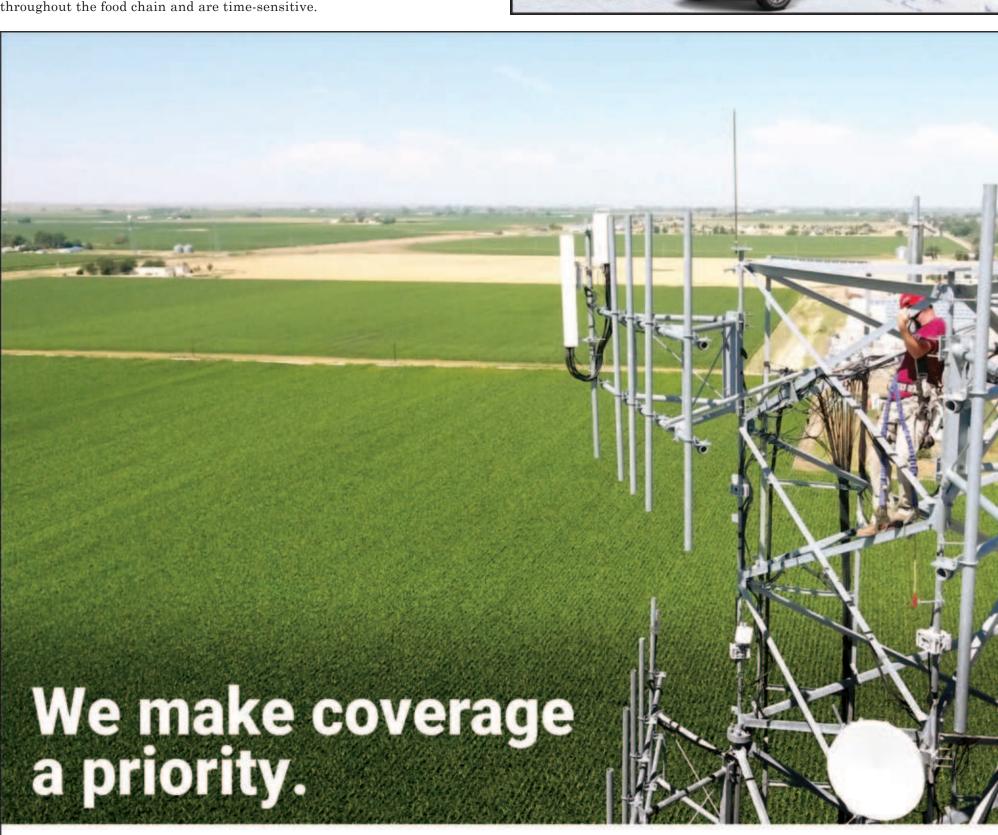
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Conejos News

Antonito Town Hall closed



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Clerk and Re-

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closed

ANTONITO — Due to the COVID-19 Virus and restrictions implemented by the

Conejos County BOCC the

Clerk and Recorder's Office

will be closed to the public effective March 20, 2020, until further notice. The office will

be working, however, while

it is closed. Payments and

renewals can be arranged by

phone or can be dropped off in

the will be working the office while we are closed, we can take payments for renewals

by phone, or dropped off in the

Election Drop Box in front of

the Courthouse. If you have any questions please call

Altered hours

ANTONITO — Antonito Fuels will be supplying fuel

from 7 a.m. to 7 pm, seven days a week. This will be pay-

at-the-pump only for the time being. This is the best they can do for the time being in hopes

this helps our community and

Garbage notice

ANTONITO—As everyone is aware of the Coronavirus

and how easily it spreads, ef-

fective immediately, the town

is asking everyone to have all

garbage placed inside the poly cart in tied in garbage bags. Town employees will not be picking up loose trash. If you have an extra pickup the town will schedule an additional pickup. Town Administrator Rossi D. Duran says this is respect for the safety of town employees and their families. If anyone has questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Duran at ((719)298-

VFW Easter

ANTONITO — Veterans

of Foreign Wars Commander

Jimmy Duran has announced

VFW Post 4849, American

Legion and Auxiliary of

Antonito have canceled the

annual Easter egg hunt. "It

is one of the hardest deci-

sions we've had to make," he

672-3321 or email townclerk@

townofsanluisco.org.

post members.

(719) 376-5422

commuters.

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ANTONITO — Due to Coronavirus and potential community spread of COVID-19, the Antonito Town Hall is closed until at least April 6. Essential staff will be working, but face-to-face contact with the public may be limited.

Here, Antonito's CWP assures that the water treatment continues to provide pristine drinking water for

Certified Water Professionals are crossing the State of Colorado during the Coronavirus Pandemic. Safe drinking water is essential during this Pandemic and all other times.

The clerk's office will be staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. A drop box is available for payments.

The town clerk can be reached by calling (719) 376-2355 or email at townofantonito@hotmail.com.

Antonito water, solid waste, and street departments can be reached by calling (719) 298-6114 or sending a text message to rossi.duran@gmail.com.

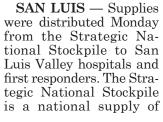
Antonito Police Department can be contacted at a nonemergency number, (719) 376-5421, non-emergency dispatch (719) 589-5807 or emergency at 911.

Antonito's CWP assures that the water treatment continues to provide pristine drinking water for its residents. Certified Water Professionals across the State of Colorado during the Coronavirus Pandemic. As we all know safe drinking water is essential during this Pandemic and all other times. Stay well CWP's as your service is valuable.

APRIL

FAMILY

Supplies are here



medical supplies for use in a public health emergency. This is the second shipment of masks, gowns, and other personal protective equipment that has been received for the San Luis Valley. "The supplies we

have received through the stockpile are not enough to meet our local demand, but every little bit helps, said Jon Montano, Coordinator of SLV Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council.

6-Day Forecast

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 66. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 61. Breezy, with a west southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around

28. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph decreasing to 5 to 15 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56. Breezy, with

mph in the afternoon. **Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

a southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20

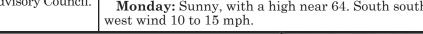
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 62. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 63. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

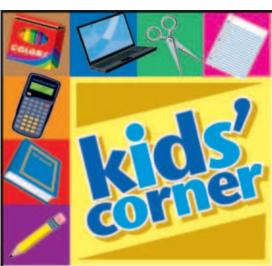
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high as 30 mph.





HISTORIANS THINK THAT APRIL FOOL'S DAY MAY HAVE ORIGINATED IN THIS EUROPEAN COUNTRY.

ANSWER: FRANCE

Joke Word Find

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Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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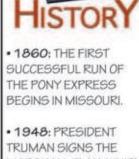
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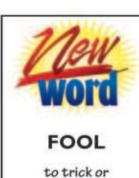
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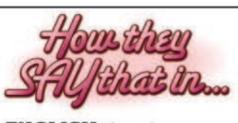


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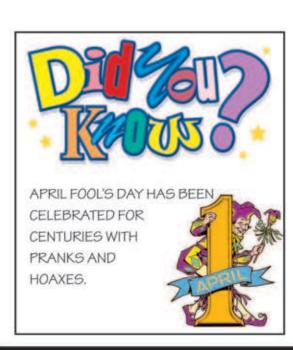
ENGLISH: Laugh

SPANISH: Reir

ITALIAN: Ridere

FRENCH: Rire

GERMAN: Lachen







Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

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said, but it is his duty and responsibility to look after the children, community and Welcome Center SAN LUIS — The town of San Luis Welcome Center and Town Hall are closed to the public until further notice. Persons who have business with the town may call (719z0

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Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area 2021 grant cycle open

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Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (SdCNHA) are intended to encourage local cultural and historic heritage preservation activities, educational programs, and support Heritage Tourism within the heritage area. Our past grantees have used grant funds to restore historic buildings; provide historical and cultural interpretation; restore or promote scenic, artistic and recreational resources; and to document culturally significant components of the way of life in the heritage area. Heritage area grants are available to local schools, municipalities, and non-profits annually. Survey & Planning Activities Related to Conservation Efforts Projects involve identification, recording, evaluation, designation, and planning for the protection of significant historic buildings, structures, sites, and districts. This is not for the acquisition of property. Section 106 compliance/consultation of the National Historic Preservation Act may be required for this project type and should be considered for your planning efforts. Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area can help with the completion of a Section 106 application. The following three projects received grants from the Sangre de Cristo National

Rainbow Trout Ranch Conservation Project- The historic property is a guest ranch, which has been in operation for over 85 years. Located on the Conejos River, it encompasses 590 acres. Highly visible from Highway 17 (Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic & Historic Byway) it provides substantial wildlife habitat. Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust worked with the owners to protect the land through a permanent conservation easement.

Acequia Conservation Pilot Project- Colorado Open Lands placed two conservation easements on farms in Costilla County, in order to protect important acequia water rights. The Rancho Dos Acequias is a 181-acre farm located on the historic San Luis People's Ditch, the first adjudicated water right in Colorado. The farm produces heirloom chicos and bolita beans, and provides habitat for the Southwest Willow Flycatcher. The Culebra Creek Ranch owned by the Lobato family traces its roots to the settlement of the Sangre de Cristo Land Grant. The Lobato Canon Farm is a 160-acre farm



property is prime soil and the remaining third is rich riparian habitat, home to the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout.

Rio Grande and Conejos Rivers Stream Management Plan- The Rio Grande and Conejos Rivers support the ecological and human communities of the San Luis Valley. Through the high mountain desert, these rivers provide water for agriculture, towns, recreation, and wildlife, making life in the SLV possible. While the SLV is home to diverse wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, and cultural experiences, the rivers of the Basin face many environmental and water supply challenges. In order to protect and restore the natural and cultural resources of the SLV, the current condition of these critical rivers and streams were first be documented. The SMP process resulted in characterization of the physical condition of the Rio Grande and Conejos Rivers and the development of goals and methods to address environmental, recreational, and community needs facing each stream and

For more information on the efforts and mission of the SdCNHA, or to see more completed projects in our 10 Year Report, visit our website, sangreheritage.org. We invite and encourage you to apply for our 2021 grant cycle! Special consideration will be given to grant applications with focus on outdoor recreation, land stewardship, and business development. Please contact us, if you have an idea for a grant or have any questions about the grant process at email us at info@sdcnha.org, call us at (719) 580-7366 or visit our office located at 623 4th Street in Alamosa.

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DISTRICT COURT.COUNTY OF CONEJOS. COLORADO Court Address

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Conejos, CO 81129 Phone: (719) 376-5465 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ANNA MARIA LUCERO a/k/a ANNA LUCERO a/ka/ ANNA M. LUCERO COURT USE ONLY
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:
Karl Kuenhold, Reg. No. 40164
LAW OFFICE OF KARL KUENHOLD, LLC

808 Third Street, P.O. Box 30 Alamosa, CO 81101 TELEPHONE: (719)589-3688

EMAIL: karl@kuenholdlaw.com Case Number:

2020PR 30005 NOTICE OF HEARING WITHOUT APPEARNCE TO INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY INHERITANCE PURSUANT TO § 15-

**Attendance at this hearing is not required or expected

TAIL INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY INHERITANCE INCLUDING:

Joseph Lucero Ernest John Lucero

Franz Lucero Michael A. Lucero Linda Montoya a/k/a Linda Luella Lucero Montoya

Veronica Velasquez

Cindy Haberman a/k/a Cindy Lucero Janet Lucero Sisneros Naomi Kevs as Assessor for Coneios County Colorado

Nathan Ruybal as Clerk & Recorder for Conejos County Colorado Nathan Ruybal as Clerk & Recorder for Conejos County Colorado TAKE NOTICE that a Petition, a copy of which accompanies this No-tice, has been filed by Petitioner Paul Lucero a/k/a Paul Chritobal Lucero in the above Court alleging that the above named Decedent died leaving an undivided one-fourth interest as tenant in common in the following and property tenally described as follows: the following real property legally described as follows:

A tract of land lying and being situate within Section 24, Township Thirty-two North, Range Eight East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian in Conejos County, Colorado, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the Colorado-New Mexico State Line whe

Mile Post No. 167 bears South 89°48'36" West a distance of 2612.84 feet; thence North 01°02'53" West a distance of 503.10 feet to a No. 4 rebar with Aluminum Cap marked PLS 22583; thence North 00°45'42" West a distance of 875.08 feet; thence South 89°36'14" East a distance of 1287.43 feet; thence South 00°18'07" West a distance of 581.83 feet; thence South 16°13'10" East a distance of 40.34 feet; thence South 33°12'20" East a distance of 397.63 feet to a No.4 reba with Plastic Cap marked PLS 22583; thence South 47°36'10" West a distance of 28.97 feet to a No. 4 Rebar with Plastic Cap marked PLS 22583; thence South 47°31'48" West a distance of 135.53 feet;

thence South 60°16'46" West a distance of 141.29 feet; thence South 69°43'50" West a distance of 120.54 feet; thence South 67°53'45" West a distance of 126.38 feet; thence South 55°27'05" West a distance of 40.29 feet; thence South 47°46'10" West a distance of 178.20 feet to the Colorado-New Mexico State Line; thence along said State Line South 89°48'36" West a distance of 853.15 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 40.23 acres, more or less. (This Property Description was prepared by Mark S. Luchetti, CO PLS No. 18468, on September 15, 1995. All courses, except the Colorado-New Mexico Line, are along existing fence lines, and all corners, un-less otherwise stated, are monumented by 24 inch long No. 5 rebar's with red plastic caps marked CO PLS 18468 attached. Bearings as

used in this description were established from the 1985 BLM resurvey of the North Line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 8 East in Conejos County, Colorado, as monumented by the BLM Surveyors.)
Parcel No. 613524300032

the ("Property").

PLEASE NOTE: You must answer the Petition within 21 days after receipt of the Notice if service occurs within Colorado, and within 35 days after receipt of the Notice if service occurs outside Colorado or If service occurs by mail or publication. All objections to the petition must be filed in writing with the court and the filing fee paid within the time required for answering the petition. Hearing in this matter shall be limited to the Petition, any objections timely filed, and the parties answering the petition in a timely manner. Hearing on the petition will be held at the following time and location

or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued: Date and Time:

Friday, May 22, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Address: Conejos County District Court 6683 County Road 13 P.O. Box 128

Conejos, CO 81129
The hearing will take approximately 15 minutes.
Dated this 17th day March 2020

Law Office of Karl Kuenhold, LLC
Original signature on file pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121:1-26

By: /s/ Karl Kuenhold Karl Kuenhold ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER Paul Lucero a/k/a Paul Chritobal

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Paul Lucero

P.O. Box 548

Antonito, CO 81120 No. 1380 Published in the Valley Courier on March 25, April 1, and 8, 2020.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 912-20 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the fol-

lowing described Deed of Trust: On January 14, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.

Original Grantor(s) GREG BOYKO and LESLIE KELHAM

Original Beneficiary(ies)

MIRRORS, LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
MIRRORS, LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company

Date of Deed of Trust October 05, 2016

County of Recording Alamosa Recording Date of Deed of Trust

October 11, 2016

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 364367 Original Principal Amount \$69,900.00 Outstanding Principal Balance

\$64,539.38 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure

to pay principal and interest when due together with all other pay ments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

Lots 1 through 14, Block 1 Sangre De Cristo Estates, Unit 19, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

Together with any and all Water and Water Rights, Ditches and Ditch

Rights, Wells and Well Rights including but not limited to underground water rights for Permit No(s). 24761-F and 9251-F in Water Division water rights for Permit N No. 3, State of Colorado

Also known by street and number as: .
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED

OF TRUST. NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of

Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/13/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said

Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and

other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certifi-cate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 3/18/2020 Last Publication 4/15/2020
Name of Publication Valley Courier
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE

DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 01/14/2020 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registra-tion number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the

indebtedness is: San Luis Valley Law Firm P.O. Box 609, Salida, CO 81201 (719) 852-0627

Attorney File # The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur-

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DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLO-

Alamosa, CO 81101 (719) 589) 4996 COURT USE ONLY VENANCIO BELTRAN

HARLEY JAY NISLY, LAND BARON USA, INC., a

corporation, DELORIS P. DAY, MARIANNA JANE C. SENGSIRI, SAMPAQUITA C. SENGSIRI, .SERGIO CASTILLO, OLIVIA RASCON, ERIK J. MAAS, SHELLY BENNETT-MAAS, RAMON RAMIREZ, CAROLINA MS HOOKS FARMS LLC, an Arkansas limited liability company, HI-

LARIO A. MARTINEZ, JOSE MARTINEZ, LIBRADO MANCILLA, ALICIA MANCILLA ALAMOSA STATE BANK, a Colorado Banking Corporation, SAN

LUIS VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., a Colorado Cooperative Corporation, THE SAN LUIS VALLEY CANAL COMPANY,

a Colorado non-profit corporation.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY,
THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY,

and
ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE
SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

2019CV30053

Courtroom Karl Kuenhold Reg. No. 40164 LAW OFFICE OF KARL KUENHOLD, LLC

808 Third Street, P.O. Box 30 Alamosa, CO 81101 TELEPHONE: (719)589-3688

EMAIL: karl@kuenholdlaw.com SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

TO: ALL ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35* days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35' days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action in rem to Quiet Title: The relief sought by the Plaintiff is a Decree Quieting Title which will affect the following property as described below and in the Quiet Title Complaint: A tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W1/2SE1/4) of section 29, Town-

ship 39 North, Range 10 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Ala mosa County, Colorado, being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the South Quarter Corner of Section 29, monumented

by a 3.25° aluminum cap, set by PLS No. 23891; thence S 89°55′57″ with the South line of the Southwest quarter of said section a distance of 2626.03 feet; thence N 00°11′14″ E with the West line of the Southwest quarter of said section a distance of 2626.03 feet; thence S 89°31'17" E with the North line of the Southwest quarter of said section a distance of 2524.82 feet to a point in an existing East and West fence line; thence with said fence line for the following six (6) courses;
1.) S 01°03′54″ W a distance of 92.80 feet;
2.) Thence S 19°45′15″ E a distance of 31.19 feet;

Thence N 89°44'39" E a distance 105.03 feet; Thence S 01°21'59" W a distance of 2464.11 feet; Thence S 89°53'50" W a distance of 58.72 feet;

6.) Thence S 00°06'10" E a distance of 16.75 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing 156.54acres, more or less. Dated: March 17, 2020

Published in The Valley Courier Newspaper First Publication: March 19, 2020 Last Publication: April 15, 2020

LAW OFFICE OF KARL KUENHOLD, LLC
Original signature of Karl Kuenhold is on file with the law offices of Law Office of Karl Kuenhold,

LLC pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121 §1- 26(7) By: /s/ Karl Kuenhold Attorney for Plaintiff

808 Third Street, P.O. Box 30

(719) 589-3688

FORM 1.1 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Published in the Valley Courier on March 19, 26, April 1, 8, and April

COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE PUBLICATION (CRS §38-38-103)

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following Deed of Trust:

On January 21, 2020, under Reception No. 20000097, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Conejos records.

Maryon Greg Richardson Original Grantor(s): Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for U.S. Bank, N.A.

Current Holder of the Evidence of Debt Bayview Loan Servicing,

County of Recording Conejos Recording Date of Deed of Trust Recording Information (Reception No December 21, 2007 Reception No. 7002183 and/or Book/Page No.) Original Principal Amount
Outstanding Principal Balance \$94,000,00 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN The legal description of the Property that is subject to the Notice of Election and Demand in accordance with CRS §38-38-101(4)(g) is: A tract of land described as commencing for a tie at the Quarter Corner between Sections 28 and 29, Township 33 North, Range 7 East N.M.P.M.; thence South on the Section Line a distance of 1605 feet to a point on the North right of way boundary for Colorado State Highway No. 17; thence North 84°02' West along said right of way a distance of 112 feet; thence North 02°04' East a distance of 210.4 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 34E and the point of beginning: thence North 84°02' West a distance of 174 feet; thence North 01°05' West a distance of 210 feet; thence South 84°02' East a distance of 186 feet; thence South 02°04' West a distance of 210.4 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, excepting a strip of land 15 feet wide along the North boundary of said lot to be used for road right of way,

covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay the monthly installments of principal and interest due.

in Conejos County, Colorado. Also known by street and number as: Lot 34B Fox Creek Road, Antonito, CO 81120

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROP-ERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at the office of the Conejos

County Public Trustee, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129, sell to the highest and best bilder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE

PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED. First Publication Date: March 25, 2020 Last Publication Date: April 22, 2020 Name of Publication: The Valley Courier Date: March 23, 2020

Public Trustee in and for the County of Conejos, State of Colorado. The name, address, telephone number and bar registration number

of attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Karen J. Radakovich, Esq., A.R.#11649 Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C. 4750 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305-5575

Telephone: (303) 494-3000 Facsimile: (303) 494-6309 FJGG 7192-13920/RICHARDSON, MARVON 0002704319

Mack M. Crowther

The attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur-

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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 San Luis, CO 81152 March 23, 2020 Cameron C. Secrist #17585

P.O. Box 1206 Cortez, CO 81321 No. 1376

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Alamosa County, Colorado

Court Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 T: (719) 589 - 4996

Remigio Domingo Ramirez, COURT USE ONLY

Attorney for Petitioner:
Kacie Lynn Mulhern, Atty. Reg. 47739 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER 1325 S. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 701 Denver, CO 80222

T: (303) 692 – 1165 I F: (303) 302 – 2890 kmulhern@childlawcenter.org Case Number: 20PR030010

Courtroom/DIVISION: C NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-10-401, C.R.S.

To: Mateo Domingo Mateo and Julia Tomas Domingo Ramirez Last Known Address for Mateo Domingo Mateo, if any: Unknown Last Known Address for Julia Tomas Domingo Ramirez, if any: Un-A hearing on Petition for Appointment of Guardian for Minor (title of

pleading) for (brief description of relief requested) for appointment of a guardian to be appointed for the minor child, Remigio Domingo

Ramirez will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued: Date: June 30, 2020 Time: 1:30 p.m. Courtroom/Division: C

Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 The hearing will take approximately 1 hour. Juana Margarita Pedro Ramirez

Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice 1022 San Juan Avenue Address Alamosa, CO 81101

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099 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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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LICENSED PLUMB-**ER DOES** all types of plumbing repairs and plumbing remodel done at reasonable rate. Call 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593.(4/2)

821-9006.(4/3)

HELP WANTED SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seek-

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ing 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)SARGENT SCHOOL

DISTRICT is accept-

ing applications for a High School Girls Basketball Coach 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)

HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA

SCHOOL District is accepting applications for an Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2020-2021 school vear. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website http://ww2.monte.k12. co.us/employment-opportunities.html. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by April 20, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call

SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Fifth Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The person in this position will teach both Science and Language Arts. A complete list

719-852-5996.(4/21)

of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website http://ww2.monte.k12. co.us/employment-opportunities.html. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by April 20, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the

district website or call

719-852-5996.(4/21)

221 HELP WANTED SARGENT SCHOOL

DISTRICT is accepting applications for and 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.

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)

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

SANGRE DE CRIS-TO 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) SANGRE DE CRIS-

sangreschools.org.(4/22) THE NORTH CONE-JOS School District is accepting applications for (1) full time Manassa and La Jara Elementary music teacher and (1) Manassa Elementary Teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Applicants must hold a (olorado 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.

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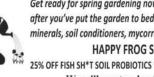
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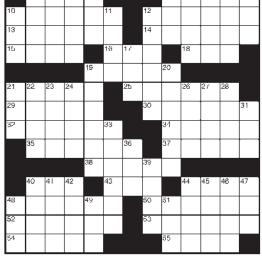
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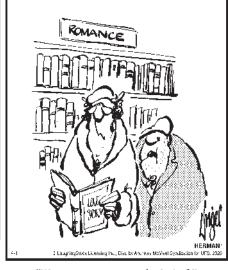
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Dad met my friend of 10 years, "Danielle," two months ago when I threw him a birthday party. Since then, he and Danielle have begun a relationship on the sly. The problem is, Danielle tells Dad things I confided to her over the years, and he is coming back to me with whatever she has told

him. Dad has been separated for 14 years, and Danielle insisted that she wouldn't date him under those circumstances, but she did. Since the start of this, my relationship with my dad is even worse, and my long friendship with Danielle has been ruined because I know I can't trust her. Dad spends all of his time with her and her child now and hasn't begun to build a bond with me or his own grandchildren, which has been the story of my life, and my friend knows this. Abby, am I being selfish? What do you think I should do? -- MORE

KANSAS DEARMORE: I don't think you are selfish. You have good reason to be hurt and disappointed. Your father is remaining true to character, but your friend has betrayed your trust. You may need the

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what I recommend you do. Believe me, you have my sympathy. But you can't change your father or Danielle. You can, however, change the way you react to them, and a therapist will help you do that more quickly than you can do it on your own.

DEAR READERS: On April 1, I like to share a few of the more offbeat letters I receive. Here are three:

DEAR ABBY: For more than 50 years, my wife has had a close relationship with a stuffed panda bear she received when she was 8 years old. His name is Daffy, and he sits by our fireplace and pretty much rules the house. She makes him 'talk" and takes him places.

When I make a mistake, like not hanging up my jacket, I say that Daffy told me not to do it. She gets mad, and I get a lecture from Daffy about how he isn't to blame and he never makes a mistake. I am joking when I blame Daffy, but my wife and Daffy don't find it funny. Am I wrong to make a joke, or should I not blame Daffy? (Daffy told me to write this letter.) -- PANDA-MONIUM OUT WEST DEAR PANDA-MONIUM:

It appears there are not one, but three "daffys" in your household. If you can't "bear' what's going on, stop joking.

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DEAR ABBY: How do you address a letter to three doctors who are in a domestic partnership? Two are married to each



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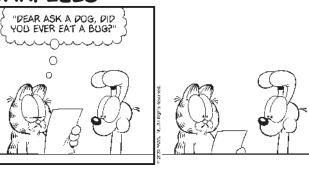


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How the \$2 trillion CARES Act will assist local residents, businesses



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Individual

checks

The CARES Act provides for direct payments of \$1,200 to adults and \$500 per child to American households, structured as tax refunds to allow the Internal Revenue Service to distribute the funds

There is no provision for future direct payments in the event the economic disruption lasts into the later spring. The direct grants are phased out for upper income brackets, starting with \$75,000 of

individual income.

The grants aren't available at all, for example, for individuals without children making more than \$99,000 and married couples without children making more than \$198,000.

Unemployed

workers

The CARES Act would extend the duration of jobless benefits to 39 weeks from 26 available in most states, and includes a \$600-a-week increase for the first four months, with the bonus payment available through July 31.

These benefits would be extended to contract workers, freelancers and other nontraditional workers, who lack benefits in some states. The aim is to replace lost wages as completely as possible.

Freelancers

The CARES Act expands some benefits and grants to independent contractors, such as Uber drivers and freelance film editors, that normally go only to employees or small businesses. For example, it extends unemployment benefits to self-employed workers, including independent contractors, freelancers and other nontraditional workers who are unemployed, partially unemployed or unable to work because of CO-VID-19.

It includes a \$600-aweek increase on top of current levels of unemployment benefits for four months. Independent contractors also can apply for the \$10 billion set aside for emergency EIDLeconomic injury disaster loan—funds, which are normally available only to a narrower category of small businesses.

The CARES Act

- \$250 billion to make unemployment insurance available to more categories of workers and to extend the duration of benefits to 39 weeks from the 26 weeks typical in most states. It would also provide an extra \$600 a week for four months.
- \$301 billion in direct payments to house-
- \$349 billion in loans to small businesses, with the amount spent on payroll, rent or utilities converting into grants that don't have to be repaid.
- \$500 billion for loans, loan guarantees or other aid to businesses, states and municipalities—including the possibility that the government will take direct equity stakes in distressed companies. Of the total, \$29 billion is set aside for cargo and passenger airlines, and \$17 billion is for businesses deemed critical to national security, such as Boeing. The remaining \$454 billion would go to backstop losses in lending facilities established or expanded by the Federal Reserve.
- \$32 billion in grants to cover wages at passenger air carriers, cargo air carriers and contractors.
- \$150 billion in direct aid to states, distributed according to population size. A municipality could apply to receive aid directly, reducing the amount available to the rest of the state.
- \$221 billion in a variety of tax benefits for businesses, including allowing businesses to defer payroll taxes, which finance Medicare and Social Security, for the rest of the year. It would also temporarily allow businesses to claim deductions using today's losses against past profits to claim quick refunds for cash infusions.
- \$340 billion in supplemental spending, which includes \$117 billion for hospitals and veterans' care. It also includes \$25 billion mostly for public transit to make up for revenue lost because of dwindling ridership.

Personal Financing and Taxes

Bankruptcy

According to the CARES Act, the law ensures that people who file for bankruptcy don't have to use stimulus checks to repay past debt, and it extends the time that bankrupt people have to repay a portion of their debt as a condition to getting a fresh start. The current repayment time limit is five years; the bill extends the repayment time frame to seven years.

Credit reports

Under the CARES Act, consumers who fall behind on their debt payments won't necessarily take a hit on their credit reports. The bill requires lenders that allow struggling consumers to defer or skip loan payments to report the borrowers as current on their payments, even if they are not. Most consumers who were behind on their debts before the coronavirus crisis will continue to be reported as delinquent.

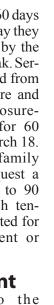
Mortgages The CARES Act re-

quires companies that service federally backed mortgages to grant a forbearance of up to 360 days to borrowers who say they have been harmed by the coronavirus outbreak. Servicers are prohibited from initiating foreclosure and processing foreclosurerelated evictions for 60 days beginning March 18. Owners of multifamily properties can request a forbearance of up to 90 days, during which tenants cannot be evicted for nonpayment of rent or other fees.

Retirement

According to the CARES Act, the law temporarily loosens the rules on hardship distributions from retirement accounts, giving people affected by the crisis access to up to \$100,000 of their retirement savings without a 10 percent penalty. The law doubles the amount 401(k) participants can take in loans from an account for the next six months to the lower of \$100,000 or 100 percent of the account balance. (IRAs don't permit loans.)

For retirees, the law suspends for 2020 the mandatory distributions the government requires most



to take from tax-deferred 401(k)s and individual retirement accounts starting

at either age $70\frac{1}{2}$ or age 72. Student loans

Per the CARES Act, the law would allow most Americans with federal student loans to suspend their monthly payments through Sept. 30, 2020, without any interest accruing. It would also enable employers to make tax-exempt contributions toward their workers' student-loan payments.

Taxes

Under the CARES Act, people who don't itemize their deductions would be able to claim up to \$300 for charitable contributions. Businesses get the ability to apply losses from 2018, 2019 or 2020 to past years' profits and claim refunds. Restaurants and retailers would benefit from the fixing of a mistake in the 2017 tax law that curbed their depreciation deductions on renovations.

Employers would be able to defer paying their share of 2020 payroll taxes. They could then make half of those payments in 2021 and the other half in 2022. In addition, the bill creates a new tax credit for retaining employees that's aimed at companies that are too large to benefit from the

small-business assistance

elsewhere in the bill. Those employers would be able to get a tax credi equal to 50 percent o payroll. That is limited to \$10,000 per employee per quarter, and for employ ers with more than 100 employees, it is available only to those companies and nonprofits that had their businesses limited or closed by governmen actions.

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Businesses and Industries

Airlines

Under the CARES Act, for passenger airlines, the bill includes \$25 billion in direct funding for worker salaries and benefits, as well as up to \$25 billion in loans and loan guarantees. The bill hews to what airlines had been asking for. Carriers had lobbied aggressively for direct grants rather than just loans, warning that without an immediate infusion of cash, they would have to make sharp job cuts.

The bill also includes \$3 billion in assistance to keep paying contract workers that provide airline catering, baggage loading, ticketing and check-in, and other services at airports. Cargo airlines will be eligible to receive \$4 billion in loans and guarantees, and \$4 billion in payroll assistance.

In exchange for the payroll grants, carriers must agree not to furlough, lay off or cut pay for employees until Sept. 30. Assistance also hinges on companies agreeing not to buy back shares or pay dividends, and to limits on executive compensation. The package also allows the Transportation Department to direct airlines to maintain specific flights based on their schedules on March 1, before carriers had instituted the deepest cuts to their flying. This would include services to rural communities and to support delivery of healthcare-related cargo.

Banks

The CARES Act delays implementation of a new accounting rule that would have required banks to sock away reserves for any estimated loan losses all at once, instead of spreading them out over the life of the loan. The Act gives the office of the comptroller of the currency the authority to allow banks to make loans that would typically trip up size restrictions. Smaller community banks with less than \$10 billion in assets get more lending flexibility through a higher maximum leverage ratio and more wiggle room if they exceed it. Banks will also get more leeway on how they account for



allowing them to work with struggling borrowers who have fallen behind on their payments.

Energy

The CARES Act contains no major provisions to specifically aid the U.S. energy industry. Beleaguered U.S. oil producers had sought a range of remedies, including preferential tax treatment, direct subsidies and a \$3 billion purchase of oil by the federal government for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The renewable energy industry had sought extensions to tax provisions that would have helped wind-andsolar developers secure valuable tax credits even if there were construction delays.

Farmers

The CARES Act directs more than \$48 billion to agriculture and nutrition programs, helping cushion the blow for producers reeling from the latest in a string of hits to the U.S. farm economy, as prices sank for corn, soybeans, wheat and cattle. The law designates \$14 billion to replenish the Commodity Credit Corp., a Depression-era program designed to stabilize farm

incomes, and \$9.5 billion to support producers of specialty crops, livestock and dairy, as well as those who supply farmers markets, restaurants and schools.

Health

industry

The CARES Act adds \$27 billion to an emergency fund that could give a boost to dozens of projects by pharmaceutical companies and academic groups developing drugs and vaccines against coronavirus. The emergency fund received a smaller amount of funding under a coronavirus response act signed earlier in March. There is no COVID-19 vaccine, but dozens are in development. The package allows the government to take steps to ensure that products developed with the emergency funding will be "affordable in the commercial market," but that these steps shouldn't delay development of the products.

The bill also includes provisions to increase reporting of potential shortages from drug manufacturers and companies that make active pharmaceutical ingredients, which are the building

blocks of prescription drugs. Many of these raw materials are produced overseas and drawn more attention during the virus outbreak. Companies that make respirators and other medical devices would be required to report to the federal government potential supply chain interruptions.

Hotels

The hotel industry last week asked the White House for a \$150 billion financial-aid package, targeted specifically for hospitality companies. What it got instead from the CARES Act is a patchwork of loans, grants and tax help, much of it through the \$350 billion in loans and grants for small businesses. The majority of U.S. hoteliers qualify as businesses with fewer than 500 employees, making less than \$35 million in annual revenue.

The lodging industry even scored a victory in getting language in the Senate bill that defined each individual hotel as its own business. Hotel owners with several properties had been concerned that they would not qualify as a small business because taken together, all their properties would have

pushed them over the current Small Business Administration's definition.

The federal boost in unemployment insurance will help the many hotel employees who have been furloughed across the U.S. Larger hotel companies can apply for loans through the Treasury Department's economic stabilization fund. But few in the lodging industry expect travel to bounce back by late spring, or even soon after.

Postal Service

Under the CARES Act, the financially strained U.S. Postal Service is getting a \$10 billion Treasury loan to help the mail carrier during the pandemic. That should be welcome news for Amazon.com Inc., United Parcel Service Inc. and, to a lesser extent, FedEx Corp., which rely on postal workers for lastmile delivery in certain places.

The Postal Service is only allowed by law to raise its net debt by \$3 billion a year, so the bill loosens that restriction. But it does come with some strings attached. Mainly, the Postal Service can only use the financing for operating expenses and not to pay down outstanding debt. The bill also requires

the Postal Service to prioritize medical shipments and allows temporary delivery points to protect workers and recipients of mail.

Private equity

According to the CARES Act, privateequity firms will likely find it a challenge to get access to stimulus funds. Based on available details of the stimulus package, private-equity-owned businesses wouldn't be explicitly barred from receiving assistance. But government lending requirements could prevent them from unlocking the aid, say lawyers, lobbyists and regulatory experts.

Railroads

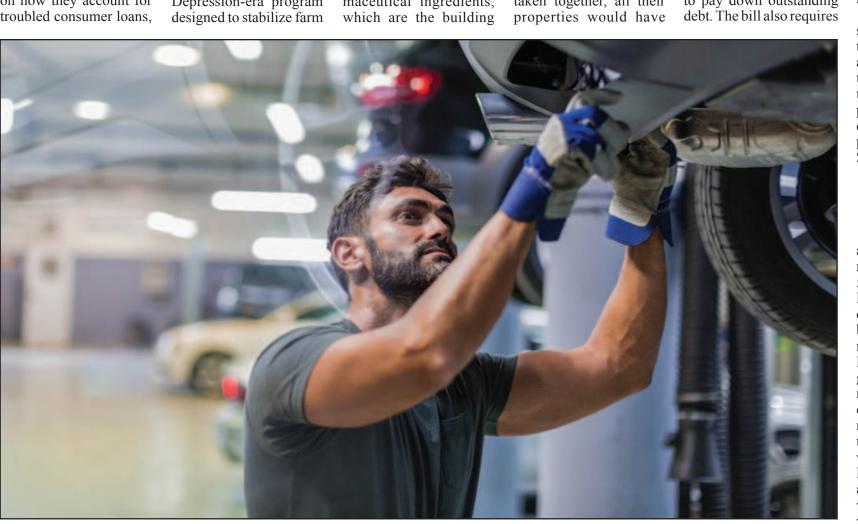
Per the CARES Act, national passenger railroad Amtrak secured about \$1 billion to cover revenue losses related to the coronavirus. The railroad industry won enhanced unemployment benefits that account for its workers not being covered under traditional state-run unemployment programs. Railroad workers instead receive unemployment benefits under a program administered by the Railroad Retirement Board.

The bill removes a seven-day waiting period to collect unemployment and provides \$50 million to cover the benefits tied to that waiver. It also provides \$425 million to double biweekly unemployment payments to \$1,200 through July.

Small

businesses

The CARES Act would allow businesses and nonprofits with up to 500 workers in a single location to apply through qualifying banks for loans backed by the Small Business Administration. The loans would convert into grants that don't have to be repaid for amounts spent on items such as payroll, rent or utilities, with the grants reduced when workers are laid off. The loans would be capped at \$10 million and cover wages up to \$100,000 a



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