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SLV Today
SLVREC board meeting Tuesday

MONTE VISTA— SLV REC's regular monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at 9:30 a.m. at the REC's headquarters, 3625 U.S. Hwy. 160W, Monte Vista. If members are planning on attending, they must contact Michelle at 852-6640 on Monday due to the current health pandemic.

By Appointment only

MONTE VISTA — The Veterans Coalition of the SLV will be helping veterans by appointment only. All group meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Please call 719/992-4108 or email us at help.vcslv@gojade.org for VCSLV assistance. For emergencies dial 911.

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SLV WEATHER

Mostly Sunny 49/18
Sun: Mostly Cloudy 52/25
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SLV Health opens respiratory clinic

ALAMOSA— San Luis Valley Health has successfully launched its Respiratory Clinic. The clinic, located at 2115 Stuart Ave in Alamosa, was created to triage and treat anyone who has clinical symptoms of COVID-19. These symptoms include, but are not limited to, cough, fever and fatigue.

SLVH created an isolated space with fully functioning negative pressure ventilation in place. It is staffed by primary care providers who are dedicated to slowing the spread of the virus. The providers educate the public, give advice, answer questions and in large part, "treat from afar." The goal is to keep people safely at home.

After being open for a complete week, staff observed that the majority of patients need symptomatic care and treatment: cough

and cold medicine, rest, hydration, and exercise as tolerated (to keep their immune system strong and to keep from being inside all day). Some patients have required prescription medications such as Flonase and Albuterol, and if it is safe for the patient, the prescriptions have been sent to the pharmacies without seeing the patient face-to-face.

This is the viral season in Colorado, apart from COVID-19, so providers are also screening and testing for other viruses like influenza.

The very best way to control the transmission of this virus is to **KEEP YOUR PHYSICAL DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER AND WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY.**

■ See SLVH page 3



Photo courtesy of SLV Health
Negative Pressure Ventilation at Stuart Avenue Respiratory Clinic

Public Health update on COVID-19

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Today has brought no news of additional positive cases of COVID-19 in the San Luis Valley. There are a number of tests pending, however, and we anticipate that the number of positives for residents in our area will continue to grow.

Yesterday, we asked for those who are able to share to please remember our local food banks. Donations can be made to the Food Bank Network of the SLV. Call 1-720-318-2731 first so they can manage the donations or email healthyfoodaccess@lapuente.net. Items are distributed across the Valley. Donations of food, household, and personal care supplies are needed. To make a cash donation, send a check to Food Bank Network SLV 513 6th St. Alamosa CO 81101. Your donation can be designated for a particular food bank community (on your check).

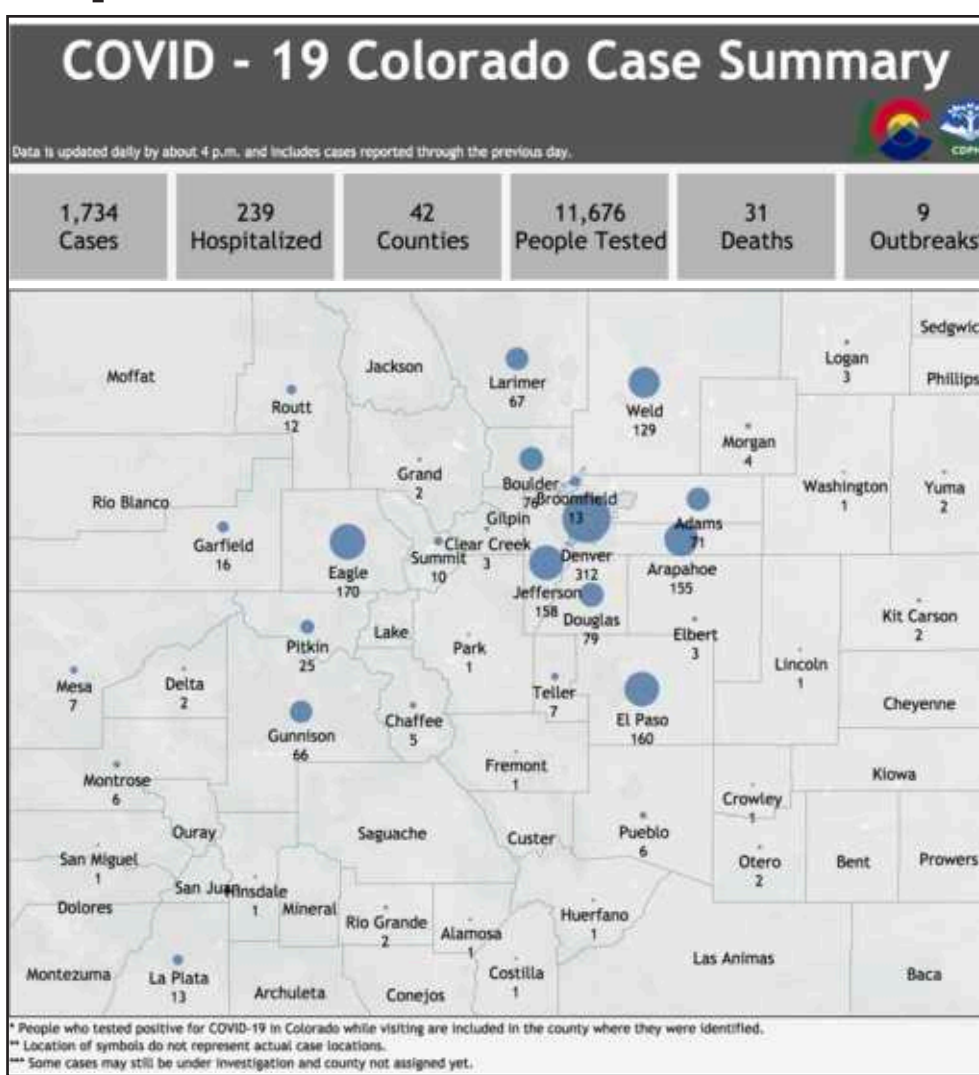
Or, designate a food bank donation online at <http://lapuentehome.org/donate/>.

to connect volunteers with volunteer needs in the Valley — many tasks are things people can do from home. If your organization needs volunteers (or items) it is easy to add a request. Be sure to include your contact information if you add a request. Go to mb.boardhost.com/SLV/ (SLV needs to be capitalized.)

A new information line has been added for the Spanish speaking population to call with general questions about COVID-19 here in the San Luis Valley. That number is (719) 315-5019, hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is answered by a volunteer. The volunteer is not able to provide medical advice. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please contact a nurse line, or if you are having difficulty breathing, call 911.

Valley Wide Health Systems has added a nurse line, 719-589-3658, ext 9. This number can be used if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. San Luis Valley Health and Rio Grande County are continuing to operate their nurse lines as well.

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, please call 719-589-3671 or call the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255 to receive mental health crisis support.



The Consulate General of Mexico has asked that we share this message for those Mexican Nationals who are a part of our community: "The Consulate General of Mexico in Denver is fully committed to the health and well-being of every Mexican national located in our jurisdiction and their families. During the current health emergency, we encourage our community to reach out to us, in case they require consular assistance or any kind of orientation. In order to do so, we make available the Consulate's 24/7 emergency number 303-667-8657, as well as the following email addresses: infodenver@sre.gob.mx and aportilla@sre.gob.mx."

The San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership has set up an easy-to-use message board for people

SLV COVID general questions 9am-3pm: 719-480-8719 for English, or 719-315-5019 for Spanish.

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.org

2020 Property tax payment dates and information before, during and after COVID19

ALAMOSA — Alamosa County made the decision to waive interest on property tax that is due by April 30th until July 31st but this does not extend deadline. Details are as follows.

Property Tax Payment Dates per state statute 39-10-104.5

Property taxes are due January first for the previous year. Payment may be paid in two equal installments or in one full installment.

Half Payment Option Deadlines
First Half: February 29, 2020
Second Half: June 15, 2020
Full Payment Option Deadline April 30, 2020

When the tax amount is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or less the half-payment does not apply, therefore a single payment must be received by April 30. Payments bearing U.S. postmarks reflective of these dates are acceptable. According to CRS-39-10-104.5 interest accrues at 1% per month.

DURING THE 2020 COVID19 PAN-

DEMIC Governor Polis issued Executive Order (EO) D 2020 012 on March 11, 2020 which allows the Alamosa County Treasurer to suspend or waive delinquent interest that may accrue pursuant to the provisions of § 39-10-104.5. In order to assist those in our community who may be in an economic downturn, Alamosa County has made the decision to waive interest on late payments through July 31~ 2020. Alamosa County encourages those who can to continue following the appropriate tax deadline dates above. If you have questions please call the Treasurer's office to discuss what this means for you or to discuss payment arrangements.

All advertising and distraint deadlines and fees associated with delinquent taxes before tax sale still apply. Delinquent advertising in the Valley Courier will still occur per the deadline in September with the Tax lien sale to be held in November.



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Record

OBITUARIES

Gerald B. "Gerry" Greeman Jr., 72

FORT GARLAND — Gerald B. "Gerry" Greeman Jr. passed away peacefully in his sleep, at home, on Friday, March 13, in Indio, CA. He was a resident of southern California for 37 years.

He was retired from Business Management of several automobile dealerships in the area. Prior to that, he lived in Deming, NM where he started his family. He also grew up in southern Colorado, on the historic Trinchera Ranch near Fort Garland. He loved the mountains and streams of Colorado. Those were his most memorable and fondest years.

He was borne October 24th, 1947 in Deming, NM to Gerald B. Greeman and Beulah Hutchinson Greeman. He attended school at



Sierra Grande in Fort Garland and graduated from Deming High School in Deming.

He attended college at the University of New Mexico, until marrying and moving to Deming, to begin his career in the automobile business with his father.

Gerry loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He loved southern Califor-

nia's climate and its people. He loved the Pacific Ocean. He loved to meet people and make friends.

He is survived by his daughter, Maria Elena; his son, Jeffrey Brian Greeman, of WA; grandchildren: Angelica, Maricella, Eugene, Peter, Serena; and Jeffery's son Brian.

He is also survived by his brother, Michael Dee Greeman, of Alamosa; his brother Charles Walter Greeman and wife Joc of Tishomingo, OK; and numerous nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Patrick Greeman; his sister, Geanie Wallendorff; and his beloved grandmother Julia Mae "Hutchie" Hutchinson.

Lucille Maria DuPont, 98

ANTONITO — Antonito resident Lucille Maria DuPont, 98, passed away on March 27. Lucille was born on February 5, 1922, the daughter of Jesus Maria Lobato and Pulita Vigil-Lobato.

Lucille was a member of Our Lady of Fatima and enjoyed cooking, gardening, reading, traveling and especially the time she spent with her loving family. She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Lucille is survived by her daughters: Marcela (Albert) Espinoza, Surprise, AZ; Lucille DuPont, Alamosa; Cheryl DuPont, Denver; sons: Leo (Elli) DuPont, Jr., Denver; Robert DuPont, An-



tonito; Nabor (Maria) DuPont, Alamosa; Gene (Cathy) DuPont, Antonito; Greg (Diana) DuPont, Las Mesitas.

She is also survived by numerous grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren as well as many nephews,

nieces, cousins and friends.

Lucille was preceded in death by her husband, Leo DuPont, Sr.; her parents; daughter, Judy Madrid; sons: Arthur, Ronnie, Sr. and Paul DuPont; three grandsons, Daniel, Manuel and Matthew DuPont; granddaughter Donna DuPont and great-granddaughter Andrea Madrid.

A private family service was held. Due to the Covid-19, a Memorial Mass will be held at a later date for all friends and family.

To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

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

Please email obituaries if possible to news@alamosanews.com. If the newspaper errors in publishing an obit, corrections will be made and the obit rerun. If the errors are on the part of the submitting party, an additional fee will be assessed.

San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

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

Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

12 p.m. First Christian

Church at 1st and State, Alamosa

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Sacred Heart School

at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa.

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NarcAnon)

TUESDAY

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

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

PENDING OBITUARIES

Bertha Odila, 90

SAN LUIS — San Luis resident Bertha Odila Medina, 90, passed away March 27, 2020. Arrangements are pending with Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Freddie Max Lopez, 59

MANASSA — Manassa resident Freddie Max Lopez, Jr., 59, passed away March 27, 2020. Arrangements are pending with Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Tommy E. Sanchez, 69

MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista resident Tommy E. Sanchez, 69, passed away March 26, 2020. Arrangements are pending with Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOUTH FORK — Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email mkmiller@mink@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. Weight-in is at 5:30 p.m. with an informative meeting at 6:15. Anyone interested in having weight loss support is welcome to attend a free meeting or call Doris at 589-6396 for more information.

ALAMOSA — Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday at the

Alamosa County Sheriff Office, 1315 17th St., at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome. Call Suzi at 719-588-9236.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Valley News

Businesses need to stay connected to their local chamber of commerce

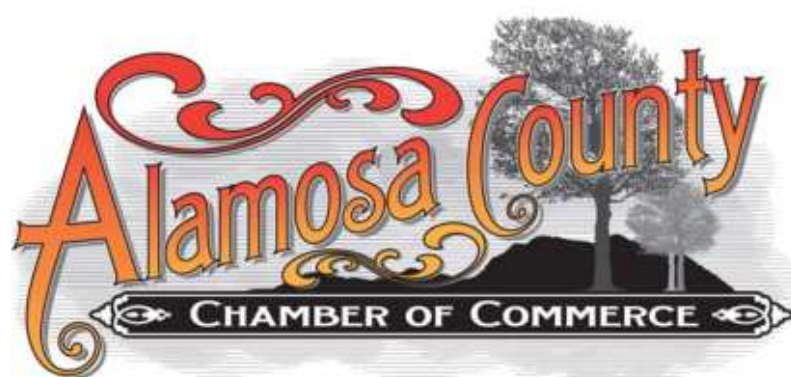
The Association of Colorado Chambers of Commerce Executives (ACCC) announced today that now, more than ever, businesses need to stay connected to their local chamber of commerce for expertise and resources during the COVID-19 crisis.

Miller, Executive Director of the ACCC said.

“ACCC is the resource for chambers of commerce and chambers of commerce are the resource for local communities,” added John Tayer, ACCC Chairman of the Board of Directors and Boulder Chamber President.

Commerce has collected resources to assist businesses in preparing their teams to respond effectively to changing circumstances and posts information on COVID-19 for businesses and the community. Resources can be found on the chamber website, www.alamosachamber.com, in the weekly chamber newsletter and on social media outlets. The chamber has also organized calls with U.S. Senator Cory Gardner and U.S. Representative Scott Tipton to help answer questions from local businesses, as well as “Takeout Blitz” events for local restaurants and other campaigns to encourage the community to utilize safe and adapted ways to support local businesses. Member businesses and nonprofits can continue to connect through the chamber network on how the community can access their products and services.

Colorado’s chamber of commerce leaders have taken quick action to provide local



businesses with reliable and complete information. Visit chamber of commerce websites to find the latest news and most complete list of support resources designed to help businesses make strategic planning decisions and to identify the best way to assist furloughed employees.

The ACCC is currently compiling a list of statewide resources available to businesses and this information will be available through your local chambers of commerce. Chambers are the advocates

for swift action in securing financing, grant resources, and immediate tax and fee relief. When considering solutions for saving businesses impacted by COVID-19, local chambers of commerce know we need to get businesses back on their feet and employees back to work. That only happens through resources and support directed toward local businesses and employees and that is what local chambers will be fighting to secure.

For more information, visit <https://cochamberexecs.com/>

“Local chambers of commerce will play a lead role in helping their communities and economies rise above the current COVID-19 created circumstance.”

John Tayer, ACCC Chairman of the Board of Directors

“As new developments in COVID-19 are announced daily, we want to take this opportunity to remind businesses that their local chamber of commerce is the place they can go to for expertise and resources to help guide them through these uncharted waters,” Dot

“Local chambers of commerce will play a lead role in helping their communities and economies rise above the current COVID-19 created circumstance to thrive once more.”

For example, the Alamosa County Chamber of

CARES Act becomes law

Colorado Delegation Urges Immediate Action for Small Businesses

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Immediately after President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law, the Colorado congressional delegation requested that the Small Business Administration immediately implement the act’s loan programs for small businesses.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a significant strain on American’s small businesses. We have seen businesses close and workers laid off, furloughed, or left with drastically reduced hours. Business owners are unsure if they can keep their doors open much longer, if at all,” wrote the Colorado congressional delegation.

“Congress has done its part and we now rely on our agencies to act as quickly as possible, without delay to issue any and all guidance. We urge you to act immediately, issuing rules and regulations to begin this program in a matter of days—if not hours—to help businesses across the country.”

Dear Administrator Carranza:

As part of the third phase of the federal legislative response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. We urge the Small Business Administration to immediately complete any and all rules related to the bill’s loan programs in this legislation. This economic relief bill contains critical programs

to provide small businesses the financial lifeline they need to weather the current acute period of reduced economic activity, keep their employees on the payroll and covered by company health benefits, and best position our economy to come out of the current crisis. The CARES Act is one of the most important pieces of economic legislation this country has ever adopted. Its success will make an enormous difference for millions of Americans in the weeks, months, and years to come.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a significant strain on American’s small businesses. We have seen businesses close and workers laid off, furloughed, or left with drastically reduced hours. Business owners are unsure if they can keep their doors open much longer, if at all. Our small

businesses are operating on such a tight margin to begin with and now they are faced with this invisible threat.

On March 17, 2020, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin warned Congress that unemployment rates could soon reach 20 percent. Scholars have noted that during the worst parts of the Great Depression, 25 percent of the labor force was out of work. Some have even gone as far to say the current situation is more dire than 2008 because of the hard stop to economic activity around the country. Our small businesses make up over 90 percent of the businesses across the United States. We cannot fail them. We cannot wait to see if our country falls into an economic depression. Moreover, when businesses break the employer-employee relationship, it not only adds uncertainty and anxiety for the worker

and her or his family, it makes restarting the business much harder because the business will need to re-staff. Action must be taken immediately.

Congress has done its part and we now rely on our agencies to act as quickly as possible, without delay to issue any and all guidance. We urge you to act immediately, issu-

ing rules and regulations to begin this program in a matter of days—if not hours—to help businesses across the country.

We understand the burden of this request, we know you are dedicated to helping America’s small businesses, and we thank you for your tireless work and understanding the urgency of the situation.

All State /All Conference Corrections

MOSCA — Corrections to the listings for All-State and All-Conference that ran in Friday’s paper. Sangre de Cristo’s Lexi Metz was not listed despite earning honorable mention to the All-State team. Sangre de Cristo’s Kylee Christensen’s All-Conference Player of the Year honor was also not listed.

SLV Landfill open

MONTE VISTA — The San Luis Valley Regional Solid Waste Authority (SLV Landfill) would like to inform everyone that the landfill is open and operational at this time.

The solid waste industry has been declared an essential service during this time period associated with the COVID 19 Coronavirus. We are currently open Monday thru Saturday closing at 2:00 on Saturday. The landfill is currently still receiving trash from all six valley counties. Currently we are operating under new procedures to keep our employees and public safe during this event. If you are a commercial hauler the driver will remain in the truck during weigh in and out with the billing being sent to place of business. Residential will do business thru the payment window at the office.

The landfill has closed public access to the office area. The landfill and haulers ask that all trash is properly bagged and sealed for the safety of all involved handling the trash. It is getting to be that time of year that the landfill can be closed down because of windy conditions. This is a regulation required from the state for safety reasons. With that in mind we ask that you keep abreast of the conditions before you come to the landfill. Currently our web site is updated on a case by case basis depending on conditions.

SLV Regional



Solid Waste Authority

The web site is www.slvlandfill.com which lists all of our procedures and operational conditions or you can contact our office at 719-852-3810 for more information. Safe removal, hauling and disposal of solid waste in these conditions will be an important safety factor to help beat the COVID 19. Let’s work together!

SLV Landfill Manager

Jim Clare

SLVH

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All calls are triaged which means that priorities for care, treatment, and follow-up are based on the level of illness that is presented. If needed, patients are scheduled to come to the respiratory clinic in person. “Rest assured, if we need to see you, we will bring you in and do whatever is needed. If you need emergency treatment, we will refer you to our emergency department,” commented Susannah Perkins, DO, San Luis Valley Health Primary Care.

NOTE: At the time of this press release, due to limited resources, SLV Health can only submit COVID-19 tests for hospitalized patients and healthcare workers. Do not come in person to the clinic or any healthcare facility unless you have called ahead.

Please call (719) 589-2511, press 9. The nurses are staffing this number every day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you get the voicemail, please leave a good callback number and clearly state your name, leaving only one message. If you feel you are having an emergency, please call 911.

Photo courtesy of SLV Health

Mallori Gariner, FNP-C and Beth Vigil, Medical Assistant (right), working in the Respiratory Clinic.



3 ways to respond to the Census

Online – my2020census.gov

If you received an invitation with an ID number, great, use it.

If you don’t have an ID number, that’s fine. Just follow the instructions to enter your address.

Phone – call 844-330-2020

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Opinion

God Bless America...

HOLLYWOOD — God Bless America, and how's everybody?

President Trump continued calling the pandemic the virus rather than the Chinese virus this week. Trump said even though it started in Wuhan, he doesn't want Chinese-Americans to feel stigmatized. Every country in the world has the Corona Virus now, but China got it right off the bat.



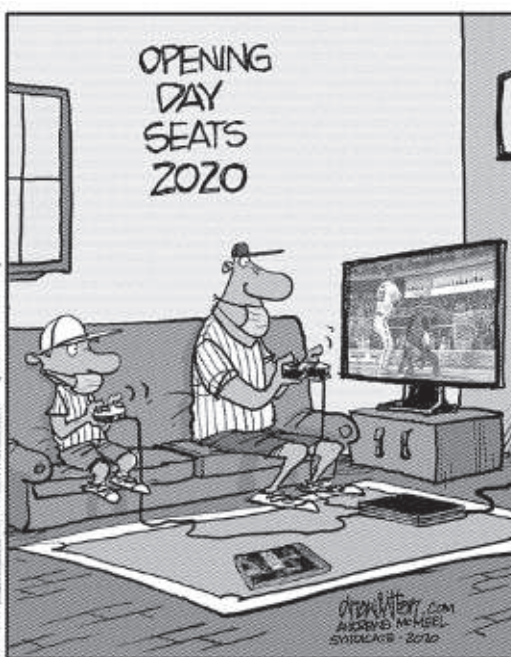
Argus Hamilton

President Trump said he hopes to get much of America moving again by Easter Sunday. This country might never be the same. Very soon law firms will be running TV commercials on cable saying if you have been traumatized by the toilet paper shortage, you may be entitled to compensation.

Capitol Hill in Washington paused on Thursday to observe the eightieth birthday of Speaker Nancy Pelosi in the House Chamber. Imagine her joy when Nancy received the nicest birthday gift a Democrat could ever have asked for. Senate Republicans sent her a two trillion dollar spending bill.

The Senate in a unanimous vote Thursday approved the stimulus relief bill designed to deliver emergency money to corporations, small businesses, and workers. The cost to taxpayers of the bill will be \$2,000,000,000,000. America hasn't been attacked by this many zeroes since Pearl Harbor.

The White House hosted a press



conference to underscore the challenges that remain ahead for everyone to endure in this virus crisis. For all that, it produces tales of goodwill that highlight the human spirit. Hillary Clinton just offered to step in after Joe Biden tested negative for president.

Joe Biden was accused by former Senate staffer Tara Reade of pushing her up against his the wall during an office party in 1993, forcing his hands into her panties and fingering her. Reaction was swift. President Trump heard the news and immediately nominated Biden to the Supreme Court.

Joe Biden ex-aide Tara Reade told a talk show details of how she claims he sexually assaulted her against an office wall in 1993. She says he thrust a hand under her dress and wiggled his finger inside her panties. Joe probably thought he was trying to get his change back from the Coke machine.

Joe Biden's campaign office refused to comment on the twenty-seven-year-

old sexual assault charge. No one's sure how this old possibly career-ruining story suddenly surfaced. However, Hillary Clinton was the first to express her profound sorrow about Joe Biden's unexpected suicide next week.

Buckingham Palace officials confirmed news reports Thursday that Prince Charles contracted the Corona Virus. Recently he's been recklessly out in public performing royal duties. You'd think that with all the public health warnings about how to avoid the virus Prince Charles would be all ears.

The New York Post is reporting that Meghan Markle is forbidding Prince Harry from leaving their home in Vancouver to fly to London and visit his dad, Prince Charles. It shows that theirs is more than a fairy tale marriage. Meghan is twice as powerful as Cinderella, who only had one ball.

President Trump went to the whip last week, hosting press conferences every day with his Virus Task Force to report progress and repeat sanitizing

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measures. I've spent way too much time inside my apartment. You know it's time to clean out the fridge when something from the inside closes the door.

President Trump and Governor Cuomo pushed to end home confinement soon to get people back to work on Thursday. CNN pundits accused them of sacrificing the lives of old people in exchange for gold. All we need is a volcano and our Mayan and Aztec arrivals will feel right at home.

L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti began angrily threatening to arrest residents Thursday whom he feels are not taking his stay-home order seriously, from the looks of the fast and reckless car traffic on L.A. streets. People are driving around Los Angeles like it's the end of the world. Oh wait, never mind.

Beating Boredom at its own game

I remember being in the Peugeot's backseat with the red plaid seat covers and calling up to the front seat, "Are we there yet?" Then adding, "I have to go to the bathroom."

My little sister and I were playing traveling toy puppies with hollow plastic Kewpie dogs from a fair. We used a walnut shell as a cart for the tiny travelers, that mirrored our family reassignments. Draping a blanket as a mountain between us, we moved the vagabonds up one side and the other then in between. Sometimes we camped, and sometimes we had them traveling to Switzerland and beyond.

Now as an adult following shelter in place, stay at home orders, it's easy to be bored and claim to be imagination challenged. I mean, there's only so much COVID-19 one can follow on CNN, MSNBC, CBS or social media. So far, we know from the Valley Courier that Rio Grande has 2 confirmed, Alamosa 1 and Costilla 1. The doctors are telling us that

the confirmed cases mean that the coronavirus is here, not that there are only 4 cases in the Valley. People are using masks, washing their hands often. We've

Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

also learned to make our own hand sanitizer. My home health nurse has said to let her know if I get symptoms like coughing, fever, headache and she will rush a swab test in.

We've learned that the virus can live on metal door handles and cardboard boxes and counter surfaces longer than we guessed. At the same time, we are seeing live updates from survivors and know that 80% of us will make

it through to the other side; but the elderly and immune-compromised are more susceptible to the virus. Some grocery stores are having senior citizen shopping hours like Safeway does on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 7 to 9 a.m. So, we all know, if we follow these stay at home orders, except for necessary grocery trips, the virus won't have a chance to infect all of us. Following this order will also keep the hospitals and emergency rooms from caving into an over demand all at once.

Still, that leaves boredom to be addressed. Scrolling through my news feed on Facebook, some people have come up with some creative answers to boredom and isolation. Choruses out of open windows over a courtyard in Italy has caught the morning show interests, as has the exercise guru holding class from his rooftop while people on their balconies followed him. Some mothers are reading stories to their little ones on Facebook because library hours have

been canceled. Making it a social event brings more children and mothers to the screen, as well. On the View this week, one piano student tickling the ivory keys followed her teacher's direction from her iPad. Face-to-face classroom courses have switched to online platforms. Those cutie videos of kitties and puppies are a mainstay, too.

Libraries are also offering books via Kindle and other electronic means.

One activity my sister talks about that we did when we were confined to small places. We folded a piece of drawing or typing paper in half, half again and again until we had four boxes across and down. We would alternate calling out what to draw - a shoe, purse, lamp, horse, dog, rock, potato, finger, hand, cat, car and so on. Then we colored them.

I think I need to get my watercolors and oils out. First, I need to vacuum and pick up what the kitties have knocked on the floor. Did I say I was bored?

Valley Stuff

What a week!! I am sincerely hoping that all of you are doing okay. I'm hoping you are not hoarding the toilet paper. I'm hoping you are checking on your neighbors—especially those that are my age and beyond. It really is kind of weird to be 65 and in that 'at risk' category! I'm using my Minnesota common-sense and being

careful. I don't know that we can totally protect ourselves from this virus. It just seems like it must be everywhere. Folks that

don't know they have been exposed are walking around, innocently, and potentially spreading it.

At the Green Spot, we are wiping down the door handles. We are keeping a distance from customers. We are not hugging—hard to not do. We are disinfecting the counter. But then...we handle money...so that, of itself, can be scary.

I think I mentioned before why I am staying open, but here goes again. We sell goat milk and cow milk for folks with allergies. We sell eggs and goat cheese. We sell CBD tinctures to folks for all kinds of ailments. We sell crickets and feeder fish to folks for their pets.

We sell soil and seeds and all kinds of gardening supplies. And gardening

in the Valley is time sensitive—as we all know.

If you don't want to come in, I can meet you at the curb. You can give me a call at 580-7838 to see if I have something in stock. I can meet you before I open or after I close. Life will go on, and we will get through this, supporting our friends and neighbors... our locally owned and operated businesses. Do what you can now, and especially after the crisis is over.

I sincerely want to thank Darlene McCarroll with Century 21 Property Management for working with Woody's Q Shack to provide over 200 meals to our first responders on Thursday!!! Thanks to Mike and Janet Yohn for donating cash to make the event happen and Coca Cola for beverages. It really does take a village to make these things happen!! And they did it again yesterday!

Many thanks also go out to Johnnies Auto Sales for opening their parking lot, when it was learned that there was a problem with city ordinances, as to where Kyle could park his beautiful trailer. Wow!! At a time when the only response should have been "how can we help make this happen", a small

wrench was thrown into this act of generosity—and it was done on Facebook! Sometimes I am just blown away at the lack of consideration that is given to our small community businesses, by our City manager! I could have said City employee...but if I am going to get in trouble, it might as well be big trouble!

Maybe it raises my hackles because I think of other ordinances that are not enforced...such as bike riders on the sidewalks (especially in front of my store). Or weeds (I can show you the pile I am working on—that aren't mine).

Or snow removal—especially gutter pans on Main St. and sidewalks all over downtown. Yet we are worried about a food trailer parked backward on Main Street for 2-3 hours!

For the record, I am not laying blame on the police department for not getting these ordinances enforced. Right now, their boats are loaded with the increase in crime, and I would like them to get after every criminal in our town, and give them bus tickets out of town. I have even offered to get fresh batteries in my taser, to help out. I just wish you could park your trailer backward on a street, to do something good, really good—without it being a headache!

Thanks go out to all the first responders—no matter who you work for. Police, Sherriff, hospital, ambulance, nurses (of which my daughter is one), firefighters (of which my son-in-law is one). Thanks go out to everyone who has checked on their neighbor. We will get through this together. If you need an Easter lily for a shut-in, I have a few

left for \$8.00—my cost. Trying to spread a little Easter hope. Call 580-7838 if I can help you in any way.

In Leo's words...be kind, be

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Western Living

How farmers are using drones

The farmers of yesterday might not be too familiar with their surroundings if they were to visit a modern farm. While the men and women who made their livings as farmers decades ago would no doubt still recognize certain farm features that have withstood the test of time, they might not understand the inner workings of the modern farm, particularly in regard to the role technology now plays within the agricultural sector.

Technology has changed agriculture in myriad ways. The methods farmers employ to produce food and improve the efficiency of their operations has changed as technology has evolved. One of the more noticeable changes that's hard to miss on modern farms is the use of agricultural drones.

Drones have been around for decades. Sometimes referred to as "unmanned aerial vehicles," or "UAVs," drones can be utilized in ways that can save farmers money and protect the planet.

• **Monitor crops:** According to senseFly, the commercial drone subsidiary of Parrot Group, drones can help farmers effectively monitor their crops. With a drone flying overhead, farmers can spot and quickly identify issues affect-

ing their crops before those issues escalate into something larger.

• **Soil analysis:** Another potential benefit of agricultural drones highlights their role in analyzing soil. Agricultural drones utilize complex mapping functions to gather data about the soil, including areas where it might be stressed. That enables farmers to develop accurate soil samples that can be used to guide decisions in regard to irrigation and fertilization.

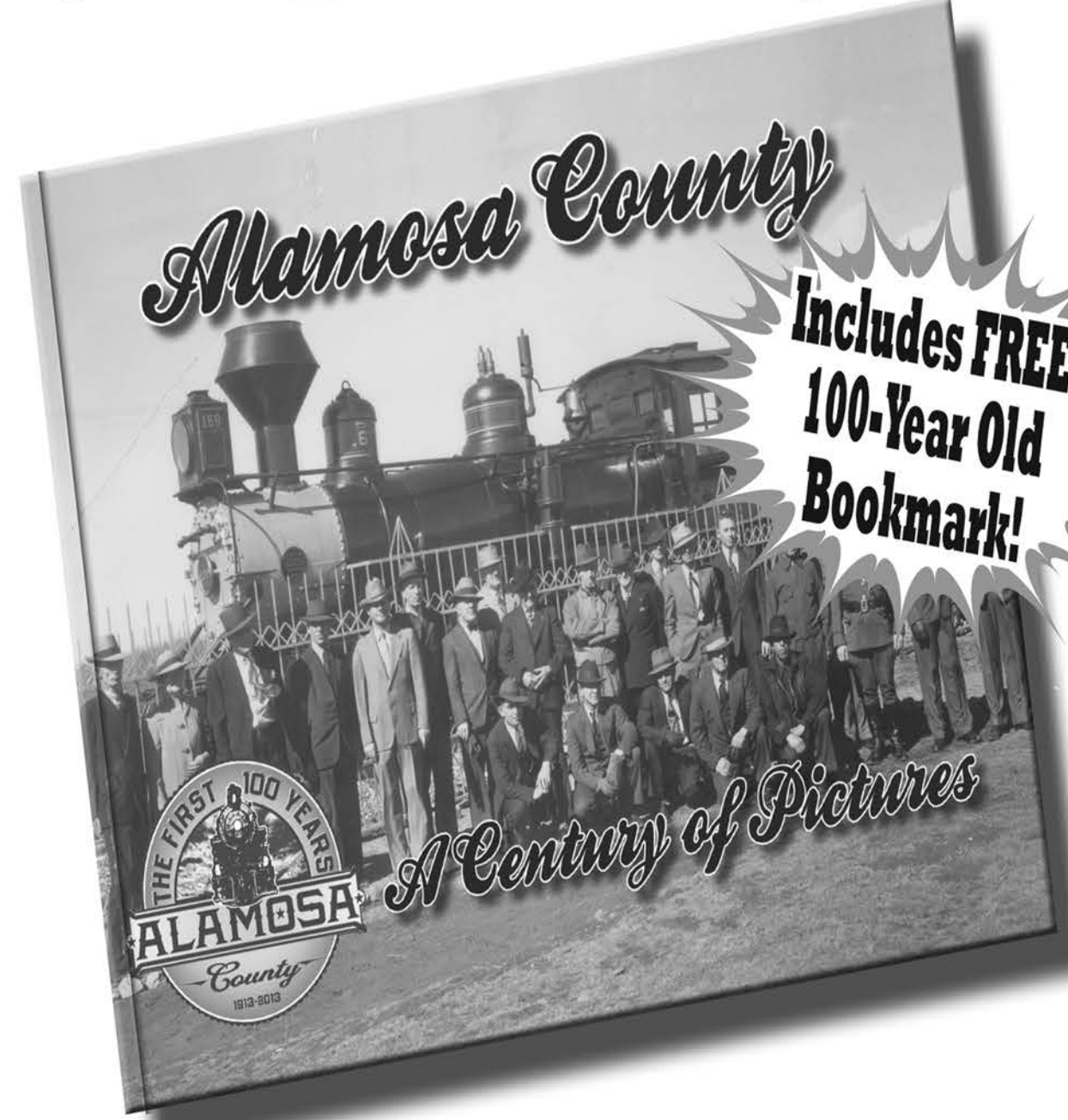
• **Reduce waste:** SenseFly notes that data gathered by drones can help farmers determine the vigor of their crops at various stages of growth. Such information can prevent overfertilization and overwatering, thereby reducing waste and runoff, benefitting the planet as a result.

• **Planning:** Drones can be used to collect data on crop growth and health at various times throughout the growing season. That can help farmers develop accurate predictions regarding harvest quality and crop yield, making it easier for them to plan ahead.

Agricultural drones are one of the many examples that illustrate how technology has changed and will continue to change the ways modern farmers conduct business. TF203780



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Agriculture remains "Open for Business"

Farmers and ranchers celebrate Colorado Ag Day in the fields

CENTENNIAL — Even though the 2020 Ag Day celebration at the Colorado Capitol is canceled, the Colorado Farm Bureau assures Coloradans that the agriculture industry is "Still Open for Business" and farmers and ranchers are committed to maintaining a reliable and resilient food supply.

"We are all navigating a time that is unlike any other. There is uncertainty all around us and many unanswered questions about what the future holds," says Chad Vorthmann, Executive Vice President of the Colorado Farm Bureau. "However, even in all this uncertainty, Colorado agriculture remains open for business. Farmers and ranchers around the state and around the country will continue producing high-quality food for your table."

As people shop and prepare for quarantine periods, consumer purchasing of particular goods has spiked causing a change in the food supply chain. Many have seen grocery stores sell out of many goods due to surge buying of particular items. While grocery store shelves may be temporarily empty, it's important to note that there is not a food shortage and replacements for those items are on the way. The supply chain just needs time to replenish and adjust to differences in purchasing behavior.

Efforts are underway to ensure that the supply of goods happens as quickly as possible. State and federal governments have declared agriculture as a 'critical' industry, allowing farming operations and agriculture-related industries to continue working together to en-

sure safe, reliable and timely delivery of goods. However, there are still certain assurances the industry needs to continue operating as needed, including the processing of H-2A visas to recruit critical labor; ensuring meat, dairy and other processing plants continue operating; waiving hours of service requirements for food transportation and trucking across the agricultural supply chain; and maintaining stable and fair markets across the agriculture sector.

"We are thankful to Governor Polis and President Trump for declaring the agriculture industry as critical infrastructure. The job of farmers and ranchers never ends and it's important to have the tools to continue to care for our livestock and crops while delivering food to people," adds Vorthmann. "Our leaders are working hard to keep every element of the supply chain strong so that the food supply remains stable, and we are confident that our leaders in Denver and Washington, D.C. will continue to get it done."

The Colorado Farm Bureau has launched AgisOpen.com as a one-stop resource for those looking for information about COVID-19's impact on the agriculture community. The resource, "Ag is Open" will address various issues like those listed above as well as provide information on rural mental health, life on the farm, agriculture job listings and much more.

Throughout the week, Colorado Farm Bureau will be celebrating Ag Day with helpful information for the agriculture industry and consumers alike, as well as a look into the lives of farmers and ranchers during this time.

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THE COSTILLA COUNTY Conservancy District is now hiring for an Administrative Assistant position. Job requirements: High School Diploma, Microsoft Office experience, and Email and computer skills. Preferred qualifications: Accounting/bookkeeping (Quickbooks) skills and Good communications/writing skills. Position is for 30 hours per week, Monday – Friday. Please email resume along with letters of recommendation and references to info@costillaccd.org by April 2, 2020.(4/4)

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185- SERVICES & REPAIRS

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

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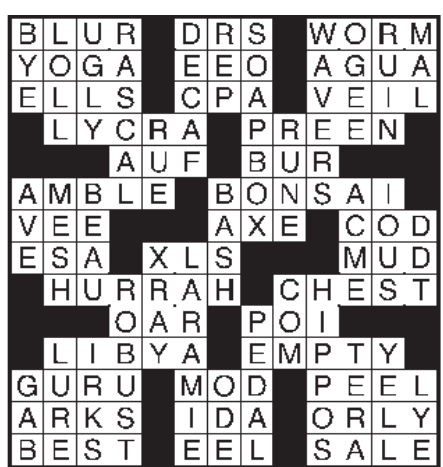
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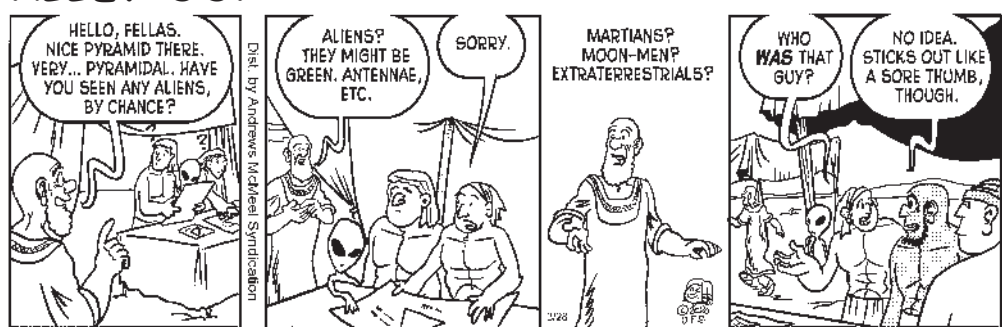
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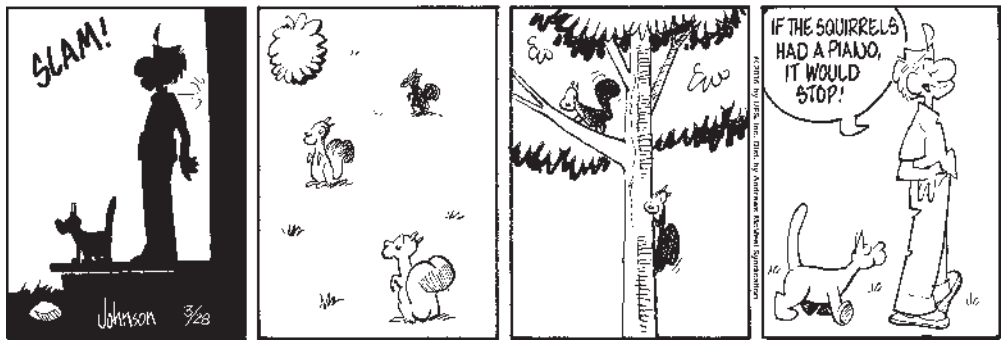
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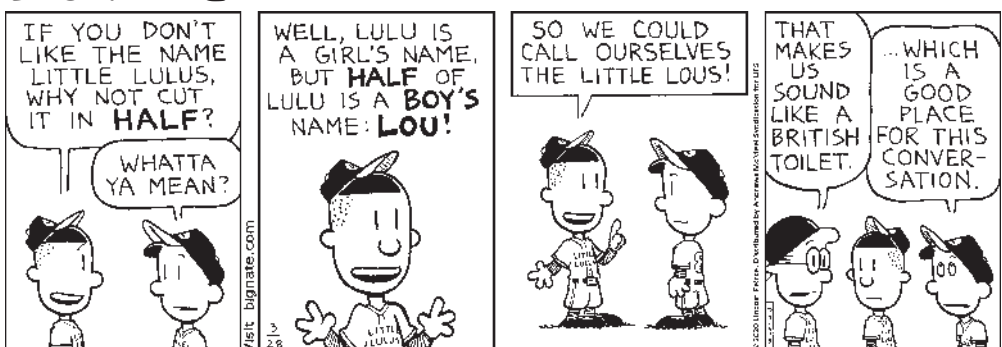
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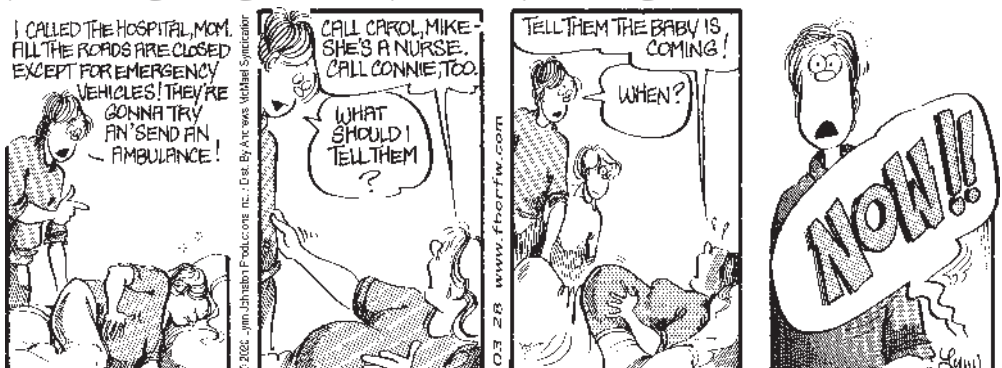
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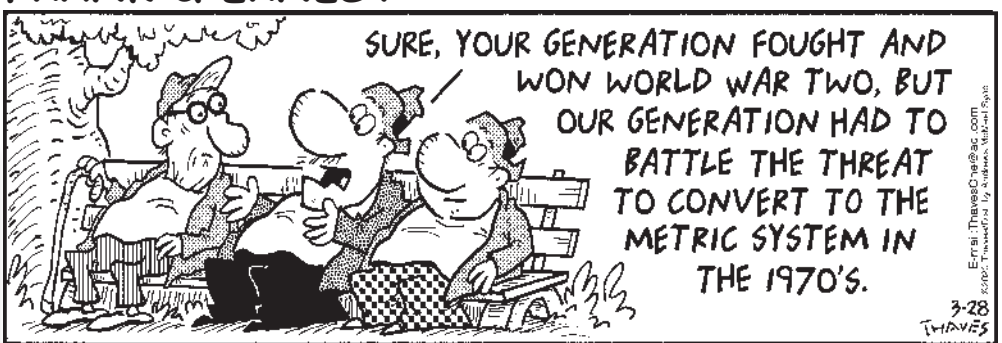
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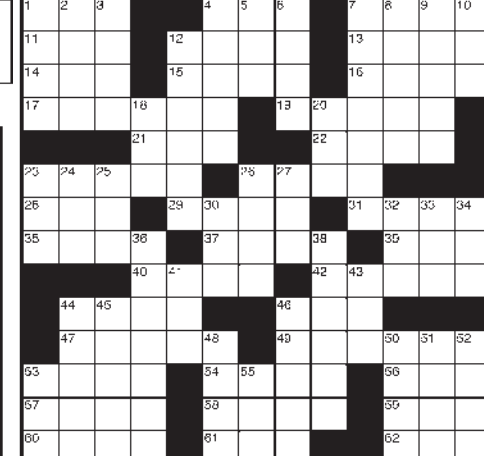
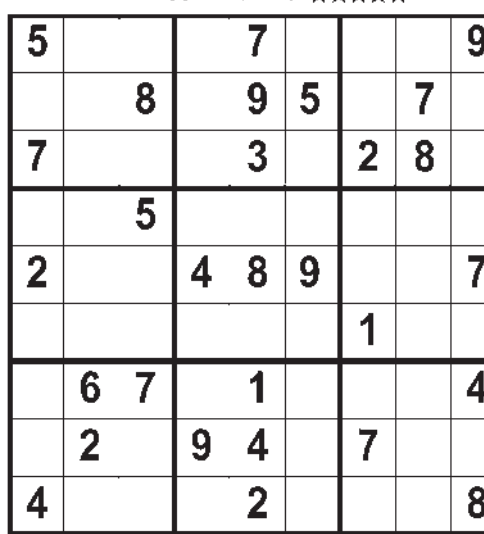


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DEAR ABBY: I've had an 18-year-old girlfriend for six months (I'm 24). She's a sweet girl who's caring, thoughtful and respectful. Every day typically goes well, and we never argue about anything -- except for when it comes to her health. She is terrified of dentists and doctors. I used to be as well. But I have tried repeatedly to make her understand that, though those situations can be scary, it would be worse if she has to go to these places when it's nearly too late. She refuses to go to a doctor or dentist's office with me to watch what I experience. She says she'll receive vaccinations "when it's time" -- except for the flu shot and other "non-essential" shots. She says she'll go to the dentist when her teeth start to hurt. Her logic is, "I'm doing fine without this stuff now, so I'm OK."

I am trying to be as patient as I can with her. I have tried to explain that her logic sounds like, "I won't wear a seat belt because I haven't gotten into a car accident yet." I'm afraid I will soon grow so impatient with her ignorance that I break up with her. I don't want to be with someone who can't take her own health seriously. What can I do to get her

come around, face her fears and acknowledge that her health is incredibly important? -- TAKING CARE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR TAKING CARE: Your concerns about this girl are valid. There is help for people who are phobic about doctors and dentists, but only if they are willing to acknowledge there is a problem, which your girlfriend is not. If you were ever to decide to start a family together, you certainly wouldn't want this behavior passed on to your children.

In my opinion, you should end it now because it's a deal-breaker.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend's mother died by suicide two weeks ago. The whole family is having a hard time, and they are dealing with things in their own ways. My boyfriend has decided to move us in with his dad and sister because he wants to be near his father. I would prefer to stay living in our house since we only live about three miles away from them.

I do not want to be difficult, but I really don't want to move. He made this decision a few days ago without consulting me. He said to come with him, or we will go our separate ways. His family and I have not always gotten



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

along, and I'm pretty sure that moving in will make it worse. Shouldn't I have any say in this, or must I do what makes him happy? -- IN LIMBO IN OHIO

DEAR IN LIMBO: People in the throes of grief do not always make the wisest decisions. They also are not their best selves in emotionally fraught situations. You should not have been given an ultimatum.

Is this move supposed to be permanent or temporary? Because you are a couple, you should have been consulted before your boyfriend made this decision. Since your relationship with his family hasn't been the best, the transition could be a bumpy one. If you can afford to live independently, it might be a good idea to explore that option for now.

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Woody's Q Shack temp closure

ALAMOSA — Local barbecue joint, Woody's Q Shack has decided to close their doors temporarily. The restaurant posted on their Facebook page "The time has come....We've fought the fight, changed our procedures and have adapted our strategies several times over the last two weeks. Between a combination of the Stay At Home order, as well as positive COVID cases in Alamosa, we will not risk the safety of our employees and our family members. We have made the decision to close the restaurant for the upcoming week after tonight's dinner service," on Friday. Woody's restaurant will be going on a week by week basis on the closure front but the trailer will still be in operation

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