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ALAMOSA— In light of burgeoning health concerns, the art show scheduled for April 3 at Alamosa Home has been cancelled. If it is rescheduled in the future it will be announced.

**ASU music department cancels Taos concert**

ALAMOSA— The Adams State University Department of Music has cancelled the Taos Soundscapes concert scheduled for Sunday, March 22.

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## ASU moves classes online from March 23-April 3

ALAMOSA— In response to the public health emergency related to COVID-19 and to ensure the well-being of the campus community, the community of Alamosa and the greater San Luis Valley, Adams State has made



the decision to temporarily move all classes to its online course management system Blackboard for a period of two weeks (March 23 through April 3), immediately following Spring Break. "The health and success of our community, on and off campus, is at the

forefront of our decision making," said Adams State President Cheryl D. Lovell. "Please know we have been actively contingency planning across our University for a range of operational scenarios. "Our March 12 announcement about reducing the on-campus population is not a decision we took lightly, rather one we believe is prudent to keep

all as safe as possible. "Adams State University remains open and operational with appropriate measures to protect the health of the community." Adams State has no knowledge of any cases of COVID-19 associated with its residence halls or with the University. However, Adams State will do its part to avoid

any unintended spread of the virus by taking the following immediate steps: All classes will be delivered online via Blackboard beginning March 23 through April 3. Additionally, all students are asked not to return to campus immediately after Spring Break and to meet academic requirements via Blackboard. ■ See ASU page 3

## Sports go into remission in effort to slow COVID-19



Alamosa and Faith Christian, come together for a prayer following their game at Denver University on Thursday. CHSAA announced on Thursday night the immediate cancellation of State Tournament basketball games in all classifications as well as a postponement of the spring sports season in the midst of a growing concern over spread of coronavirus.

Photo by Stephen Jiron  
See Page 6 for more information

## Crane quilt winner announced

MONTE VISTA— The Kiwanis Club of Monte Vista is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2020 Crane Quilt is Rob Glover from Alamosa.

This year's quilt was designed, sewn, and machine quilted by Raydene Plane, formerly a resident of Monte Vista, who now lives in Pueblo.

The Kiwanis Club takes this opportunity to thank Raydene for her quilting talents and all of the people in the San Luis Valley and out of town visitors who supported the Crane Quilt raffle during the Crane Festival. Proceeds from the raffle



Courtesy photo.

will go towards college scholarships for qualified Monte Vista High School Key Club seniors and for youth and community activities in the Monte Vista area.

A Key Club Scholarship for \$1000 was awarded to Alyssa Rawinski, Monte Vista High School Key Club Member in May, 2019.

Participants reviewed the Saguache County Emergency Operations Plan, discussed crisis communication strategies, participated in an Accountability Drill, and conducted a Table Top Exercise on Early Alert and Warning. ■ See MEETING page 3

## TSJC remains open while transitioning to online

ALAMOSA— In the wake of COVID-19 Coronavirus cases rising in Colorado, Trinidad State has taken action early to mitigate risk with input from the Colorado Community College System and in consultation with health experts. Currently, Trinidad State will remain open and continue to carefully monitor the situation while at the same time

move to reduce health risks by providing more online learning opportunities at our Trinidad and Alamosa campuses.

"The health of our students, faculty and staff is our highest priority," said Trinidad State President Dr. Rhonda M. Epper. "One of the most effective

ways to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 is to practice social distancing, and that guides our plan. In addition to transitioning many classes to online learning, we have increased attention on cleaning and sanitizing surfaces and have raised awareness about the importance of wash-

ing hands and staying away from others at the first hint of illness. We do not want to disrupt the learning process needlessly, but we are ready to change course should the coronavirus find its way onto one of our campuses." Spring Break, the week of March 23, will happen as scheduled. When classes resume on March 30, as many classes as possible will

be taught online. Faculty and instructors will prepare immediately for remote/online delivery. By March 27, faculty and instructors will notify their students how to access their classes. Those who do not have computer access at home will be able to use computers located in the libraries and computer labs on campus. By decreasing classes as possible will

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# Record

## Mountain lion positive for rabies

**LOVELAND** — A mountain lion that attacked a resident and a Larimer County Sheriff deputy Wednesday has tested positive for rabies, according to Colorado Parks and Wildlife's wildlife pathologist.

Both bite victims have been notified and the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment is managing the rabies exposure investigation and response.

### Attack Details

At approximately 1:55 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, deputies from the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Colorado State Patrol, rangers from Larimer County Natural Resources and CPW wildlife officers all responded to a reported mountain lion attack west of Loveland near an RV park along the Big Thompson River.

A man and a delivery driver were talking outside a home near the Riverview RV Park when the driver noticed a mountain lion come from behind his truck. The mountain lion attacked the civilian he was talking to, inflicting injuries.

Larimer County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived first and found the mountain lion still in the vicinity. As deputies tried to contain the mountain lion, it attacked a deputy and multiple shots were fired at the animal.

As the mountain lion continued moving east across the Big Thompson River and near a residence on Black Crow Road, a CPW wildlife officer shot and killed the animal.

The attack sent both individuals to a hospital with injuries.



A necropsy of the mountain lion conducted late Wednesday night showed the male was in good body condition, weighing 91 pounds, and had a mild skunk odor.

DNA evidence was sent to Laramie for testing at the Wyoming Game and Fish Wildlife Forensic & Fish Health Laboratory. Those results are pending.

Human-Wildlife Interactions in Urban Areas:

The complex and sometimes dangerous interactions with wildlife calls to attention the challenges wildlife managers face in our urban areas. An expanding resident elk population in

west Loveland is a prime food source for predators in the area, in addition to smaller prey. With the increasing herds, managers regularly deal with increased wildlife conflict, including mountain lions, along the Front Range.

"Management becomes more difficult and complex along the urban interface," said Mark Leslie, CPW's Northeast Region Manager. "Hunting is the most efficient tool we utilize to manage wildlife populations and that becomes especially complicated in and around our urban areas with increasing encroachment and human activity in wildlife habitat. Along the Front Range of Colorado, we

need to consider alternatives that are more difficult to deploy, in conjunction with smart hunting strategies."

### Rabies in Wildlife Populations:

While it is unknown how the mountain lion contracted rabies, it is possible that it was bitten by a smaller prey animal that was also rabid. In the spring, as some wildlife become more active, CPW regularly sees an uptick in rabies activity, especially in skunks.

"Skunk rabies is endemic in the state, and skunk activity is increasing with the warming weather," said Karen Fox, CPW's wildlife pathologist. "Remember to keep your pets vaccinated."

If members of the public observe a wild animal with unusual symptoms or appearing to be diseased, they should contact their local CPW office (the Fort Collins office can be reached at 970-472-4300).

If someone has come into contact with such an animal, they should contact their local public health officials immediately. The Larimer County public health number is 970-498-6775.

### Mountain Lions in Colorado:

This was the 23rd known attack of a mountain lion on a human in Colorado since 1990. There were three attacks in 2019, but prior to those, the last attack occurred in 2016. Before 2019, the last time three attacks occurred within the same calendar year was 1998.

Though mountain lions are elusive, and attacks are relatively rare, it's important to know how to avoid or manage potential encounters. To learn more about living with mountain lions in Colorado, visit [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).

## Resources for Covid-19 information

By DONALD VALDEZ



Courtesy photo

State representative, Donald Valdez

**STATEWIDE** — Governor Polis declared a State of Emergency on Tuesday, March 10 due to COVID-19. This will allow the state to access the resources and funds needed to control the COVID-19 outbreak and ensure that we are prioritizing the safety of our communities.

There are a variety of resources that you can access to keep up with the fast-paced and ever-changing outbreak.

► **COVID-19 in Colorado:** Here you will find all of the media briefs released by CDPHE.

► **COVID-19 Facts for Coloradans:** Here you will find information about the disease, and how you can protect yourself, your families, and your communities.

► **COVID-19 Recommendations:** Here you will find recommendations from the CDPHE with regards to higher-risk individuals, workplaces and businesses, community gatherings, and schools.

► **COVID-19 Testing:** Here you will find information on the testing process if you or someone you know is needing to be tested for COVID-19.

► **Coronavirus Disease 2019:** Here you will find information on and number of confirmed cases in The United States from the CDC.

For information on Social Media you can follow these pages:

- [www.facebook.com/JaredPolis/](http://www.facebook.com/JaredPolis/)
- [www.facebook.com/CDPHE/](http://www.facebook.com/CDPHE/)
- [www.facebook.com/COEmergency/](http://www.facebook.com/COEmergency/)
- And on Twitter @COHealth, @CDPHE, @COEmergency

**CDPHE has created both a phone line and email for information on COVID-19. People who have general questions can call CO Help at 303-389-1687, for answers in languages other than English call 1-877-462-2911. You can also email at COHELP@RMPDC.org.**

We are working swiftly to get a testing center in the district. We are all in this together. Let's all take the necessary steps to keep our communities safe.

### OBITUARIES

## Baldomero (Manuel) Chairez, 61

**FORT GARLAND** — Baldomero Chairez, age 61, went home to be with the Lord and his loving daughter on March 6. He was a resident of Fort Garland for the majority of his life.

Manuel was born on January 27, 1959 to Luis and Emilia (Puentez) Chairez in Zacatecas, Mexico. On March 9, 1990 he married Catherine Montoya in Alamosa.

Manuel was fond of gardening for his family and neighbors. If he wasn't at his garden, you would find him cruising down the dirt roads listening to his corridos musica.

He loved to build and craft for his family and animals. He loved cooking and bringing warmth to the house he made.

He worked for the city of Blanca, for over 20 years as a maintenance man and helped his neighbors in any way he could.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cathy Chairez; his children: Louie, Isaiah, Miguel, Manuel, and Micaela Chairez; his parents: Luis and Emila Chairez; his siblings: Ramiro, Juan Carlos, Jose Luis, Manuela, Blanca, Juana, Mariv-



el, Anna and Martina; his grandchildren: Emma Jo, Manuel, Shania, Cienna, Savanna, Marcos, Miguel Jr., Isiah, Isabella, Xavier and Zachary.

He was preceded in death by his father, Luis Chairez and daughter, Marivel Chairez.

A rosary will be held at 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, at the Holy Family Church in Fort Garland. A mass will follow. The inurnment will take place at a later time with his immediate family. A reception will be held following the mass at the Blanca/Fort Garland Community Center, Blanca CO 81123.

Canta y no llores  
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### ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

**ALAMOSA** — Veterans Therapeutic/Sup-

port Group meets every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m. at 315 State Ave. Ste 101, Alamosa. Call 588-8885 to register or email [d.counselingservices@hotmail.com](mailto:d.counselingservices@hotmail.com)

**SOUTH FORK** — Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email [mkmillermink@aol.com](mailto: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 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 [slyphotostephen@gmail.com](mailto:slyphotostephen@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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# Valley News

## Senior agency available for Covid-19 victims

By **MONICA WOLFE**  
*AAA Director*  
**SAN LUIS VALLEY**—As the Area Agency on Aging, South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., believes it is their responsibility during this time to help walk through the duration of coronavirus (COVID-19).  
 The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is a non-profit agency serving older persons, 60+, at regional and local levels. Area Agencies on Aging are primarily responsible for a geographic area, either a city, single county or a multi-county district. South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., your local Area Agency on Aging, serves the San Luis Valley, therefore, a multi-county district.  
 Area Agencies on Aging coordinate and of-

fer services that help older adults remain in their homes, if that is their preference aided by services such as home-delivered meals, congregate meals, homemaker assistance and whatever it takes to make independent living a viable option. By making a range of support services available, AAA's make it possible for older individuals to choose the services and living arrangements that suits them best.  
 As the local Area Agency on Aging, it is their role and responsibility to focus on seniors' health and well-being. While they will act accordingly per the requests of local health officials and government leaders as they work to contain the virus, they will continue to make decisions with vigilance

informed by the latest information given them to follow their mission and values.  
 While currently maintaining regular operation across their service area, they are prepared to modify operations with options that still allow us to serve local seniors. Precautionary steps are taking place in all services to help keep clients as well as employees safe and healthy. For those participating in the voucher system through the homemaker and respite programs, they ask that you, if possible, also be aware and minimize hours should signs of illness occur.  
 They do ask that consumers attending the congregate meal sites please stay home if you are not feeling well. If



needed, a boxed lunch will be available. You will need to inform the Administrative Office if this happens.  
 Again, please call the Admin Office, not the meal site itself. The Admin Office will make sure you receive a meal. This includes any older adult 60 and over within our service areas and not

receiving but in need of services. For all services, eligibility is required.  
 Should congregate meal sites have to close, information will be posted.  
 For more information, please call or visit South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging, 1116 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Alamosa; 719-589-4511.

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*THE HUNT*  
 Hilary Swank, Emma Roberts R

Sat & Sun. 1:30, 5:35, 8:05  
**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
 Gotta Go, Fast! PG

Sat & Sun. 1:30, 5:15, 8:10  
**THE INVISIBLE MAN**  
 What you can't see can hurt you R

Sat & Sun. 1:30, 5:40, 8:10  
**ONWARD**  
 Cometh Soon PG

Sat & Sun. 1:30, 5:30, 8:10  
**THE CALL OF THE WILD**  
 Based on the Legendary novel PG

## TSJC

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 the number of students and faculty on campus, the college expects to reduce the chance of spreading illness.  
 Programs, such as welding and nursing clinicals, that require hands-on classwork and face-to-face instruction will continue to meet on campus. For classes offered at area high schools, the college will work closely with those schools districts to continue instruction in the most efficient and safe way.  
 Softball and Baseball contests scheduled in

Trinidad this weekend have been canceled because of travel restrictions put in place by the visiting teams. "We continue to monitor the NJCAA COVID-19 updates and will comply with their guidance unless state and local health officials direct a more stringent approach," stated Epper.  
 Following guidance by the Governor of Colorado and the Colorado Community College System, TSJC will be evaluating large events on a case-by-case basis. The college has canceled a yearly event for Trinidad area middle school students that is normally held at the Trinidad Campus. Girls in the Middle (GIM) for girls and Guys Reaching Incredible Potential (GRIP) for boys introduces young people to careers in science-related fields. Other gatherings of large groups may be canceled as well.  
 Trinidad State will continue planning graduation ceremonies, scheduled for May 8, 2020 in Trinidad and Alamosa. If there are

changes the college will move quickly to notify students so family members will be able to modify their plans. As always, TSJC plans to provide a live stream on the internet for those who cannot attend in person.  
 "We will continue to adjust our plans and make changes as we get more information," said Epper. "We will balance the needs of students, faculty and staff, making every effort to teach students while at the same time striving to keep everyone safe."

COVID-19 web page: <https://www.adams.edu/police/safety/coronavirus/>

## ASU

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 board through April 3. Students who receive approval to remain on campus will also receive instruction via Blackboard and must prepare for severely limited on-campus activities, services, and interactions, including limited housing and food service.  
 Additionally, the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference which Adams State belongs to has suspended all championship and non-championship

spring sport competitions beginning Friday, March 13, until at least April 6. The campus will remain open during this two-week period but will limit visitors to campus by suspending campus tours and visits beginning Spring Break week, Monday, March 16, through April 3. Adams State will also limit external events on campus beginning March 16. At the present time, employees who are not symptomatic or who

have not traveled to an at-risk area are expected to maintain their normal work routine.  
 The continuity of instruction for our students is mission-critical for Adams State. In the coming days, we will be working through the many questions that will emerge from these immediate actions to provide additional guidance and clarity. Please see the FAQ related to this announcement on the adams.edu

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## Meeting

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 Taking a "whole-community" approach to emergency management these agencies collectively assessed the needs of the community and identified the best ways to organize and strengthen their capabilities. By doing so, a more effective path to societal security and resilience was built.  
 This is what, said after the event: "What we saw here today displayed the commitment we all have to emergency preparedness

here in Saguache County," said Bobby Woelz, director of the Saguache County Office of Emergency Management. "Today was truly about neighbor helping neighbor. This was one of the largest coordination meetings of its kind here in Saguache.  
 "Perhaps this is because of the current Coronavirus outbreak; however, I believe it is because we are witnessing a new era in emergency management. Communities and

agencies have realized that it is not a question of 'IF' a disaster will affect our community, it is a question of 'WHEN'. The more we can work together now, before disaster strikes, the better. We made great progress today but there is still a lot of work yet to be done."  
 For inquiries please contact the Saguache County Office of Emergency Management at:  
 RWoelz@saguache-county-co.gov

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## March

SUNDAY • 15	MONDAY • 16	TUESDAY • 17	WEDNESDAY • 18	THURSDAY • 19	FRIDAY • 20	SATURDAY • 21
www.adams.edu	Spring Break - No Classes	Spring Break - No Classes	Spring Break - No Classes	Spring Break - No Classes Zacheis Planetarium: Closed through April 3	Spring Break - No Classes	Zacheis Planetarium: Closed through April 3
Cloyde Snook Gallery: Closed through April 3 Hatfield Gallery: Closed through April 3						



# Opinion

## God bless America ...

### BEVERLYHILLS

—God Bless America, and how's everybody? The National Institute of Health Director Dr. Anthony Fauci addressed Congress Thursday and warned that Corona Virus will spread before it begins to wane.



**Argus Hamilton**

The virus just hit Hollywood's top movie star. I feel really badly that Tom Hanks got the Corona Virus, but his acceptance speech, wow!

Los Angeles had long grocery store lines of panic buyers Wednesday when the WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

In ultra-liberal West Hollywood, the empty shelves are hilarious. The same people who say you don't need that much ammo are buying seventy-two rolls of toilet paper at a time.

The CDC told anybody with flu symptoms to go to a clinic and get tested for Corona Virus. Every other cable news story is about a Senator, a Congressman or celebrity with flu who announced they have self-quarantined. I just joined a quarantine support group, every Tuesday we don't get together.

President Trump assured investors the stock market will bounce back big after it crashed over Corona Virus, falling oil prices and a Euro travel cutoff Thursday.

It's bewildering. The next day, Sesame Street opened by announcing that today's episode is brought to you by the letters W, T and F.

Wall Street had its worst day ever Thursday with the Dow Jones falling over two thousand points, which allowed short sellers to make a killing.

I've always prided myself in my ability to see things coming. I don't want to brag, but I've been avoiding people since before the Corona Virus.

The Comedy Store shut down for March along with the NBA season, the NCAA tourney, NHL schools and churches.

Thank you, cable news for stirring up panic and crashing the stock market. If newspapers were the evolution of the town crier, then cable news is the evolution of the town drunk.

The NBA canceled the rest of the season Wednesday followed by the National Hockey League, the NCAA tournament, music concerts, comedy clubs, plays, schools and churches.

All this for a virus that has a mortality rate of 1%. I give up, do we close down everything or let Darwin handle it?

The White House said top scientists are working on a COVID-19 cure and a vaccine.

The surest way to get rid of the Corona Virus is to put it on the ballot as a Democratic presidential candidate. That is, unless it has dirt on Hillary, then it will be the first time in history that a pandemic committed suicide.

President Trump asked Wednesday that political parties work together and shove partisanship aside during the COVID-19 crisis.

Tell it to the cable news channels. CNN blamed Trump for the shortage of bathroom tissue, while Fox News boasted that only Trump can turn toilet paper into cash.

The Justice Department assured Congress Thursday that federal and state prisoners will also be tested for the Corona Virus.

Michael Avenatti was one of the first ones tested Thursday, and in my opinion, he's likely to test positive. You can't screw that many people and not catch something.

Senator Lindsay Graham self-quarantined after he was exposed to a COVID-19-infected Brazil diplomat at Mar-a-Lago.

I think the least infectious place you could be is in Congress. No one shows up for work and no one talks to each other, and ninety percent of them have their heads up their asses.

The Justice Department warned of black market crimes involving quarantine necessities.

The other night at my gas station on La Cienega, I left the restroom and was followed by two guys who robbed me. They didn't demand my wallet, they wanted the toilet paper stuck to the bottom of my shoe.

The Los Angeles Times reported that the mansion used for the Beverly Hills billies, then owned by the hit TV show's creator and producer Paul Henning, has sold for a record price of one hundred fifty million dollars. The news gets even better than that, I heard that Jed Clampett just struck Purell.

*Argus Hamilton is the host comedian at The Comedy Store in Hollywood and entertains groups and organizations around the country. E-mail him at Argus@ArgusHamilton.com.*

## Movin' On with Nellie: binge-watching the "Incredible Dr. Pol"

BY NELDA CURTISS

When I get down and miss my son or sisters, I pull up the Disney Plus app and watch The Incredible Dr. Pol — part of the National Geographic offerings on the app.

When I am sad because the new economy isn't working for me or my friends, I pull up a recent episode of the veterinarian clinic and farm services.

When my 16-year-old Lena — a cocker spaniel rescue — is hobbling because of her arthritis, I learn a bit about the resilience of animals and that the circle of life embraces all of us and our pets or livestock.

Dr. Pol, Dr. Brenda, Dr. Emily and others take the camera with them when they X-ray injured beagles, treat horses for choke, or deliver stalled calves at the dairy farm near their Weidman, Michigan clinic. Dr. Pol strips to his waist when the pregnant heifer's calf is deep in the uterus.

With what he calls his "monkey arms," he is able to reach around the calf's head and wrangle the chain to pull the calf when needed.

Sometimes when a cow is bloated, they have to employ a trocar screw to relieve the rumen that has filled with methane gas. Reactions by the owner and family is a sign that it is a smelly mess.

On one episode I watched, a 22 year old horse comes in with a swollen eye, swollen head and face.

As the episode progresses, the viewer learns Dr. Pol's diagnosis: after a dental procedure, an abscess developed in the bone and grew up to the eye and head and down the cheek.

With some drilling into the bone, Dr. Pol releases an oozing moving puss stream. Soon, the horse felt much better after the wound was flushed with hydrogen peroxide. The show gives a brief update

at the end of the episode showing that the horse healed up without a hole.

I've learned some life lessons, like by holding the cow's tail up, the animal doctor can check for pregnancy without too much resistance.

If a cat gets its leg caught in a trap and that leg has to be removed, a three-legged cat can get around as fast as any four-legged cat and is a kindly, friendly clinic ambassador.

I've learned that sometimes bulls or heifers develop abscesses under the hoof. The veterinarian called out has to scrape the hoof until it gets to the abscess. Once the puss is released then Dr. Pol plants cotton with copper sulfate to stop the bleeding that acts as dressing, and he finishes by wrapping tape all around the hoof.

I've learned that American Pit Bulls or Beagles don't mix well with porcupines. Dr. Pol says after he has plucked 100 or more porcupine quills from the mouth of the Beagle, "He'll be back."

He explains that the dog doesn't learn and that when he sees another porcupine the dog thinks: "You hurt me so I'm going to get you."

But Dr. Pol says after removing many quills from the dog's mouth: "The quills can cause infection if you don't get them out."

Of course, the best part is watching the interactions with families and children caring for 4-H animals, a Yorke who delivers three little thriving puppies or the Great Dane pup that comes into the clinic.

It's hard to watch the show without a continuous 50-minute smile. The clinic treats goats, dogs, cats, geckos, quarter horses, alpacas, mini goats, potbellied pigs, guinea pigs, rats, ducks, parrots (big

and small), rabbits, reindeer, wallabies, mini horses, roosters, chickens, emus, ostriches and peacocks.

I don't think I've listed all of their repertoire of animals that they see and help, though.

So, this week, thank a veterinarian for treating our herds, pets and rescues.

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## Valley Stuff, Corona gruff

BY RUTHIE BROWN

ALAMOSA — All is not good in the neighborhood, the city, the country — right? I mean ... we are out of toilet paper.

It's sad, it's scary and some things are kind of ridiculous. May common sense prevail and we get back to what folks in the Valley do ... taking care of our neighbors and those that need help. Share the damn toilet paper.

This virus has hit the Valley in small ways that I know of. Tournaments cancelled. Willie's trip to Texas for his camp — that he looks forward to all year — is not going to happen. A tradeshow in Denver that I was going to go to has been postponed. I'm thinking it is just a matter of time before all schools are closed for 3 weeks.

My sister in Santa Fe called Thursday night and said she is off for the next three weeks. She was wondering how much elk we have in our freezer. She's going to come for a visit — kind of sad that this is the reason why.

It has been suggested that folks over 60 stay home — right? If you are the small business owner, such as me, how are you supposed to pay the bills if you close your doors? We don't get paid to stay home, like teachers and others might. Maybe I am just jealous.

I hope common sense gets us through. I'm hoping folks understand how much small businesses and locally owned restaurants might suffer over the next few weeks. If you can, and if you need, please shop local.

Musicians and entertainers are going

to suffer. Stay home if you don't feel good. Don't take any chances. Wash your hands, don't touch your face — that's hard to do, especially when your nose itches. Check on your neighbors.

Meanwhile ... if the stars align ... on the 28th of this month we are going to reach out to the community. First of all, Peyton Sanchez wants to do a fundraiser for the Valley Humane League and the Rocky Mountain Cocker Spaniel Rescue.

We will be hosting a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until the goods sell out. We need folks to bring baked goods ... and also to buy some. Peyton has already done more than most in our community, can we all help him do more? He sure is one special human being.

We will also have a drawing of the new Valley Humane League shelter that is going to be built this summer. Come take a look at it and be excited.

Carla Taylor, animal lover extraordinaire, is also going to be in the building from 1-4 p.m. taking Easter pictures. She sets up an awesome backdrop and brings in baby ducks and chickens, a rabbit, a baby goat and who knows what else. Pictures are by donation ... be generous, if you can.

As I write, it is Friday morning and we have had a wonderful rain. Some areas have gotten snow. I hope we get more and more, to get the ground nice and saturated. More rain would slow down some of you folks who have started watering, right Pablo?

If you have felt the urge to water, water once and then stop. It is still March, folks. S-l-o-o-o-w down. Do some raking, trim some branches off the tree. If you are bored, I have some work for you to do.

Some of the advice for planting sweet peas includes planting them on St. Patrick's Day. Others say to plant on Good Friday — that date can vary up to a month. I would say plant when it is still pretty cool out.

Before I forget, the show we were going to host at Society Hall on Secretariat, as well as the Crane Monument, have also been postponed. Jocelyn Russell spends much of her time on planes and decided that she needed to get home before she couldn't. Dang it.

Last but not least, I am taking the power I have — in my own mind, as the royal heinous queen — and renaming Alamosa as "Alamosarocka," because of how we are doing the landscaping nowadays. When you travel, do you ever say: "What nice rocks they have in this town, let's stop for lunch"? I don't.

Hate what we are doing as a city ... just hate it. Do I need to put in a disclaimer for my opinion? I know I'm not the only one who feels this way.

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# Lifestyle

## San Luis Valley resident shares knowledge of birding



ALAMOSA— John Rawinski, author of “Birding Hotspots of South-central Colorado,” will be at the Narrow Gauge Book Coop in downtown Alamosa at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 21.

The joy of birding began for Rawinski during a sixth-grade field trip, and has taken him all over the South, Central and North America. In addition to birding, Rawinski is also known for his bird photography, and took the first photographs ever of Boreal Owls in New Mexico.

His book, “Birding Hotspots of South-central Colorado,” was written in 2008, and is a do-it-yourself guide to the best

birding hotspots in the San Luis valley. Rawinski has been keeping bird records in the San Luis Valley for more than 35 years.

Because of his expertise, he has served on the Colorado Field Ornithologists Board of Directors, as a committee member for the Colorado Important Bird Areas Project, and has led field trips throughout the Valley for State and National birding groups. He has also organized a number of “birdathons,” raising money for local food banks and conservation organizations. He is also the developer of the San Luis Valley Birding network, promoting bird conserva-

tion and sharing of bird sightings here in the San Luis Valley.

A retired soil scientist for the US Forest Service, Rawinski currently lives in the San Luis Valley and works as a naturalist at the Zapata Ranch near Mosca, Colorado.

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JOHN RAWINSKI

## ‘Storytime’ features Dunes

ALAMOSA— Alamosa Public Library’s partnership with Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve continues with this year’s third session of the Reading Ranger program.

Reading Ranger is a traditional Storytime program that introduces children to what a Park Ranger does in the com-

munity. The 40-minute program focuses on the Ranger’s passion for the library and, using books about the area’s plants, animals, cultures, history, sky, Great Sand Dunes, and the National Park service, seeks to inform children about the natural world right in their backyard!

The next session of

Reading Ranger will be held on March 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Alamosa Public Library. A park ranger from Great Sand Dunes will be ready to read stories and share knowledge of baby animals in Colorado.

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# Sports

## All remaining state basketball tournaments have been cancelled

Throughout the process of communicating our plan regarding the state basketball tournaments in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have maintained that the tournaments would be played unless a state agency or a host venue made a decision affecting that status.

On Thursday evening, the CHSAA office was informed by the University of Denver that the school would no longer be able to host the Class 3A state basketball tournament.

With uncertainty at all additional sites, including a state of emergency declaration by the City of Denver, the difficult decision has been made to cancel the remainder of all state basketball tournaments in all classes.

"Everything we've done up to this point was to try and keep the experience of a state basketball tour-

nament for our student participants and high school communities," said CHSAA commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green. "In the face of this unprecedented public health emergency, we are compelled to discontinue play in all tournaments."

The move is in line with similar decisions from the NCAA, which cancelled all remaining winter sports championships and spring sports championships. Additionally, other high school associations, such as Connecticut, Oregon, Texas, California and Kentucky have made similar announcements. Some of those, including Wisconsin and Kansas, canceled on Thursday night.

"We want to thank those who have supported us through the difficult decisions in these uncertain times," Blanford-Green said.



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**ASU  
athletes,  
students  
home until  
April 6**

**ALAMOSA**— Action by the NCAA and the RMAC conference has resulted in all athletic competition for Adams State University being suspended until at least April 6, according to ASU Athletic Director Larry Mortensen.

The NCAA has taken a further step and canceled spring sports championships.

All ASU student athletes, similar to the rest of the student body, have been sent home until April 6.



## Sanford girls win first game at State



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Sanford's Mackenzie Peterson (2) drives the lane during Sanford's upset over Rye on Thursday.



Ruben Chavez (14) fires off an attempt during Sanford's state tournament game on Thursday.



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## Spring sports and activities suspended until April 6

All spring sports and activities will be suspended until early April to address concerns surrounding the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, CHSAA commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green announced on Thursday.

The 2020 spring sports season — including all practices and competition — the state speech tournament, and student leadership's Advisor U are suspended through April 6. All music festivals are canceled through April 6. Additionally, an outreach with the Colorado Athletic Directors Association will

be conducted remotely at a date to be announced.

The decision is effective Friday, March 13. The decision to continue competition on Thursday is up to local schools and school districts.

The situation will be monitored and evaluated with key decision-makers from around the state to determine when, or if, to resume the spring season.

On Wednesday morning, Blanford-Green convened a digital conference with more than 50 administrators, representing diverse levels of leadership from all parts of the state to

collaboratively create a plan. That group arrived at a consensus to support the decision made by the CHSAA office.

"I want to thank the Board of Directors, membership and CHSAA staff for their support and guidance," Blanford-Green said. "The collaborative decision-making has been in the best interest of our students and school communities, and it hasn't gone unnoticed."

Further information about the spring sports season will be communicated via CHSAA Now, when available.

## RMAC Official Statement Regarding COVID-19

**COLORADO SPRINGS** - The Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) has announced the suspension of all spring championship and non-championship competitions and travel through April 6<sup>th</sup> as a result of the rapidly developing information and decisions related to COVID-19.

The decision made by the RMAC Presidents Council affects all spring sports including baseball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's lacrosse, softball, and men's and women's outdoor track & field. The suspension also limits the activity of fall sport programs engaged in spring competition or travel including football, men's and women's soccer and volleyball.

The action, also endorsed by league athletic administrators, was made with the well-being of student-athletes, institutional staff, fans and officials in mind while considering the recent decisions made by member institutions to extend spring break periods as they continue to assess the impact of COVID-19. This ac-

tion was also informed by the developing National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) decision to cancel all spring sport championships and fellow NCAA Division II conference decisions to pause spring sports competition.

"This is an extraordinary period we

are in," said RMAC Commissioner Chris Graham. "As a membership organization, we are guided by the decisions and actions of our members and always in the best interest of our students and student-athletes."

League administrators will continue to monitor developments to determine any further steps.

### About the RMAC

The RMAC is a premier NCAA Division II conference with 16-member schools, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The RMAC sponsors 21 varsity NCAA sports and has produced 62 NCAA Division II national champions and 52 national runners-up since 1992.





# Lifestyles

## Alamosa Riverkeeper works with trust

By COLLIN HIEW  
 Colorado Water Trust  
**CAPULIN**— Colorado Water Trust has been around since 2001, and we have a lot to show for it, with over 11.5 billion gallons of water restored to 444 miles of rivers and streams. That's no small feat.

So, what are some of the projects that provide benefits to rivers year after year? The Instream Flow/Terrace Spillway Project on the Alamosa River has kept water in the river since 2015 (and was our largest project by volume last year). It is a shining example of how we leverage a network of partners to help rivers. I got on the phone with Cindy Medina of Alamosa Riverkeeper, under the auspices of the Alamosa River Foundation, who is one of our partners on the Instream Flow/Terrace Spillway Project, to talk about the collaboration that helped revitalize a community.

Cindy lives near Capulin, a city in the historic San Luis Valley, along the Alamosa River. When I spoke with her, she was busy planning the Alamosa Riverkeeper community programs for kids. She excitedly described to me how the local youth are loving the fishing programs. She sees kids running down to the riverside, fishing poles in hand, and hears about families spending their days down by the river. "The river gives the community a sense of pride," she said to me. But things weren't always this way in Capulin.

About 40 miles upstream from Capulin, the Summitville Mine is located at the headwaters of the Alamosa River. The mine operated until 1991 when it was shut down because of contamination problems that were killing off the fish and making the

water unsafe for the communities along the river. The site was designated as a superfund site and a cleanup and mitigation program began. Cindy, when reflecting back on those times, said, "The unhealthy river robbed the dignity of the community."

By 2005, the cleanup effort had produced an extensive plan called the Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Master Plan and Environmental Assessment. But that was just the beginning.

Former US Senator, United States Secretary of the Interior and Attorney General of Colorado, Ken Salazar, suggested that the community look into what is called the Instream Flow Program (ISF) through the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), to help get some water flowing through the river. Flowing water would provide the basis for restoring the river and, in turn, the community. But the Alamosa Riverkeeper didn't know where to start or how an ISF water right worked.

Someone suggested to her a group called the Colorado Water Trust, so she picked up the phone.

In 2008, Cindy and the Alamosa Riverkeeper began working with Colorado Water Trust to plan out flow restoration for the river. The Water Trust provided guidance and technical assistance, and connected them to people who could help, so that the community could secure water rights to get the river flowing.

The federal grant for the cleanup effort and a number of organizations provided money to team up with the Terrace Reservoir Irrigation Company to repair the reservoir spillway and to set aside storage space for ISF water rights, which the Water Trust helped se-

cure. The repairs got started and the network of partnerships invested in revitalizing the river grew.

By 2015, stored water was released after the irrigation season to extend the river flows, supporting the fishery and replenishing the aquifer. Paired with mining site cleanup and a new water treatment plant, the water now flowing through the river has improved and it supports the local community and fisheries.

It took a network of concerned and dedicated citizens, government agencies, and nonprofits to get the river flowing clean and healthy again. Throughout my call with Cindy, she emphasized how many people worked together to realize the dream of a healthy river flowing through Capulin.

Colorado Water Trust relies upon these networks of partnerships and engaged local communities that inspire and partner in our work. As Cindy said during our call, "It takes a village."

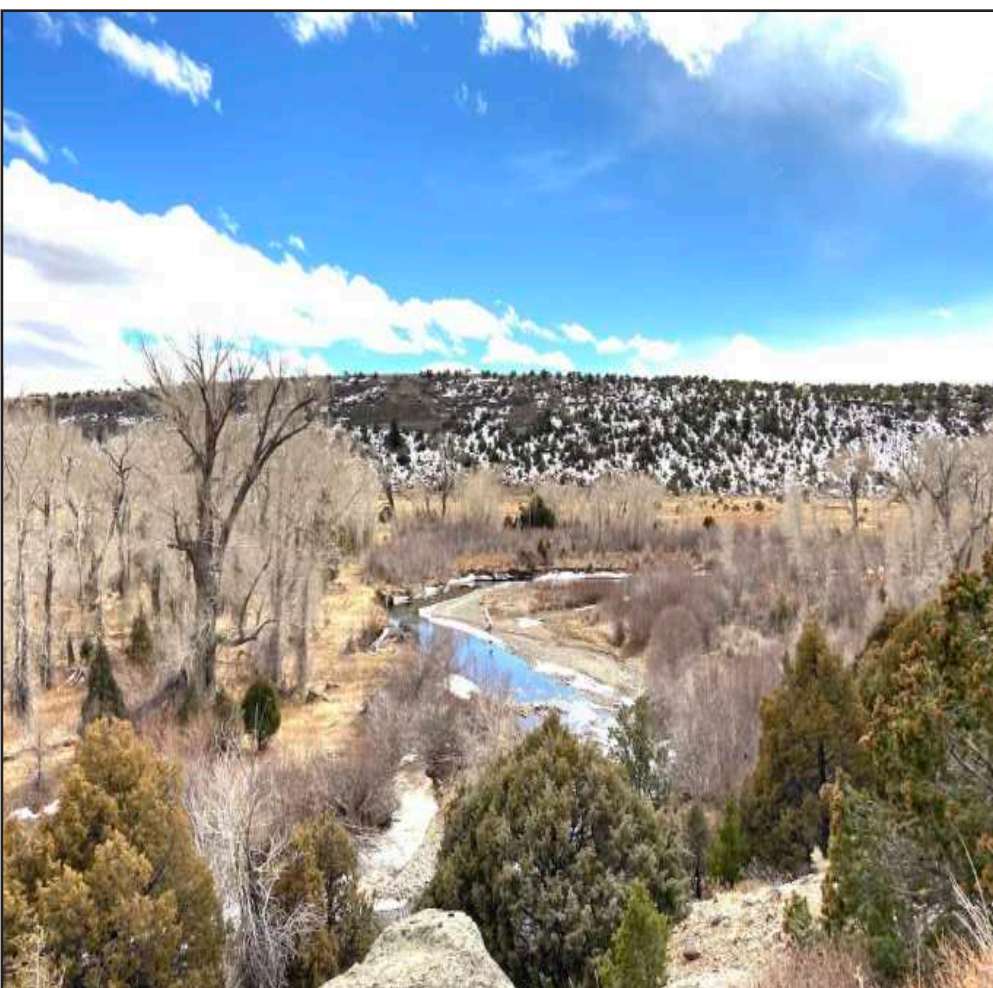
Thanks to the collaboration of the Alamosa Riverkeeper, the Alamosa River Foundation, the Capulin community, the CWCB, Terrace Irrigation Company, the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife, this project now runs year after year. It provides enough clean water for families to splash around in and for parents to watch the smiles on their children's faces as they pull in their first trout.

It is truly special to know that this generation of children playing in their local river will remember the memories created on the river and will grow up to cherish their rivers, like we do. Working together to keep Colorado's rivers flowing is what we are all about here at Colorado Water Trust.



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Cindy Medina of Alamosa Riverkeeper tells the story of a joint project on the Alamosa River with the Colorado Water Trust.



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# Spring Car Care

## Charge up your car battery knowledge

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time may find that their batteries will not have a chance to recharge and may not have the longevity desired. There is quite literally a lot riding on a functioning battery. No one wants to be caught stranded by a dead battery, so drivers may wonder if there are any indicators that may signal the battery needs replacement. • Slow turnover: If a vehicle does not immediately start or if the cranking is sluggish and takes longer to start, it may mean the battery is starting to fail. • Frequent, short trips: Drivers who make frequent, short trips may find their car batteries do not have time to fully recharge. This, coupled with overtaking thanks to a lot of accessory use, may cause the battery and the alternator to have shortened life spans. • Low battery fluid levels: If the fluid level is below the energy conductor inside, it is often indicative of overcharging and excessive heat. • Corrosion: Corrosion buildup, dust, dirt, and grime on battery connections may cause performance problems. Inspecting and cleaning the terminals can prolong the battery life. • Odors and leaks: Battery leaks can produce a sulfur odor similar to the

smell of a rotten egg. This can become problematic over time, and leaks may indicate an aging or damaged battery. • Age: Most batteries have a finite life span. A well-maintained battery can last up to five years. Neglect can reduce that life expectancy considerably. • Bloated or cracked battery case: Replace the battery immediately if the case is cracking, as it could be because excessive heat is swelling the battery. Understanding how car batteries work can help drivers keep their cars running smoothly. SC20372



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NEW 2019 DODGE <b>CHALLENGER</b> GT AWD STK# DG5433 MSRP: <del>\$38,780</del>		AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$33,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$461</b>
NEW 2019 JEEP <b>RENEGADE</b> LATITUDE 4X4 STK# J2323 MSRP: <del>\$28,260</del>		AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$23,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$325</b>
NEW 2019 JEEP <b>CHEROKEE</b> TRAILHAWK 4X4 STK# J2118 MSRP: <del>\$37,580</del>		AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$30,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$420</b>
NEW 2019 JEEP <b>GRAND CHEROKEE</b> TRAILHAWK 4X4 STK# J7502 MSRP: <del>\$48,580</del>		AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$41,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$569</b>
NEW 2019 JEEP <b>WRANGLER</b> UNLIMITED RUBICON STK# J4914 MSRP: <del>\$48,775</del>		AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$42,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$583</b>
NEW 2019 RAM <b>2500</b> TRADESMAN CREW 4X4 STK# DT3992 MSRP: <del>\$46,040</del>		AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$39,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$542</b>
NEW 2019 RAM <b>1500</b> BIG HORN CREW 4X4 STK# DT2742 MSRP: <del>\$51,550</del>		AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$42,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$583</b>

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# Calendar

## SLV Calendar of Events

**ALAMOSA** — The SLV STEAM Shop makerspace is open to the public most Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. south of Richardson Hall and west of the theater building on the Adams State University campus in Alamosa. The SLV STEAM Shop provides access to 3D printers, machine knitting, small-scale casting, electronics fabrication, a laser cutter and much more.

**VALLEY** — Energy assistance is provided through La Puente's Outreach homeless prevention program. To qualify you must be directly responsible for an energy bill, your bill must be past due, and you must meet income qualifications. Call (719) 587-3781.

**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 1-4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 719-852-5000 or wcouzens-smith@gmail.com

**CAPULIN** — Free tutoring is available in the Capulin Library from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Friday for students first grade through twelfth grades in all subjects.

**ALAMOSA** — Cats Alive is in need of dry cat food to help volunteers feed cats throughout the San Luis Valley. Also goat milk is appreciated for the kittens. To donate cat food call Marge at (719) 298-7028 (willing to pick up donated food) or send monetary donations to help with the cat food to Cats Alive, P.O. Box 84 Alamosa, CO 81101 or online at catsaliveslv.com.

**CONEJOS COUNTY** — Conejos Library District is in need of volunteers in Antonito, La Jara and Capulin. The library is a great place to volunteer. Please contact Maria DeHerrera at (719) 274-5858.

**MONTE VISTA** — The Monte Vista Assembly of God Church, God's Closet, located at 881 N. Hwy 285, across from Mountain King is in need of clothing donations. Bring them to the white shed.

**VALLEY** — Cat food is needed to distribute to all the volunteers that are feeding the cats. Cat food donations may be left with Abie Roybal, 225 10th St., Alamosa, and monetary donations may be made to Donna K. Ditmore, manager for cat welfare for Alpha Humane, a nonprofit tax-exempt organization, and sent to 3095 County Road 108 South, Alamosa, CO 81101.

**ALAMOSA** — Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for homeownership in Alamosa. Applicants contribute 500 hours of "sweat equity," time and labor. Construction is done with the help of hundreds of volunteers. When a house is completed, applicant families purchase the homes from Habitat for Humanity with a nonprofit mortgage. Call Habitat at (719) 589-8678 or go to www.slvhabitat.org

**ALAMOSA** — Grief support group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Alamosa 1st United Methodist

Church from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call Liz Hood at (719) 580-3697.

**ALAMOSA** — VFW in Alamosa hosts BINGO every welcome.

**MONTE VISTA** — Alzheimer's support group meets the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce & Information Center, 947 First Ave. Call the helpline at 1-800-272-3900 or (719) 372-5985.

**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** — Sit for 30 minutes every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, for a slightly guided meditation promoting inner peace and awareness. Contact 719-486-6326.

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa Public Library is carrying the online language-learning software by Mango Languages free of charge to patrons. Call Alamosa Public Library, 589-6592.

**VALLEY** — The Saguache County Veteran Service Office is pleased to announce that homeless veterans and other veterans in financial need can receive help thanks to a five-county grant administered by the Chaffee County Veteran Service Office. Contact Jim Sheeran at (719) 655-2680. Office hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**MONTE VISTA** — The San Luis Valley 4-H Robotics is looking for used laptop donations to help with expansion of their youth robotics program. Donated laptops should run Microsoft Windows XP or later or Mac OS 10.6 or later and have 1 GB of ram and at least a 1 GHz processor. Those interested in donating to support this program can call (719) 852-7381 or drop laptops off at the SLV Area Extension office at 1899 E. Hwy 160 in Monte Vista.

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa Elks Lodge 1297 hosts BINGO at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the lodge room. Food is available.

**MONTE VISTA** — Tri County Seniors, 311 Washington St. in Monte Vista, are hosting line dance classes every Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. for only \$1 per class. New students are welcome. These are for all ages.

**ALAMOSA** — La Puente Home is requesting hygiene kits to assist the less fortunate of the San Luis Valley. Often, guests arrive at the homeless shelter without even the most basic of necessities. For this reason, La Puente provides kits full of hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, toothbrush and paste, deodorant and a washcloth. At this time, La Puente is running very low on all hygiene supplies. Call (719) 589-5909 or stop by La Puente Home at 913 State Ave., Alamosa.

**CENTER** — Veterans are welcome to learn about the range of benefits they have earned at the Center Public Health building on the third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or call (719) 655-

2680.

**ANTONITO** — The Antonito Senior Center is hosting Free Nutrition Classes as long as there is an interest. They are held Tuesday evenings from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Antonito Senior Center, 701 Main St., Antonito. Call Alicia Wagar at (719) 852-7382 or (719) 376-2294.

**ALAMOSA** — Want to learn how to reduce stress, manage chronic pain, manage chronic illness and improve quality of life? Join "Let Go Of The Stress" every Tuesday from 5:15-5:45 p.m. in the Grizzly Edu-

cation Center Board Room at 1919 Main St. in Alamosa. There is no cost. Call (719) 589-8008.

**VALLEY** — The horses on Wild Horse Mesa are in need of hay. Spirit of the Wild Horse Foundation feeds as many horses as possible to keep them on top of the mesa, off the highway and away from the ranches. Call Spirit of the Wild Horse (719) 206-2749, message number (575) 586-0784, email at spirit.of.the.wild.horse@gmail.com or address mail to P.O. Box 100, Costilla, NM, 87524.

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<p>NEW 2020 FORD <b>ESCAPE</b> SE AWD <small>STK# FT0990</small> MSRP: <b>\$30,485</b></p>		<p>AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$25,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$352</b></p>
<p>NEW 2020 FORD <b>EDGE</b> SE AWD <small>STK# FT0985</small> MSRP: <b>\$34,190</b></p>		<p>AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$30,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$420</b></p>
<p>NEW 2019 FORD <b>RANGER</b> XL SUPERCAB 4X4 <small>STK# FT2033</small> MSRP: <b>\$36,840</b></p>		<p>AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$31,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$433</b></p>
<p>NEW 2019 FORD <b>F-150</b> XL SUPERCAB 4X4 <small>STK# FT3899</small> MSRP: <b>\$42,230</b></p>		<p>AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$35,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$488</b></p>
<p>NEW 2019 FORD <b>F-250</b> XLT CREW 4X4 <small>STK# FT4415</small> MSRP: <b>\$59,765</b></p>		<p>AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$53,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$732</b></p>
<p>NEW 2020 FORD <b>EXPLORER</b> XLT 4WD <small>STK# FT4075</small> MSRP: <b>\$46,230</b></p>		<p>AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$40,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$556</b></p>
<p>NEW 2019 FORD <b>EXPEDITION</b> LIMITED STEALTH 4X4 <small>STK# FT0461</small> MSRP: <b>\$80,040</b></p>		<p>AUTOMALL PRICE <b>\$65,995.99</b> PER MONTH <b>\$895</b></p>

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## Public Notices

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids in an envelope marked: Town of Del Norte Upper Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project The Town of Del Norte (hereinafter called the "Owner") will receive sealed bids for the Upper Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project at the Del Norte Town Hall 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, CO 81132 until 10:00 AM, April 1, 2020. At such time, Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Plans, specifications, and bid forms will be distributed electronically. Plans can be downloaded at [www.elementengineering.net](http://www.elementengineering.net) under "Project Bidding" and will be available on March 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM. The charge for plans is \$20.00. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Del Norte Town Hall 140 Spruce Street on March 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Bids shall be made on the forms furnished by the Owner and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and endorsed with the name of the Bidder. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in an amount of at least 5% of the Bid, in the form of a bid bond. The bond will be retained by the Owner if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into a contract with the Owner. Bids shall be valid for ninety (90) consecutive calendar days from the bid date.

The Project consists of replacement of rehabilitation of the existing approximate 375,000 gallon buried concrete water tank, sand blasting, resurfacing, new metal roofing and site grading.

Bidders are hereby advised that the Owner reserves the right to not award a Contract until ninety (90) days from the date of the opening of Bids, and Bidders expressly agree to keep their Bids open for the ninety (90) day time period. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any informality, technicality or irregularity in any Bid, to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, conditional or alternate Bids, to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder, to require statements or evidence of Bidders' qualifications, including financial statements, and to accept the proposal that is in the opinion of the Owner in its best interest. Owner reserves the right to accept any combination of Bids which in Owner's sole, and absolute judgment will, under all circumstances, best serve the Owner's interests. Owner also reserves the right to extend the Bidding period by Addendum if it appears in its interest to do so.

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### 221 HELP WANTED

**THE BOE OF Center Schools** is now accepting applications for Elementary Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. For information and application materials please call (719) 754-3442 or visit the District's website at [www.center.k12.co.us](http://www.center.k12.co.us) and click on the Employment Opportunities and "Certified Staff Application". Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.(3/20#1)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**REAL ESTATE OFFICE** Hiring Part Time Secretary/Admin. Assistant resumes can be sent to [andrea.hurtado23@yahoo.com](mailto:andrea.hurtado23@yahoo.com) Call 719-852-0450 for more info.(3/20)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**ALAMOSA MOSQUITO CONTROL** District is now hiring for seasonal staff. Please visit their website [www.mosquitobytes.org](http://www.mosquitobytes.org), click on EMPLOYMENT for job descriptions and applications. Alamosa Mosquito Control District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Must be 18 + to apply. (3/19)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**LEASING AGENT FOR** apartments and storage units full-time with benefits. Experience with leasing, Customer Service, Office skills required. 237 Broadway, Alamosa 719-587-3307.(3/17)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**MONTE VISTA ESTATES** Nursing Home is seeking a full-time day shift RN to add to our amazing team! Shift is 6am-6:30 PM-Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (one week) Thursday, Friday Saturday (second week) rotating schedule. The open positions are essential roles in the overall care offered to our residents. (3/28)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL** District is seeking dynamic, people oriented candidates for the position of Monte Vista Middle School Principal. Start date will be August 1, 2020, with a competitive salary based on experience, plus an attractive benefit package. Interested individuals should submit application materials electronically in pdf format to [mary@monte.k12.co.us](mailto:mary@monte.k12.co.us) by March 26, 2020. A full description of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website <https://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. Applications are available to download on the district web site or call (719)852-5996. (3/24)

### 099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UPPER RIO GRAND** School District - Transportation Department Seeking bids for numerous vehicles: 1997 Ford Econoline Van \$2500, 2006 F-450 14 passenger mini bus \$10,000, 2006 F-450 14 passenger mini bus \$10,000 1991 Thomas 65 Passenger bus \$2,000, 1994 Bluebird 77 passenger bus \$3,000. For more information, please contact Demo Trujillo @ 719-657-4007 or [dtrujillo@urtigers.co](mailto:dtrujillo@urtigers.co). All bids due by April 1, 2020. (3/17)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**TU CASA, INC.** and the Children's Advocacy Center of the San Luis Valley are seeking an individual who is compassionate, organized, crises oriented and highly motivated to serve children and families in the San Luis Valley as a Bilingual Family Advocate. The Bilingual Family Advocate organizes and provides services and referrals for the children and families who visit the SLV CAC because of allegations of physical/sexual abuse. This includes providing victim advocacy, giving information and referrals, accompanying children and families to court and acting as a liaison between the family and the system at large. These services are provided in both English and Spanish. The position starts at \$14/hr, 28 hrs/week with a potential for higher pay dependent upon experience and education. For more information about qualifications and requirements, please check the job description online at [slvtucasa.net](http://slvtucasa.net). Interested parties should submit a cover letter and resume to Theresa Ortega at [theresa@slvtucasa.net](mailto:theresa@slvtucasa.net). If you have any questions, please call Theresa or Michelle at (719) 589-2465. Cover letters and resumes will be accepted until Friday, March 13, 2020, at 4 p.m.(3-14)

### THE BOE OF Center Schools

is now accepting applications for Secondary Math Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. For information and application materials please call (719) 754-3442 or visit the District's website at [www.center.k12.co.us](http://www.center.k12.co.us) and click on the Employment Opportunities and "Certified Staff Application". Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.(3/20#2)

### CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT

of Social Services is seeking a Case Manager (CM). Responsibilities include: Determines eligibility for Food Stamps, Adult programs, Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid. Ability to apply critical thinking to a wide range of situations. Must have strong computer and interviewing skills. A broad knowledge of community services a plus. High School Diploma or equivalent required, two years of education and customer service experience preferred. County Application Form Required. Applications are available at Conejos County Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos, CO 81129, or via email upon request at [cricci@co.conejos.co.us](mailto:cricci@co.conejos.co.us). Deadline is Thursday, March 19, 2020. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 EEOE (3/19)

### MONTE VISTA SCHOOL

District is accepting applications for a Part-Time Food Service Employee. The position is for 2.5 hours per day (10:45 am - 1:15 pm), Monday -Thursday, at Bill Metz Elementary School. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the web site <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html> or call 719-852-5996.(3/19)

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### MONTE VISTA ESTATES

Nursing Home is Seeking a full time day shift CAN seeking a full time evening shift (2-10) shift CAN If you love working with the elderly and enjoy making a difference in the lives of our residents, please contact us. We look forward to having you join our team. (3/28)

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### ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY'S

Department of Teacher Education is seeking applications for a Part-Time Program Assistant. Please submit letter of application addressing qualifications, curriculum vita with unofficial transcripts; Names and contact information for 3 references: Mr. Curtis Garcia, Search Committee Chair, 208 Edgemont Blvd, suite 3050, Department of Teacher Education, McD 246, Alamosa, CO 81101. [curtisgarcia@adams.edu](mailto:curtisgarcia@adams.edu) <https://www.adams.edu/hr/administrative-positions/>. Review of completed applications will begin immediately. Priority considerations will be given to applications received on or before March 15, 2020. (3/21)

### 185 - SERVICES & REPAIRS

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

### DEL NORTE BANK

is seeking an Executive Assistant. Applicants should possess the following skills: Highly proficient in Excel and Word, be able to communicate and write letters about complex matters, manage multiple systems that are either Excel or database driven, be able to manage and maintain scheduling efforts, be an eager team member with problem solving skills. At a minimum a bachelor's degree or equivalent is required. The position is permanent, full-time, M - F, 8am - 5pm with a robust benefits package. Salary commensurate with experience. Qualified candidates please send your resume or application to [postmaster@truelocalbank.com](mailto:postmaster@truelocalbank.com) by March 18, 2020. Application available at [TrueLocalBank.com/careers](http://TrueLocalBank.com/careers). EOE.(3/17)

### MONTE VISTA SCHOOL

District is accepting applications for a Health Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The person in this position will teach health in grades 6th through 12th. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by April 1, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996.(3/28)

### RIVER VALLEY INN

Nursing Home has a RN Charge Nurse Day position open ASAP! Health benefits/ Competitive wages please stop in for an application at 1335 6th st in Del Norte co or call 719-657-1105. Ask for Paula or Susan. (RVI is EOE)(3/19#1)

### RIVER VALLEY INN

Nursing home in Del Norte is looking for CNA's to join our family! Night shift with differential, health benefits/competitive wages. please stop in for an application at 1335 6th st. in Del Norte co or call 719-657-1105. Ask for Paula or Susan. (RVI is EOE)(3/19#2)

### APARTMENT MANAGER

**OVER** the Rainbow Apartments, down-town Alamosa seeks a live-in skilled property manager. Responsibilities include lease management, facility upkeep, handling tenant needs and issues. Qualifications: mature, good communication and computer skills, good references. Knowledge of human services helpful. Compensation includes salary, apartment, paid utilities and benefits. Serious applicants, please submit resume to [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net).(3/28)

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- Dental Assistant - Alamosa Dental Clinic
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**Bookkeeper/Accountant**  
Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc. is seeking a Full time Bookkeeper. This position, in a fast paced office environment, offers challenging work assignments and career growth. Applicants must have 5 years or more experience in A/R, A/P, P/R and QuickBooks software. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Email resumes to: [matthewl@wsbcpa.com](mailto:matthewl@wsbcpa.com).

**Administrative Assistant**  
Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc. is seeking an Administrative Assistant. Candidates must have excellent client service skills and a positive, friendly attitude. Duties include greeting clients, handling all telephone calls, and general office responsibilities. Applicants need excellent multi-tasking and organizational skills. Strong computer skills with experience in Word and Excel. Full time position with excellent salary and complete benefit package. Only candidates with the above skills should apply. Email resumes to: [matthewl@wsbcpa.com](mailto:matthewl@wsbcpa.com).

**Assistant Firm Administrator**  
Wall, Smith, Bateman is seeking an assistant Firm Administrator. Duties include performing a variety of office management and human resource functions. Applicants need excellent multi-tasking and organizational skills. Strong computer skills with experience in Word and Excel. Prior experience as an office manager/HR is preferred. Full time position with excellent salary and complete benefit package. Only candidates with the above skills should apply. Email resumes to: [matthewl@wsbcpa.com](mailto:matthewl@wsbcpa.com).

### 221 HELP WANTED

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** Health is seeking qualified candidates to fill positions as a Maintenance Mechanic, Maintenance Worker, and Housekeeper. please visit <https://www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/careers/> for a full job summary for these positions, as well as our other job opportunities. (3/27)

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### SANGRE DE CRISTO

School District is looking for highly motivated Middle School Science Teacher that has a desire to teach and the ability to pass their passion of learning onto students. For more information please contact Mr. Stagner at 719-378-2310 or [bstagner@sangreschools.org](mailto:bstagner@sangreschools.org). Teaching applications may be downloaded from [sdc.schools.net](http://sdc.schools.net) or picked up at school office. Positions open until filled. (3/27)

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## 221 HELP WANTED

**THE CITY OF** Monte Vista is seeking a Chief of Police. Candidates should possess demonstrated leadership skills, high integrity, demonstrated success in problem-solving policing methods, the development and implementation of police budgets, data-driven deployment methodologies and department-level financial management. Minimum requirements: Bachelors' degree in police or criminal justice, public administration, law enforcement or a directly related field. A Masters' degree and/or leadership training such as: FBI National Academy, Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command or equivalent preferred. Colorado POST certification, or the demonstrated ability to obtain Colorado certification, is required. Candidates must have been a peace officer for a minimum of 10 years, including 6 years of police supervisory/leadership experience at the rank of sergeant or higher. The position has a competitive salary and excellent benefit package. The general hiring minimum salary is \$82,000. Salary at appointment is dependent on qualifications. To be considered for this position you must complete a City of Monte Vista employment application at [www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov](http://www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov). Please submit your completed job application (resume optional) and a cover letter to the Human Resources office, 95 W. 1st Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144 or e-mail your application to [hrmanager@ci.monte-vista.co.us](mailto:hrmanager@ci.monte-vista.co.us). All applications must be received not later than Monday, March 16, 2020.(3/14)

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## 420 - LOTS & ACREAGE

**LAND FOR LEASE** - 13230 CR. 6S Alamosa, CO. Acreage for lease, some water, some fencing, ditch cleaning involved. Open to ideas. Contact Cheryl 719-480-0502. (3/18)

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**RENT 1 BEDROOM** studio Alamosa some utilities included 800-641-3750 / 719-480-3932 (3/19)

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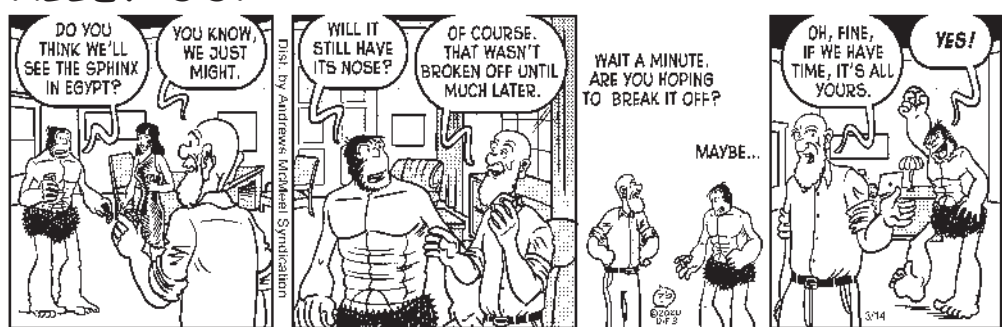
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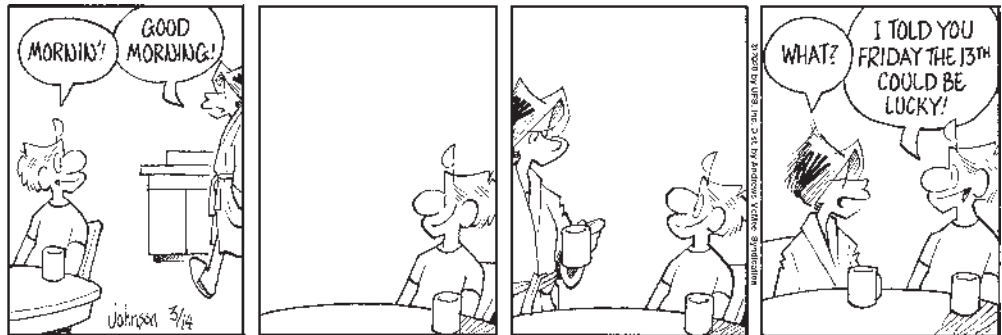
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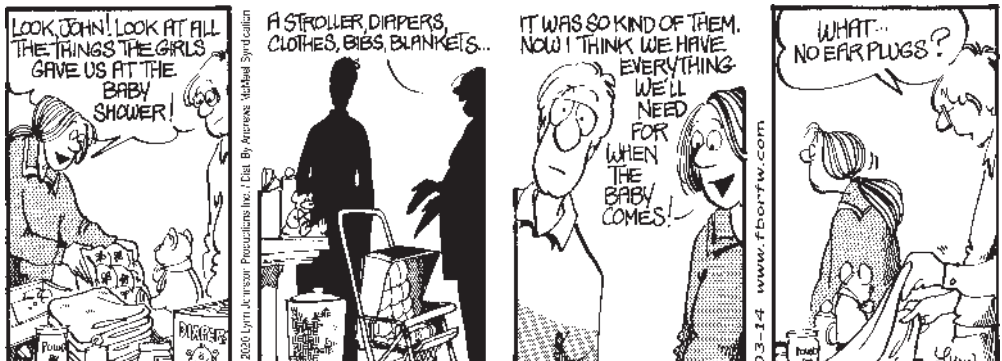
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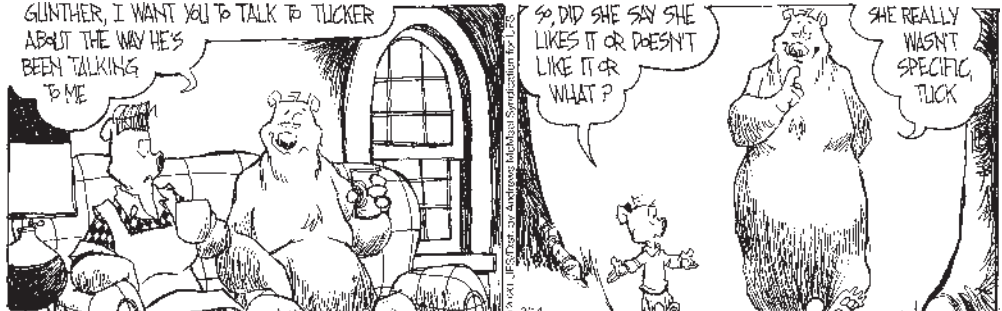
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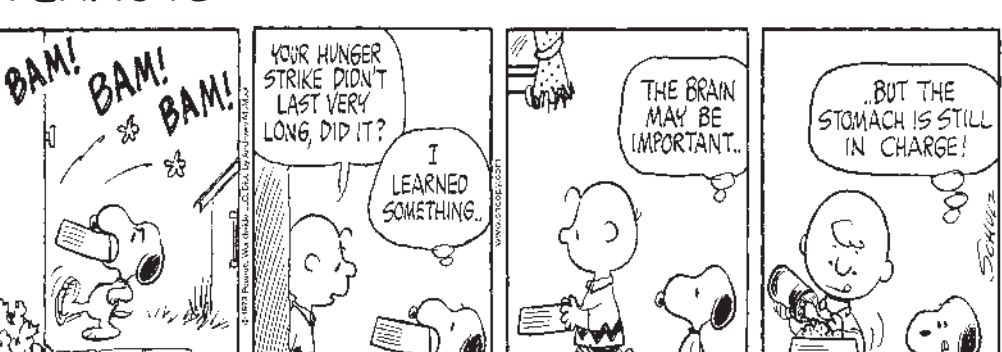
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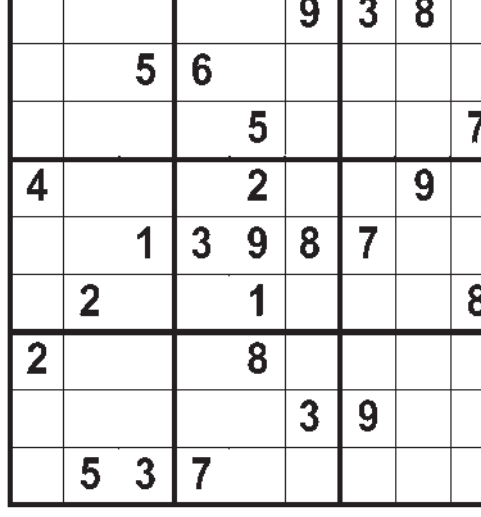


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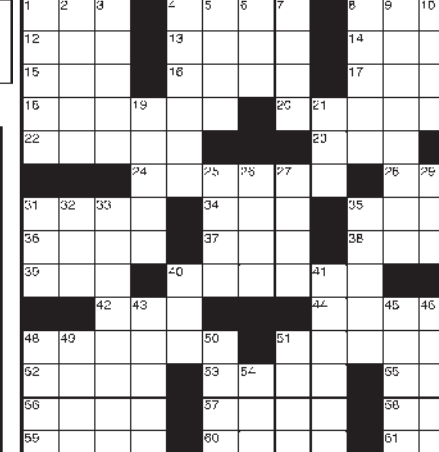


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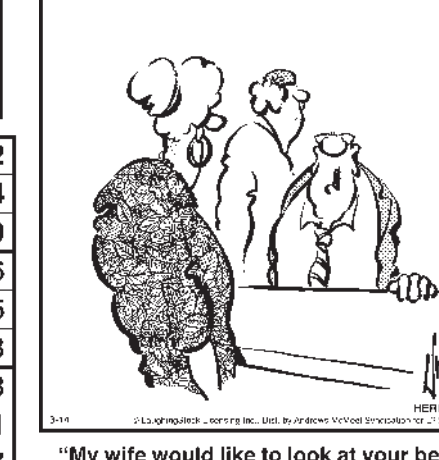
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 Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.



## HERMAN



# Objection to dress code threatens to sink cruise

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 30 years. I recently retired, and we are planning a cruise to Europe and a two-month stay, returning on the same cruise line. The cruise line is rather posh, and travelers are asked to "dress appropriately" -- which means, essentially, men should wear a jacket to dinner (no tie required). My husband is balking at the idea he should have to wear a jacket on his vacation and now says he won't go. Abby, we have already invested several hundreds of dollars in deposits, so what do I do? I'd rather not spend 14 days at sea with a husband whining over wearing a jacket for 30 minutes a day and end up dining alone (we reserved a table for two so we wouldn't be stuck making small talk). We are cruising because he will not fly. -- TEXAS WIFE

DEAR TEXAS WIFE: You have already accommodated your husband by booking a cruise instead of flying. Could his problem be that his jackets no longer fit him? If that's the case, buy him one that does. However, if his objection is that he really doesn't want to GO, why not take your husband up on his offer to stay home and ask one of your girlfriends to accompany you? Then all three of you might have a better time.

DEAR ABBY: I am 61 and dating a 63-year-old man, "Charles." I live in my own apartment, pay my own bills, and I like and enjoy life. Charles is constantly over at my apartment and ends up falling asleep for hours at a time. It irritates me when he sleeps six, seven and even eight hours at my place. I feel he has a place of his own, and he should be doing that there. He has told me numerous times that he doesn't feel safe at his apartment because of the neighborhood. He says that is why he is spending time with me. I like my alone time, which I don't have often. Prior to him, I wasn't in a relationship for seven years. I feel that Charles is needy. Am I being unreasonable? I don't think I am, and it always ends up in an argument. If you could please give me some advice, I would appreciate your input. -- NOTHOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

DEAR NOT HOTEL: Wake up and smell the coffee. Charles told you he spends all that time with you because he doesn't feel safe in his apartment, NOT because he loves your company so much he cannot stay away. What did he do before he met you? From where I sit, it appears he's angling to move in. It isn't unreasonable



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to want your own space, particularly if you are the one paying for it, while he snores away the hours. If the status quo isn't what you want, it is up to you to change it.

DEAR ABBY: In class, I sit next to a girl who is constantly telling me that she likes the way I smell. I don't know if she's flirting with me or actually likes my cologne. She is making me very self-conscious. Should I confront her or tell my teacher? Or should I drop out and move to Alaska? I'm scared. -- READY TO MOVE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR READY TO MOVE: Your classmate is trying to pay you a compliment. Tell her the name of your cologne and where she can buy some, if you are wearing any. As to moving out of state, that smells very unnecessary to me.