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ALAMOSA - Effective today, the Valley Courier's regular hours will be trimmed back to 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment by calling 719-589-2553.

Regular email communication will continue to all current Courier addresses.

Publisher Keith R. Cerny said that the hours reduction was required due to a reduction in force caused by the Coronavirus outbreak. Normal business hours could resume after the crisis subsides.

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Polis announces statewide stay-at-home order

CENTENNIAL—Wednesday Gov. Polis announced a statewide stay-at-home order beginning on Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 a.m. and will last until April 11, 2020. The Governor also provided an update on the state's response to COVID-19 and actions taken to limit the spread of the virus. "Coloradans are living through a global pandemic and this decision was made to help save lives," said Governor Jared Polis. "We will continue doing everything we can to get the resources Colorado needs to address CO-



VID-19 and protect the health and safety of all Coloradans. In true Colorado spirit, we're seeing our friends, family and neighbors

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Governor Jared Polis

rise to the challenge, donating their time, money or extra supplies to support relief efforts at the state and local levels. We

are in this together and this is the season to stay at home to save lives."

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Authorities disagree on rise in crime

Released inmates, homeless cited

By KEITH R. CERNY

Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA—Alamosa's two major law enforcement agencies have a slightly different take on what might be causing a rise in property crime here, or if there really is an increase at all since the Coronavirus pandemic began.

Alamosa County Sheriff Robert Jackson confirmed that a number of "non-violent" inmates have been released from the county detention center (ACDC) in recent weeks by court order, but he hasn't seen a large increase in



burglaries outside the city limits over that same time period. He rather believes that restrictions imposed by La Puente Homeless Shelter due to the pandemic has resulted in more homeless people living on the streets.

In a statement issued Wednesday by the City of Alamosa, "we have seen an 18% increase in public



order and property crimes since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak," based on reports taken by the Alamosa Police Department (APD).

"To help reduce the spread of COVID-19 within their isolated populations, jails across the nation are releasing non-violent inmates," the city's press release said.

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Woody's and Century Property team up to feed essential personnel



ALAMOSA—Thursday and Friday, Woody's Q Shack will be set up in the parking lot of Johnnies Auto Sales in downtown Alamosa. Together, with Century Property Management, they will be handing out FREE meals to all truck drivers, law enforcement, first responders, medical workers, grocery workers, and anybody else who is working on the front lines to keep things going in these trying times.

Furthermore, they will have delivery drivers available, so if essential personnel can't get to Johnnies Auto Sales, call the Century Property Management office and one of their employees will deliver your meal to you. Woody's will have their full trailer menu on hand. Food service will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will go until the food is gone.

Public Health Update on COVID-19

SAN LUIS VALLEY—This is a challenging time, and we recognize the hardships that some of our neighbors are experiencing during this pandemic. In the face of these difficulties, we are seeing neighbors rise up to help neighbors in new and different ways that protect one another from exposure to this new virus.

One of the results of everyone preparing to stay at home for extended periods of time is that our grocery store shelves suddenly looked emptier than usual. This was just because people were buying more all at once, not because there isn't enough food. The nation's food supply is still strong,



and as we move forward we are seeing the shelves are being refilled regularly. Please be considerate of others in your shopping. Remember to leave some for your neighbors who may not have had enough funds on hand to stock up as well in the beginning. If you already have enough and some to spare, remember the food banks. In these times, even more than

usual, there are many in the San Luis Valley who rely on food banks to help them get through the month.

Support local businesses if you can, by taking advantage of take-out, grocery pick-up, and online services. If you must run an essential errand, keep it quick and maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and others. If you need medications, check to see if there's a pharmacy that delivers so you don't have to go out. Keep abreast of new restrictions that may be issued through the Governor's Office.

Some people have wondered if it is still safe to seek medical care. We

have been assured that our hospitals are taking the utmost care to keep people safe. Our hospitals and other health care providers have been at the forefront of this battle. Remember to call first before going to the doctor. If you have a medical emergency, call 911 and be sure to tell the dispatcher if you have symptoms like cough, fever, or shortness of breath, or if you are currently self-quarantining due to possible exposure to someone with COVID-19.

How long will this last? We don't know. It may be tempting to start to ease up a bit after we start to get into a new routine, but we

can't afford to become complacent. It is still important to do all of the things you keep hearing. Stay home, wash your hands, don't have visitors. Thank you for your persistence. We will get through this.

COHELP 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

Rio Grande National Forest to close developed recreation sites

MONTE VISTA—The Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) will begin today, the orderly closure of developed recreation sites in order to protect public health and safety and align with state and local measures already in place to contain the COVID-19 outbreak. Closures will be in place through May 31, 2020.

The RGNF takes the safety of our personnel, contractors, volunteers, and visitors seriously. COVID-19 poses unique and unprecedented risks to our workforce, visitors, and the com-

munities we live in and support. Crowded conditions in recent days in parking areas, trailheads, and at popular forest and grassland destinations are undermining this country's critical efforts to contain the spread.

"Personal responsibility is more important now more than ever," said Forest Supervisor, Dan Dallas. "Safe and responsible use of national forests and grasslands will reduce impacts to local communities who may be at risk from the virus."

The RGNF will continue to

coordinate its COVID-19 response in alignment with all federal, state and local guidance. Everyone is urged to take the precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The most recent CDC guidelines are available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html>.

Additional information is also available at <https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus>.

The RGNF has moved to virtual services. Please visit us at

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/riogrande/home> and access our forest maps at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/riogrande/maps-pubs>.

If you need immediate assistance or have any questions, please call any one of our offices.

• Conejos Peak Ranger District 719-274-8971 or 719-480-9892

• Divide Ranger District 719-850-2374

• Saguache Ranger District 719-655-2547 or 719-480-1402

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OBITUARIES

Gloria Mott Wuckert, 91

ALAMOSA — Gloria Mott Wuckert, age 91, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2020, in Sandy, Utah of natural causes incident to age. She was born on September 17, 1928, in Alamosa, Colorado to Jacob Lyman Mott and Elsie Sowards, one of 12 children.

Gloria married the love of her life, Donald James Wuckert, on June 25, 1950, in Alamosa.

After graduating from high school, Gloria went to cosmetology school in Denver and received her license to be a hair-dresser/beautician. After marrying Don and settling in Alamosa, she became a housewife which she thoroughly loved as it reminded her of growing up on a farm in a large family in the Carmel district near Alamosa.

From this marriage two children were born, Alan Kent and Pamela Jo. Throughout her life, Gloria gave unwavering support to Don in his many businesses. These included the Home Lumber Co., First National Bank in Alamosa (which later grew to include other branches in the San Luis Valley), Alamosa Plaza Apartments, Appletree Storage (which they jokingly called Easy Street), among other ventures.

Gloria was an excellent seamstress, knitter, and cook. She made many beautiful items for friends and family. Her cooking was



legendary and loved by all. Favorites that she made included chicken tamales, kraut bierok, wilted spinach salad, and rhubarb pie—just a small sampling of her cooking prowess. She loved candy and treats and always had a secret stash which she thought nobody knew about, but we all did.

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

Gloria is survived by her children, Alan (Janice) Wuckert, Murray, UT, and Pam (Chris) Morgan, Draper, UT, and 5 grandchildren, Heidi, Kristjan, Nick, Taylor, and Caitlin. Also surviving are 9 great-grandchildren, Maren, Porter, Ben, Indy, Heath, Cole, Olivia, Emma, and Amelia. She is also survived by her siblings, Donna (Betty), Carol, Kathleen, Joe, and Jeannie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Don, and her

siblings Lyman, Maurice, Winfred, June, Marilyn, and Joyce.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the many people who have given great care and assistance to Gloria over the past many years. This includes her neighbors and friends in Alamosa, and her live-in roommates Kandace, Casey, Lisyuri, and Nicole.

Also, the staff at Cedarwood at Sandy, and Encompass Health and Hospice are due special recognition and our heartfelt gratitude for their kind and tender care.

Due to the Covid-19 epidemic, our family is concerned for the health and safety of all those family and friends who loved our mother. We have decided that it is best for us to not have a viewing and funeral for her at this time. A private graveside service and interment will take place at the Alamosa Cemetery under the direction of Rogers Family Mortuary. A family celebration of our mother's life will be held at a later date. We appreciate all of your love and support.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Gloria's honor to San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa, or to a charity of your choice. To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

Richard Christopher Samora

MONTE VISTA—Richard Christopher Samora passed away on March 19, at Monte Vista Estates surrounded by his loving family. He was born at home in Monte Vista, to John C. and Viola E. Samora.

He married Marcella Martinez on June 3, 1966, and to this union was born Bobbie Lavonne and Christopher Augustine. His love and passions were his wife, his son and three granddaughters. His hobbies included fishing, going to the mountain, playing his guitar and singing. He had a beautiful voice and stunning smile; he will be dearly missed.

He went to school in Monte Vista and in Norwalk, California at Excelsior high school where he was in gymnastics and a cadet. He attended college at Colorado University Boulder campus. Richard worked as a field coordinator at the Colorado Rural Housing. He was an advocate for disadvantaged and minority families by



helping them find housing. He worked at CRHDC from 1979 to 1983 until they moved the office to Alamosa. He was a leadman at Hogell's, he worked at Staley's, the railroad, Monte Vista Lumber and Carnegie public library.

Richard is my survived by his loving wife, Marcella Samora of 53 years; his son, Christopher; three granddaughters: Zonny Gallegos, Zabella Gallegos and Zaylee

Samora, all of Monte Vista; ten siblings: Billy (Mary) Samora of Riverside, CA; Joyce (Mark) Renshaw of Monte Vista; Marlene (Richard) Tafoya of Del Norte; Anna Lee Samora of Monte Vista; Deborah Valentine of Front Royal, VA; Danny (Paula) Samora of Alamosa; Olga Samora of Monte Vista; Lorena (Joe) Coronado of Monte Vista; Duanese (Gilbert) of Taos; and Mary Alice Sanchez of Alamosa.

Richard was preceded in death by his daughter, Bobbie Samora; his parents; grandparents, Elias and Carmelita Samora; three brothers: Duane Samora, Mario Samora and Esteban Estrada.

Due to closures at the Catholic Church, a Private Family Service will be held, and a Memorial Mass in his honor will be announced at a later date. Rogers Family Mortuary of Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

Celina Maria Romero, 99

ANTONITO — La Isla resident Celina Maria Romero, 99, went home to be with the Lord on March 25, 2020, at the Conejos County Hospital in the company of Angels. Celina was born on August 14, 1920, in Calcite, the daughter of Lucas Lujan and Rebecca Montoya Lujan.

She worked as a cook for the Conejos/Costilla Head Start for many years. Celina was an exceptional and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend who enjoyed spending time with family and extended family, watching Dr. Oz, doing word search puzzles and reading books and magazines on health and nutrition.

She will live on through her daughters: Claudine (Charlie) Manchego of Bountiful; Theresa (Edward)



Velasquez of Rio Rancho; Rosey Martinez of Aurora; Norma (Bernie) Romero of Lobato's; Bernice (Sheldon) Clark of Oceanside, CA; Rianne (Ron) Gonzales of Denver; sons: Medward Romero Jr., of Bountiful; Gerald (Shellie) Romero of Alamosa; Ronald (Tammy) Romero of Richfield; Timo-

thy (Leonore) Romero of Antonito; Gabriel Romero of Del Norte; Mitchell Romero of La Isla; Johnny (Margaret) Romero of Lakewood; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren; sisters: Virginia LaFranco of Placerville, CA; Lillian Baltazar of Sacramento, CA.

She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Celina was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Medward F. Romero; sisters: Cordelia DeHerrera, Esther DeHerrera and one brother, Louis Lujan.

Private family services will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The arrangements have been placed in the care of Romero Funeral Home of Antonito.

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Lakewood, and has served four years in the United States Marine Corps (2011-20015). Patrick currently

works as a bus mechanic for the North Conejos School District.

The couple plans to wed on October 10, 2020, in Alamosa, where they will continue to reside and call home.

The bride's paternal grandparents are the late Ben and Carmen Gomez of Guadalupe. Maternal Grandmother Anna Rendon of Sanford.

The groom's paternal grandparents are Celena Romero and the late Medward Romero of Los Cerritos. Maternal grandparents are Elizabeth Doyle and the late John Doyle of Denver.

Peter A. and Darlene M. Gomez of Sanford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kaylee Amber Gomez, to Patrick James Romero; son of Jerry and Margaret Romero of Lakewood.

Kaylee is a 2011 graduate of Alamosa high school and 2015 Graduate of Adams State University where she currently works at a Recruitment Specialist/Post-Secondary Advocate for the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP).

Patrick is a 2007 graduate of Bear Creek high school in

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

Below are Alamosa County's Sheriff reports from Feb. 17, 2020-March 11, 2020.

Feb. 17

Samuel Aguilar, 35, of Alamosa was cited speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit at the corner of Highway 17 and McKinney.

Emilio Deherrera-Martinez, 17, of San Luis was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign at the corner of Highway 17 and Highway 160.

Feb. 18

Adriana Fernandez, 23, of Moffat was cited for speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit on Highway 17.

Monique Arnold, 48, of Bayfield was cited for expired registration at the corner of Main St. and San Juan St.

Feb. 19

Rochelle Quintana, 24, of Pueblo was cited with theft valued less than \$50 on 151 Broadway Ave.

David Meek, 54, of Alamosa was cited for failure to use turn signal, displaying canceled plates, and driving a motor vehicle while license was under restraint; at the corner of Main St. and Denver St.

Jeremy Bateman, 49, of El Paso was cited for speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit on county road 100.

Feb. 25

Earnest Watkins, 33, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit on Highway 17 southbound.

Brandon Katz, 36, of Coaldale was cited for speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit on Highway 17.

Azra Secak, 47, of Littleton was cited for speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit on Highway 160.

Felicia Acosta, 45, of Monte Vista was cited for displaying expired tags on 300 Blvd Broadway.

Feb. 26

Samantha Bandy, 22, of Alamosa was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device at the corner of 6th St. and State Ave.

Feb. 28

Tiffany Alvarado, 32, of Glendale was cited for speeding 20-39 MPH over the posted limit at the corner of county road 100 and county road 2.

Carlos Aguirre, 63, of Colorado Springs was cited for speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit on Highway 160.

Feb. 29

Sulie Martinez, 29, of San Luis was cited speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit on Highway 160.

Daniel Tafoya, 46, of Centennial was cited for speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit on Highway 160.

March 1

Timothy Dyer, 46, of Avon was cited for speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit on Highway 17 southbound.

Diana Romero-Cortez, 68, of San Luis was cited for speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit on Highway 17.

March 2

Betsy Baker, 34, of Denver was cited for speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit on Highway 17.

Chad Gatliff, 27, of Pueblo was cited for speeding 10-19 MPH over the posted limit on Highway 17.

Roslyn Garcia, 35, of Alamosa was cited for habitually driving vehicle with revoked license at 1200 State Ave.

Julie Lucero, 31, of Alamosa was cited for driving vehicle when license was under restraint on Highway 17.

March 3

Alfred Fresquez, 26, of Alamosa was cited for violation of a protection order on county road 95.

CJ Dominguez, 26, of Capulin was cited for driving under restraint on Highway

PENDING OBITUARIES

Mary Jean Garcia, 56

MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista resident Mary Jean Garcia, 56, passed away March 25, 2020. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Linda Trujillo, 68

LA JARA — La Jara resident Linda Trujillo, 68, passed away March 25, 2020. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Antonito.

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.

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This executive order means Coloradans should not be leaving their homes except for critical activities including:

- Obtaining food and other household necessities including medicine
 - Going to and from work if you are a critical employee
 - Seeking medical care
 - Caring for dependents or pets
 - Caring for a vulnerable person in another location
 - Cannabis and liquor stores will remain open
 - Participating in outdoor recreation at a legally-mandated safe distance of six feet or more from other parties
- Colorado continues facing a shortage of resources in addressing this pandemic, which is why the Governor sent a letter to the Trump administration urging the president to declare a Major Disaster for the State of Colorado. A major disaster declaration would free

up resources for medical care, housing, unemployment assistance, crisis counseling, hazard mitigation and more. California, Washington and New York have received these declarations. Read the request here.

While the state is facing a shortage of resources, Coloradans are stepping up to try and fill the gap. More than 7,000 Coloradans have already signed up to volunteer on www.helpcoloradonow.org, nearly 1,300 of which have medical training. The Colorado COVID Relief Fund has also raised more than \$7 million since launching late last week.

Gov. Polis requested and received dual-status commander authority to ensure unity of command, allowing regular, federal military units to be controlled by a single commander representing the Governor. This will help to eliminate confusion and conflict and allow the state to streamline the

utilization of military personnel in this response.

The Governor announced that the state lab has eliminated its backlog and there will be new labs coming online at the University of Colorado, Colorado State University, University Hospital, and Children's Hospital. The Governor thanked CSU and CU for their willingness to test the personal protective equipment the private sector is ramping up that the state needs now.

Governor Polis also provided an update on the federal stimulus package which included \$377 billion for small business loans and grants, \$1200 in direct cash assistance to Americans based on income eligibility.

The Governor also provided an update on the Innovation Response Team, introducing two new members: Lucy Sanders and Tim Miller. Lucy is the

CEO and a co-founder of the National Center for Women & Information Technology and will head up Isolation Services. The objective is to provide people who are in self-isolation or home quarantine with critical supplies like food and access to health care, and also ancillary services to make their at-home experience as comfortable as possible. Tim Miller is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Rally Software and will head the Software Development Team. The objective is to build applications and web sites for both government and citizens to manage all aspects of the crisis, and provide the state with key data.

The Governor also noted that the Innovation Response Team is working as hard as they can to identify manufacturers and supply chains, but urged the private sector to help in this effort.

Homelake protects veterans during this time

By REBECCA COPLEY

MONTE VISTA —

With COVID-19 in our State, organizations and establishments of all sorts are taking precautionary measures at this time. Veteran's Community Living Center at Homelake is no exception. Its dedicated staff is doing all that they can to help protect our country's heroes from the virus.

"We're doing really well. I think as you know our first and foremost goal is the safety and health of our residents and our staff. With that being said we always want to make sure we're taking an abundance of caution for our veterans," said Homelake Administrator Mindy Montague. Montague shared how Homelake is not

accepting regular visitors at this time. Only essential individuals will be allowed to enter. This includes facility staff, medical personnel, vendors, adult protective services staff, licensing/survey staff, friends or family visiting during end of life stages, friends or family who are essential for the individual's health, and other individuals who are defined as essential in legal or medical needs.

"We have an awesome and great activities department that is taking activities to a new level," said Montague sharing that the residents are keeping in good spirits during this trying time adding, "We know that this is difficult for family members as well as our residents and it's vital for us to make sure that they are staying connected with their

families and friends. We are setting up capabilities for face-time, Skype, phonecalls, video chat, letter writing, receiving cards, anything like that."

For individuals wanting to show kindness to those living at Homelake Montague said, "We have a lot of individuals wanting to do acts of kindness. If they would like to send cards they're welcome to. Right now our supplies are in good standing. We always have to prepare for situations like this so we should be good that way. But I can say that we also have individuals who have donated supplies to us as well. We are very accepting of those. We don't know if there can or will be a time that we may need additional supplies. Right

now our vendors have been great we've been receiving everything that we need."

"I have to say that our staff is very committed to our Veterans. We are all hands on deck, every department is working together as a team. It doesn't matter what area you are in everybody is meeting with our veterans and our residents," said Montague adding, "As I mentioned earlier our activities department is doing bingo because you know there are some space limitations. We can't congregate as large groups. They are doing one-on-one with all of them. Staff developed bags for every single resident and they are putting requested items that they would like. If they wanted a certain video, if they wanted a certain game, puzzle or coloring items, or music, or anything like that



they've created those individually for every resident so they have what they need." During this time staff are also taking resident's food orders and bringing meals to them. For those who want to send letters and cards or supplies, please mail them to: P.O. Box 97, Homelake, CO 81135. Montague also

wanted to make sure the community knows how grateful Homelake feels saying, "Homelake would not be where we are and survive for as long as we have if it wasn't for everyone in the community that has done all their acts of kindness and are continuing."

Grocery stores do their part to slow COVID-19

Kroger, City Market implement new policies

Safeway implements social distancing protocol

ALAMOSA — City Market is taking additional actions to protect their associates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our associates are on the frontlines," says Kroger media contact Jessica Trowbridge, "ensuring our communities have access to the food, services and products they need during this unprecedented pandemic. We are committed to protecting the health and safety of our associates."

Associates have been informed they are permitted to wear protective masks and gloves. It is understood there is a national shortage of personal protective equipment, and Kroger fully supports America's health care workers having first priority to obtain the equipment they need. Kroger is currently advocating to government officials at all levels for help securing a priority place in line for all grocery workers - after health care workers -

to have access to protective masks and gloves.

Along with enhancing daily sanitation practices, including cleaning commonly used areas more often like - cashier stations, self-checkouts, credit card terminals, food service counters and shelves.

Kroger/City Market is also installing plexiglass partitions at many cash registers, to further promote physical distancing. Many of their stores are beginning the installation process this week, and it is anticipated every check lane having a partition, including pharmacy counters and Starbucks registers, within the next several weeks. In addition, educational floor decals to promote physical distancing at check lanes and other counters are also being installed.

City Market has enacted Emergency Leave Guidelines, allowing paid time off for associates di-

agnosed with COVID-19, placed under mandatory quarantine and paid time off for self-isolation and symptoms as verified by an accredited health care professional. All eligible associates will receive their standard pay for up to two weeks (14 days).

For those affected by COVID-19, the organization has also made available additional resources through the City Market's Helping Hands fund to provide financial assistance to associates who face hardship due to COVID-19, including lack of access to childcare and for those considered higher-risk.

"We believe all these steps will help to ensure the safety of our associates and help our communities to flatten the curve while at the same time meeting our obligation to be there for our customers," said Trowbridge.

BOISE, Idaho, — March 23, 2020 – Albertsons Companies announced that the company has begun implementing Social Distancing protocols across all 2,200+ stores. The goal with the protocol throughout the store is to follow guidance from the CDC to prevent customers from being within 6 feet of any other person for more than 10 minutes. Customers should see changes continue over the next week.

"Social distancing can make a significant difference in our communities as we face this pandemic," said Vivek Sankaran, President & CEO. "Our stores are following the guidance from the CDC with regard to regular hand-washing and enhanced cleaning and sanitization proto-

cols. We believe that the next step toward helping slow and contain the COVID-19 virus is by reinforcing proper social distancing whenever possible."

The company is installing designated waiting points through floor markers positioned throughout the store, especially at check stands and stations where people most often congregate, like the service deli, bakeries and pharmacy areas. Customers will also be asked to wait until the customer in front of them has finished collecting their groceries

before unloading their groceries at the check stand.

"We have seen our customers begin to implement social distancing on their own with our 'two carts apart' reminders as they shop our stores, so we think our floor markers will increase awareness," said Sankaran. "We know that with our customers' help, along with other safety measures we have implemented in our stores, we can create safer environments and help our communities contain the spread of this contagious disease."

Crime

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Colorado Governor Jared Polis did issue a directive to law enforcement agencies that in part stated, "Reducing the numbers of those arrested or incarcerated is vital to our efforts to limit and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our communities, detention centers, and prisons."

"I also encourage the courts and law enforcement, together with prosecutors and defense attorneys, to work to evaluate the detention centers' populations and determine how to reduce the number of individuals in custody without creating a public safety risk," Polis statement said. "In particular, I encourage the courts and law enforcement, together with prosecutors and defense attorneys, to work with the Chief Judge of each judicial district to quickly assess public safety risk and set personal recognizance bonds as much as possible."

Sheriff Jackson confirmed that a number of inmates have been released from ACDC over the past three weeks on personal recognizance (PR) bonds and that the jail is currently taking only violent felons. He said the jail's total population was 68 a few weeks ago and is currently down to 30.

He reiterated that he and jail personnel have no authority to release prisoners without a court order and "we haven't released any violent felons."

Jackson said his staff is compiling a list of prisoners that have been released on PR bonds and plan to give that list to the APD to help with their investigations.

"If they commit another crime, we will consider taking them back (for incarceration)," Jackson said.

erty owner did not make an official report."

"Our sudden increase in crime would more than likely be related to the recent release of several inmates and law enforcement not having the option to put someone in jail unless the crime committed was violent in nature or a mandatory arrest," APD Chief Ken Anderson said in an email response. "I believe the changes with La Puente have had a slight impact on this issue. La Puente and the homeless have always been around and never showed a drastic change in the crime statistics like we are seeing now."

City Manager Heather Brooks agreed "our belief is the spike is driven by the release of inmates and the inability to put offenders in jail."

just hanging around town and he believes that could be causing a spike in property crime in the city.

Lance Cheslock, executive director of La Puente, said he would rather not comment at this time.

Jackson pulled files for the past two weeks of 2020 and related that the county has taken 28 reports, five of which were burglaries. For that same period last year, 46 reports were filed, nine of which were burglaries. In 2018, 58 reports involved seven burglaries and in 2017, 43 reports involved five burglaries.

Both Jackson and Chief Anderson said residents need to be super vigilant right now and close and lock their possessions.

The city news release stated, "The COVID-19 pandemic is evolving daily and APD continues to evolve with it while meeting the demands for public safety. We are recommending citizens take extra precautions such as

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Opinion

God Bless America ...



Argus Hamilton

HOLLYWOOD—God Bless America, and how's everybody? Warner Brothers temporarily suspended production on the new Batman movie being filmed in London until the COVID-19 threat passes. Movie-goers know the Bat Signal being flashed against the night sky is an emergency summons to Batman. In Wuhan province it means that dinner is served.

President Trump said Monday America's health will be aided by cleaner hygiene habits added during the virus crisis.

Already my old fraternity brothers who live back in Oklahoma and Texas tell me they've adapted social distancing to their golf game.

Every putt under six feet long is a gimme. Rolls-Royce of Beverly Hills sent out a beautiful flyer in the mail Tuesday informing me that the new line of Rolls-Royces have arrived on the showroom floor at Beverly Boulevard and Maple Drive.

They added one rule. Until the panic buying subsides, there's a limit of two Rolls per customer.

The Commerce Department warned the nation Monday there are many scam artists trying to take advantage of people in quarantine.

A warning came out on social media Tuesday that if anyone receives an e-mail from Ding Dong, do not open it. It's the Jehovah's Witnesses working from home.

The Comedy Store on the Sunset Strip in West Hollywood remained closed down Thursday for the third week.

We should have branched out into politics. Al Franken did, and if he'd had only hung in the Senate a little tougher during the Me-Too purge, he'd be the only stand-up working today.

Nancy Pelosi gummied up the Senate bipartisan stimulus bill by offering her own bill, which contained a liberal wish list of items unrelated to the crisis.

Yet volcanic voter reaction against it moved Nancy to back down and state she'd back the Senate bill. Who says you can't blink on Botox?

President Trump said Tuesday he's glad he no longer has to shake hands all the time because he's a germ freak to begin with.

This new hygiene regimen is driving me crazy. I've washed my hands so many times I can now read the answers to a Botany test I took my sophomore year at OU.

President Trump disclosed he must strike a balance between saving the economy and saving elderly lives.

He said he hopes to re-open the nation for business again on Easter Sunday because he likes to see churches full again. Democrats don't care how full churches are, they eat at Popeye's.

The Gallup Poll gave Trump a sixty percent approval for his handling of the COVID-19 crisis on Monday.

We must be fair. Trump did not cause Corona Virus, Obama didn't cause Ebola, Bush didn't cause Bird Flu, and Bill Clinton only caused a couple of cases of STD's here and there.

White House Corona Virus Task Force's Dr. Deborah Birx addressed reporters Tuesday. She said we've learned many lessons from mobilizing the nation to fight Corona Virus.

To be fair, I think the least we can do is, the next time we get a virus from Mexico, we name it after a Chinese beer.

President Trump said Monday he's stopped referring to the Corona Virus as the Chinese virus because Chinese-Americans were feeling stigmatized by it.

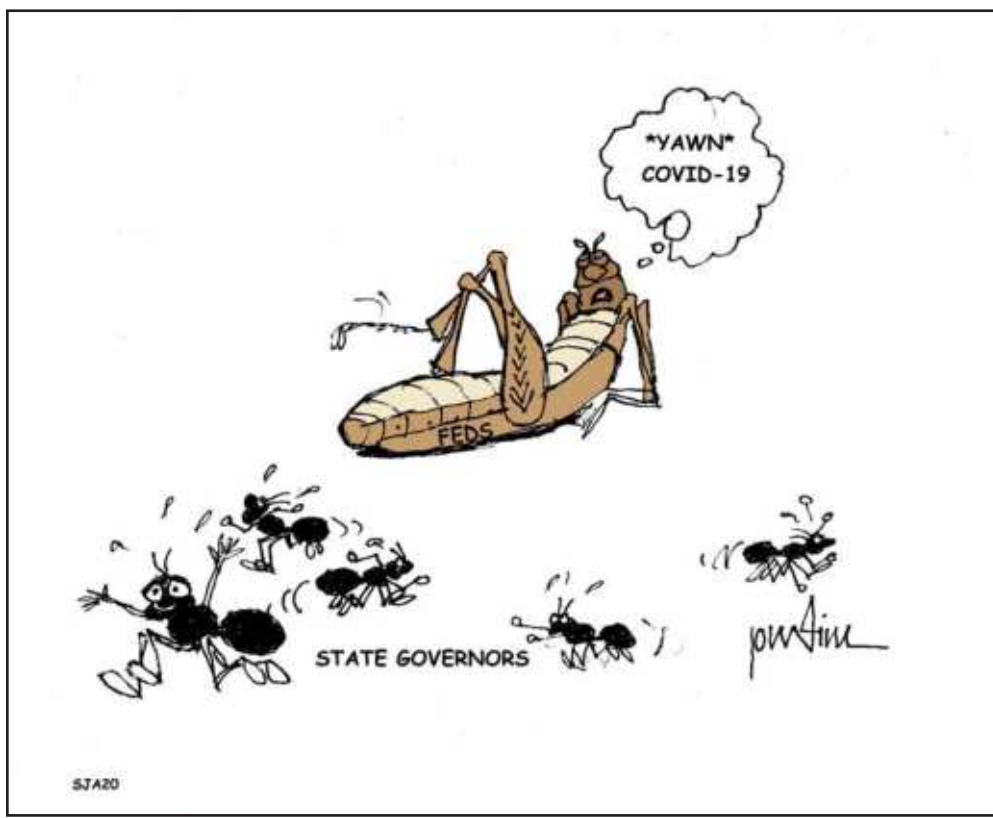
Yet that's where the disease originated. The problem with Chinese viruses is that after you contract one, an hour later you want another one.

White House Task Force epidemiologist Dr. Anthony Fauci appeared on Laura Ingraham's show on Fox News Tuesday.

The researcher pointed out that many regions of the country have been affected differently. For instance, in Chicago the Corona Virus actually lowered the death rate.

The Los Angeles Times monitored social media reaction to online church services Sunday and found that church-goers enjoyed the experience by overwhelming margin. Our church service was telecast online by Zoom. My favorite part of the service was when I handed my offering to myself.

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Artists and histories of the San Luis

The San Luis Valley has a long, sometimes violent history – full of many changes in governance. Under the Cultural Recourse Program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Megan Van Ness writes on the "Early Cultural History of the San Luis Valley."



By Meg Colwell

She sums it up quite nicely: "Following nearly 12,000 years of sovereignty by various Native Americans, the control (or at least the declared control) and political boundaries of the region shifted continually until Colorado and New Mexico obtained statehood."

The Spanish were the first to wrench the lands away from those indigenous to it. Historian, Gaspar Pérez de Villagra, quotes Spanish explorer and newly appointed Governor of New Mexico, Don Juan de Onate; as he names San Juan in 1598:

"I take and seize one, two and three times, and all those which I can and ought; at the Royal tenancy and possession -- actual, civil and criminal -- at this aforesaid River of the North, without excepting anything and without any limitation."

Thus, those natives experience a harsh and uncertain uprooting; leaving them in a basically constant state of distress until they are forced onto reservation lands – outside of the Valley.

Many cultures have collided in the region and the Valley itself, leaving one to wander what arts have survived and what stories live on. This article will both explore the Valley's art history and feature its current residential artists.

Along the way, we will uncover long-lasting traditions, any modern modifications to those traditions, and what sorts of artists the Valley attracts today. We will also investigate the Valley's "art scene" – galleries, festivals, popular mediums, etc. – to provide insight for aspiring, local artists and connoisseurs.

Our first feature is a Colorado native who's made her way to the Valley for service work. Meg Mercier -- Aurora-born, Denver-dabbler, who graduated from a university in

Ashland, Oregon – is currently completing a service year as an AmeriCorps VISTA. Mercier works as the Rio Grande Farm Park's Project Coordinator, with the San Luis Valley Local Food Coalition.

As a writer, I asked Mercier if she considered herself an artist. "I do consider myself an artist. It's a title too many creative folks are hesitant to take on, unfortunately; but there's no standard or approval necessary – If you think you're an artist, you are!"

Mercier was exposed to the arts from an early age. "I was lucky my school provided required art classes, from Kindergarten all the way through my senior year. This gave me the opportunity to explore visual, musical and performance art early on."

Colorado has long supported an arts curriculum in public schools and has formed many internal partnerships to encourage its implementation. In 2010, the Colorado General Assembly passes the Arts Education for Workforce Development Act (House Bill 10–1273); which aims to improve workforce development.

The idea is: if you increase arts education in public schools, children have more incentive to attend. Better attendance is believed to strengthen performance which should result in improved acceptance into the workforce.

Mercier could be the poster-child for this bill, as she speaks to the many creative outlets that held her attention throughout her early education. "In middle school, I was asked to participate in a creative writing group. The teacher gave us complete freedom to write whatever we wanted."

It was in this space Mercier discovered her voice. "My expressions leaned towards free-verse. I remember one piece called, "Pulp," in which I argued the merits of OJ over coffee, before accosting pulp-free OJ as a product; and ending with an analysis of the errs of explorer, Magellan – whose crew contracted scurvy for a lack of vitamin C."

"It was rambling, truly, but it made my classmates laugh until they cried. I had no idea I could have that much of an effect on an audience."

She remained engaged in her public education and, during her junior year, Mercier began taking Spanish classes. "This eventually led to me discovering the work



Featured artist: Meg Mercier

of Pablo Neruda, a Chilean poet-diplomat. His sonnets enraptured me. The musicality of the Spanish language allowed for sublimely flowing rhymes."

"In college, I majored in Spanish and Political Science. I discovered Neruda had not been the only Latin American literary figure to use art to communicate a political statement. As I progressed in both majors, I was stunned at the amount of existing overlap between Spanish literature and political concepts."

Ultimately, Mercier honed in on this overlap; with her Spanish undergraduate thesis focused on Jorge Luis Borges, an Argentinian poet and storyteller. Mercier explains: "My final paper analyzed his works as allegorical criticism of Juan Peron's dictatorial regime."

Since graduating, Mercier continues to write. Recently, she has found a renewed interest in poetry. Mercier defines poetry as: "a unique expression of an individual's perception – saying something in a way only you could." Below is an untitled piece she wrote on Oct. 29, 2019.

"Silver linings
crossing bridges
redefining what a wish is.
Wish transformation
wasn't so hard.
Wish starting were
the hardest part.
Keep on going.
Slowing down is okay.
Just choose to move
every single day."
Mercier has also begun compiling a digital selection of pieces she has written over the year and looks to publish a book someday. "Many of my latest works lean toward socio-economic topics. I want to follow in the vein of Neruda and Borges, to use my poetry and writing as a form of civic engagement."

The Valley is a strange, yet fitting place to explore this – especially considering its history.

LETTERS

Why rivers still matter

The conservation movement and I go way back. Thirty years ago, when I was about to go to graduate school, my colleagues and I were talking about some of the same things we are still talking about today.

Habitat for species that need to roam. Clean air and water, especially for poorer communities. And planning for a future that we could already see would be warmer, drier, and more crowded.

Through the years lots of things have happened that have defined our experience as Americans. 9/11. The Great Recession of 2008. These events dominated our thoughts



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for months on end. There were times in each case when I confess I have wondered how much people cared about conservation, or whether what I was doing was important.

This is one of those times, in some ways the most extreme given how quickly all of our lives have been upended (9/11 is the only real comparison for my age and younger). Our priorities have been rearranged seemingly from one week to the next. We focus on community and family, and wonder: Does it really matter right now how we share our water, and whether rivers and streams are healthy?

The answer is: yes, it does. Rivers are as eternal as anything in our world. They've been here, creating our landscape, for eons, long before humans roamed Colorado. They don't care about a virus; they've seen millions of them.

Our requirement to adapt to a changing climate has not gone away, either. We still have to keep our rivers flowing strong, produce clean power, grow food, supply drinking water, and keep ecosystems intact.

Even in a serious crisis like this one, we

at the Water Trust continue to focus on the long-term challenges facing our rivers. Despite being home with two kids and frantically looking for things to do (sometimes good, sometimes bad, thanks for asking!) I have my eyes firmly on our rivers, our river-based ecosystems, and the Water Trust's commitment finding new ways to share our water. So do my colleagues.

And your commitment to what we do is just as important. Every time you decide to maintain your monthly contribution, or make a new one, or decide to include the Water Trust in your estate planning, or continue working on a water sharing project that may be a year or two out from implementation, you say something very important: That we will get past this, and that when we do there will be good news about our future if we can keep our eyes on it through the whirlwind. Not just for rivers, but for all the other things we care about.

May this crisis change our all-too-common focus on things narrower than our community. I think it already has.

Please take care of yourself, your families, and your neighbors and community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andy Schultheiss

Executive Director, Colorado Water Trust

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Lifestyle

Some challenges of going remote with your business

The number of professionals working remotely has risen dramatically over the last decade-plus. According to an analysis from Flexjobs and Global Workplace Analytics, there was a 159 percent increase in remote between 2005 and 2017.

That shift toward remote work might have been silent and gradual for much of the 21st century, but the volume was ramped up during the outbreak of the novel coronavirus in the United States in March 2020. In an effort to slow the spread of the potentially dangerous virus, government officials urged businesses to allow their employees to work remotely, and just like that the number of remote workers skyrocketed.

The internet has made it possible for businesses in various industries to go remote, but such a transition does have some unique challenges.

- **Software:** Hasty transitions to remote work, like those forced by the COVID-19 outbreak, created a crisis of sorts for companies that previously had not had many remote employees. Employees were suddenly asked to work on home computers that may or may not have had all the necessary applications for them to perform the daily tasks associated with their jobs. Companies that must transition to being remote, whether that transition is temporary or permanent, must recognize that remote employees will need access to software necessary to do their jobs. Workers who only have old computers at home may need to be provided with computers that are compatible with the versions of software used in the office.

- **Communication:** Communication issues be-

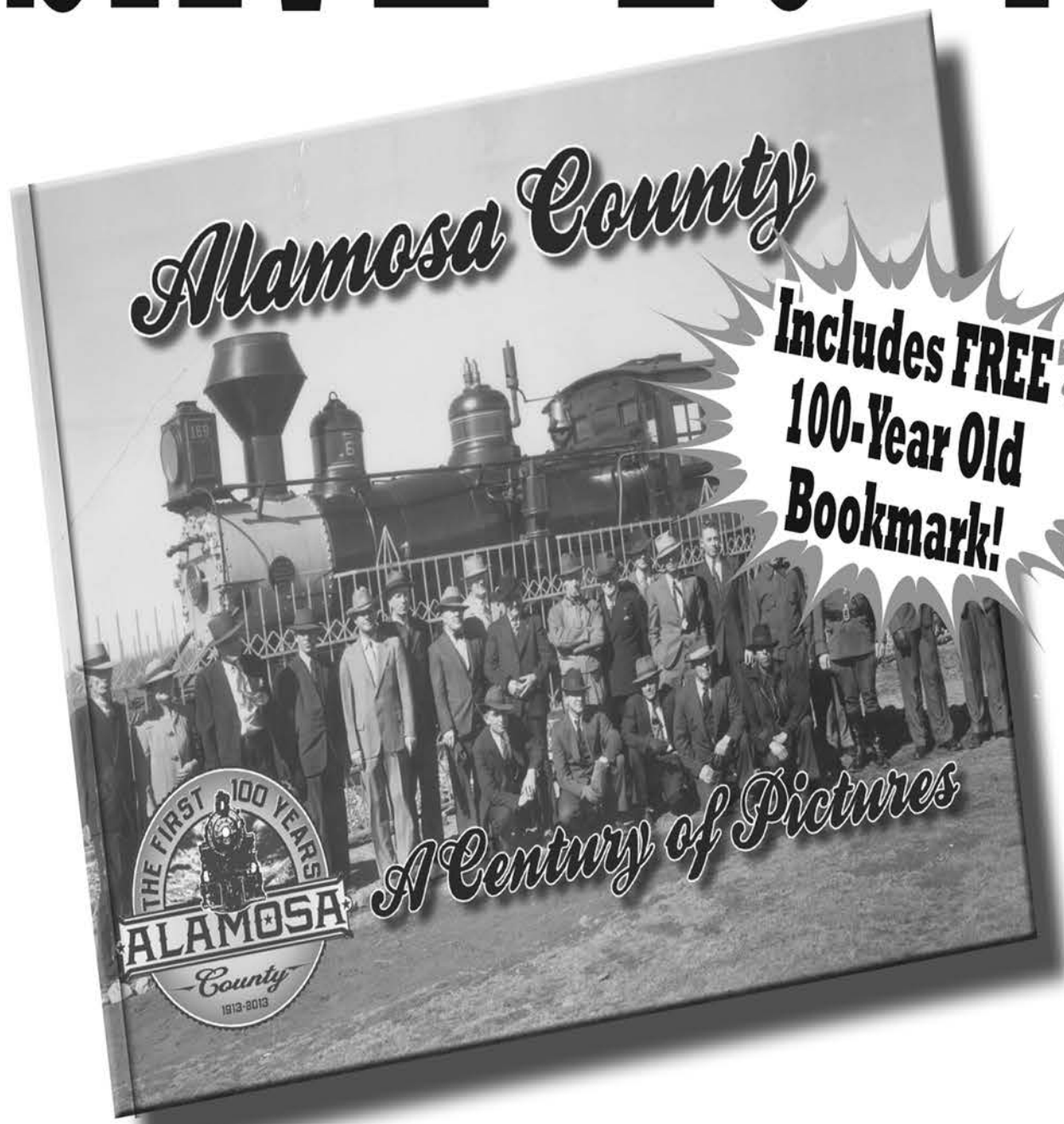
tween remote workers can be an easy fix. Even businesses that are facing sudden and forced transitions to remote workplaces can utilize instant messaging apps like Slack to facilitate immediate communication between employees. This can drive greater efficiency and promote the sense of community among staff that many companies are proud to have fostered.

- **Customer service:** Ensuring customers can seamlessly connect with your business, and your customer service staff in particular, should be a priority when switching to a remote work setting. A 2014 study published in *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* even found that remote working allowed customer service staff to get through 13 percent more calls each day. Remote customer service employees won't have the direct access to management and fellow team members that they had when working on-site, so business owners can employ central management platforms that make it easy to access information regarding new products and services and previous interactions with and responses to customers. That access can help solve issues while reducing the likelihood of substantial lag time as customer service employees wait to hear from coworkers and managers about how to respond to certain issues.

Many businesses were thrown into the proverbial deep end when forced to go remote due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Challenges present themselves during such transitions, but these challenges can be overcome with a handful of effective strategies. TF205947



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3 tips to planning efficient home-cooked meals

A few generations ago, dining out was an experience reserved for special occasions. However, until recently, when restaurants were shuttered in the wake of the public health crisis prompted by the spread of COVID-19, many people were dining out multiple times a week.

Hospitality solutions provider Fourth surveyed 1,000 American adults in 2019 and 56 percent reported dining out at least two to three times per week. Ten percent said they ate out four to six times each week, while 6 percent said they dined out everyday.

People accustomed to relying on restaurant for meals multiple times per week may be unaccustomed to cooking many meals at home, which has become the norm thanks to restrictions placed on restaurants and other food-related businesses as part of COVID-19 social distancing precautions. Learning how to shop for food and prepare items by maximizing available ingredients can reduce trips to the store and help people reduce food waste at a time when food is not as readily available as it once was.

1. Plan meals/browse circulars

Meal planning and shopping lists are vital tools for people preparing meals at home. Without doing so, individuals can be left floundering in the supermarket, spending more money than necessary and making impulse purchases (all the while forgetting

items they truly need). Use sales circulars to browse weekly discounted items at stores. Build a week's worth of meals off of these sale items — going so far as to write out a cursory menu — then fill in any extra ingredients or staples needed on a shopping list. Leave a day or two for leftovers. Try organizing the list to follow the natural layout where items are arranged in the store.

2. Shop smart

With paper and pen in hand or a digital list compiled on your phone, go aisle by aisle and check off items as they are added to the cart. If you are shopping for food you hope will last a week or more, consider substituting canned and frozen foods and other nonperishables for fresh items because they can be stored for longer periods of time. "Club size" or "family size" packages of foods may cost less per volume and can be sub-divided and stored for later use.

3. Minimize waste

Cook only as much as is needed for the household. Generally speaking, a meat or poultry serving of three to four ounces per person is adequate. That means a roast or steak of 11 to two pounds is fine for a family of four. Use up older frozen or perishable foods first. Store foods properly and use them before the use-by date. Wrap up leftovers and turn them into new meals.

With proper planning and smart thinking, home-cooking can be more efficient and less wasteful. TF205950



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THE CITY OF Alamosa is hiring a part-time Library Assistant. (Hiring range \$12.00 to \$12.60/hour DOQ). 20-25 hours per week. Hours will include evenings and weekends. Computer and customer service skills are a must. Duties include, shelving, collection maintenance, and customer service. Full job description, announcement, and application can be found on our website at cityofalamosa.org. Deadline: 03/26/2020 at 4:30 p.m.(3/27)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
ANNA MARIA LUCERO a/k/a ANNA LUCERO a/ka/ ANNA M. LUCERO

COURT USE ONLY
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:
Karl Kuenhold, Reg. No. 40164
LAW OFFICE OF KARL KUENHOLD, LLC
808 Third Street, P.O. Box 30
Alamosa, CO 81101
TELEPHONE: (719)589-3688
EMAIL: karl@kuenholdlaw.com

Case Number: 2020PR 30005

NOTICE OF HEARING WITHOUT APPEARANCE TO INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY INHERITANCE PURSUANT TO § 15-12-1303, C.R.S.

**Attendance at this hearing is not required or expected. **

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY INHERITANCE INCLUDING:
Joseph Lucero
Ernest John Lucero
Franz Lucero
Michael A. Lucero
Linda Montoya a/k/a Linda Luella Lucero Montoya
Veronica Velasquez
Cindy Haberman a/k/a Cindy Lucero
Janet Lucero Sisneros
Naomi Keys as Assessor for Conejos County Colorado
Nathan Ruybal as Clerk & Recorder for Conejos County Colorado

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition, a copy of which accompanies this Notice, has been filed by Petitioner Paul Lucero a/k/a Paul Chritobal Lucero in the above Court alleging that the above named Decedent died leaving an undivided one-fourth interest as tenant in common in the following real property legally described as follows:

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

Beginning at a point on the Colorado-New Mexico State Line whence Mile Post No. 167 bears South 89°48'36" West a distance of 2612.84 feet; thence North 01°02'53" West a distance of 503.10 feet to a No. 4 rebar with Aluminum Cap marked PLS 22583; thence North 00°45'42" West a distance of 875.08 feet; thence South 89°36'14" East a distance of 1287.43 feet; thence South 00°18'07" West a distance of 581.83 feet; thence South 16°13'10" East a distance of 40.34 feet; thence South 33°12'20" East a distance of 397.63 feet to a No. 4 rebar with Plastic Cap marked PLS 22583; thence South 47°36'10" West a distance of 28.97 feet to a No. 4 Rebar with Plastic Cap marked PLS 22583; thence South 47°31'48" West a distance of 135.53 feet; thence South 60°16'46" West a distance of 141.29 feet; thence South 69°43'50" West a distance of 120.54 feet; thence South 67°53'45" West a distance of 126.38 feet; thence South 55°27'05" West a distance of 40.29 feet; thence South 47°46'10" West a distance of 178.20 feet to the Colorado-New Mexico State Line; thence along said State Line South 89°48'36" West a distance of 853.15 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 40.23 acres, more or less.

(This Property Description was prepared by Mark S. Luchetti, CO PLS No. 18468, on September 15, 1995. All courses, except the Colorado-New Mexico Line, are along existing fence lines, and all corners, unless otherwise stated, are monumented by 24 inch long No. 5 rebar's with red plastic caps marked CO PLS 18468 attached. Bearings as used in this description were established from the 1985 BLM resurvey of the North Line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 8 East in Conejos County, Colorado, as monumented by the BLM Surveyors.)

Parcel No. 613524300032
the ("Property").

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

Hearing on the petition will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:

Date and Time:
Friday, May 22, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
Address: Conejos County District Court
6683 County Road 13
P.O. Box 128
Conejos, CO 81129

The hearing will take approximately 15 minutes.
Dated this 17th day March 2020
Law Office of Karl Kuenhold, LLC
Original signature on file pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121-1-26.

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

Petitioner's Address:
Paul Lucero
P.O. Box 548
Antonito, CO 81120
No. 1380
Published in the Valley Courier on March 26, April 2, and 9, 2020.

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

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THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position: Building Night Janitor (AHS) Applications are available online at <https://dist.alamosa.k12.co.us> For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline March 27, 2020. EOE.(3/27)

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

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing home is now hiring LPN's and RN's. Come join our team! Must have a current license and CPR. Days and Night shift With night shift differential. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th st in Del Norte Co or call 719-657-1105 Ask for Susan or Chelcy. (RVI is EOE).(4/3)

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)

FARMING TECHNOLOGY CORP is seeking Irrigation Technician Qualification, With Sprinkler and Well Maintenance. Apply In Person At 8629 Rd 105 North Mosca, Co 81146 Phone 719-754-0559. (4/15)

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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://www2.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)

MONTE VISTA ESTATES Nursing Home is Seeking a full time day shift C.N.A 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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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)

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ALLEY OOP

SO, PRINCESS, WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE A REGULAR PERSON?
I'M... UNDERCOVER.

DOH, TO CHECK ON US AND SEE HOW WE'RE DOING?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

I HOPE MY WORK IS UP TO YOUR STANDARD, YOUR MAJESTY.
WELL...

NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

ARLO & JANIS

Arlo and Janis are shown in various scenes, including Arlo looking thoughtful and Janis walking with a dog.

BIG NATE

SO WE'RE CALLED THE LITTLE LULUS NOW?
YEAH, SORRY, GUYS.

WITH KLASIK KOMIX AS OUR SPONSOR, I THOUGHT OUR MASCOT WOULD BE SPIDER-MAN OR SOMETHING!

INSTEAD OUR MASCOT'S A LITTLE GIRL!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH LITTLE GIRLS?
NOT A THING, BIG FAN.

THE BORN LOSER

CLASS, YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT WAS TO FIND OUT WHAT RELATIVE HUMIDITY IS...
WILBERFORCE, WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?

POP SAYS THAT'S WHEN MY GRANDMA GARGLE GOES ON ONE OF HER CRYING JAGS!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

DING DONG!
AWESOME! I'VE NEVER SEEN A STORM LIKE THIS.

PIZZAMAN! I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D MAKE IT.
NEITHER DID I!

IT'S SUICIDE OUT THERE! MIND IF I CALL MY BOSS?
SURE — BUT WE ONLY ORDERED ONE PIZZA!

I KNOW — BUT AS OF NOW, YOUR PLACE IS THE LAST HOUSE ON MY LIST.

FRANK & ERNEST

THERE'S STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!

GARFIELD

WHERE AM I?
YOU'RE LOST

LIKE I NEEDED A SIGN

THE GRIZZWELLS

HMM... HOW MUCH WOOD WOULD YOU SAY A GOOD WOODCHUCK COULD CHUCK IN A DAY?
WELL, THAT'S HARD TO SAY

I KNOW, BUT I'VE BEEN REHEARSING ALL DAY

PEANUTS

CHARLIE BROWN, THIS IS MY BROTHER, "RERUN"... CAN HE BE ON OUR TEAM?
A LITTLE KID LIKE THAT?

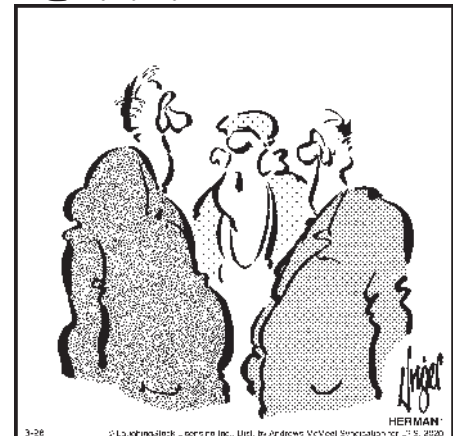
HOW CAN HE HELP OUR TEAM?
HE DOESN'T SMOKE!

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HERMAN



"The only time he's got a 48-inch chest is when he stands on his head!"

Decades-old loan remains unpaid even after threats

DEAR ABBY: I am an 83-year-old mother of four. I have been living with my second husband now for 21 years. Nineteen years ago, my husband loaned one of my daughters and her husband a large sum of money so they could buy a house and pay off bills and judgments. All the necessary paperwork for the loan was signed at the time of the closing with a lawyer present, and it was agreed they would pay us back a certain amount every month.

After a few years of mostly regular repayments, the payments dwindled, although they continued to buy expensive electronics and other items. Several years have passed now, and a few checks and cash payments have arrived, but only after much begging.

Our lawyer sent them a letter a few years ago telling them to pay up or we would sue them. It resulted in their not seeing or talking to us for a couple of years. We REALLY need the money now. Maybe she's hoping we will die. What do you suggest we do at this point? Her brother and sisters don't want to get involved. -- LOVING, GIVING MOM

DEAR MOM: I am truly sorry. But because your other children refuse to become involved in convincing your deadbeat daughter and her husband to pay what they owe you,

you have no other choice but to contact the lawyer who drafted the loan agreement and instruct him to follow through.

DEAR ABBY: My husband retired four years ago. At first he seemed to enjoy not having to go to work. Then he got bored and needed something to do. For some reason, he bought an old Corvette to restore. I was supportive, until I found out it's an expensive hobby. Finding and buying all the replacement parts costs money.

He has been working on that car for 3 1/2 years now. As soon as he gets it ready to drive, something else breaks. Meanwhile, he has bought four more old Corvettes "to work on." Our backyard looks like a junkyard.

We haven't had a vacation trip since he retired, not even a weekend to the mountains. He argues that we can't afford it, but he spends thousands on those old cars. It has become an obsession for him, and it's "driving" ME crazy. Any suggestions? -- CORVETTE WIDOW IN THE SOUTH

DEAR WIDOW: Healthy couples discuss large purchases before making them. What your husband is doing is destructive to your relationship. It almost seems as though he is using his hobby as a way of avoiding spending time with you. My suggestion is that you and your husband



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

find the money to consult a marriage counselor because what's going on is unfair to you. And if you need a vacation, consider taking one by yourself or with a friend.

DEAR ABBY: I will be turning 50 soon. How do I explain to my husband and parents that I just want to spend it alone? Is there something wrong with me for feeling this way? -- BIRTHDAY WISH IN IOWA

DEAR BIRTHDAY WISH: People react to their birthdays, especially milestone birthdays, differently. Some are elated, while others feel depressed. Not everyone wants a lot of "hoopla." If you prefer spending your 50th birthday quietly, your wish should be respected, and you should not have to go into a long explanation about why.

Lifestyle

Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area 2021 grant cycle opens April 1, 2020

ALAMOSA — Grants awarded from Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (SdCNHA) are intended to encourage local cultural and historic heritage preservation activities, educational programs, and support Heritage Tourism within the heritage area. Our past grantees have used grant funds to restore historic buildings; provide historical and cultural interpretation; restore or promote scenic, artistic and recreational resources; and to document culturally significant components of the way of life in the heritage area. Heritage area grants are available to local schools, municipalities, and non-profits annually. Education Projects provide historic preservation information or information about historic sites to the public. These projects can include curriculum development, youth training, lectures, interviews, archiving and preservation of cultural information, etc. The following three projects received grants from the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area. Youth Archaeology Camp- Ten students ages 11 to 15 participated in the archaeology camp. The

camp exposed the students to the discipline of archaeology using significant San Luis Valley state and federal sites. The curriculum was designed to present a broad picture of the people who have inhabited the San Luis Valley. Students visited four archaeological sites with working professionals; historic Ft. Massachusetts, Bunker Site on the Old Spanish Trail, the historic Hispanic Trujillo Homestead, and the prehistoric Scott Miller site. Students also visited preserved sites; Fort Garland, Pike's Stockade, De Vargas Crossing, and the oldest place and continuously occupied town of Garcia, CO.

Lifeways of the San Luis Valley Course and Lecture Series- The course and lecture series explored the cultural richness of the San Luis Valley within the context of the multitude of Southwestern and Rio Grande traditions. The SLV geography, ecology, languages, and literature along with other elements of regional heritage, such as acequia systems, were exemplified in order to better understand local values and spiritual expressions of place.

Murals of Conejos Coun-

ty & San Luis Mural Project- Both mural projects were restorative projects. Conserving the publically accessed murals within the counties and educating a new generation of muralists. The murals are visual representation of Hispanic culture. A series of workshops were held at the Conejos County schools. These projects promoted heritage tourism.

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

2021 GRANT CYCLE OPENS: April 1, 2020.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June 1st, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.



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Valley Life

Great Sand Dunes announces further modifications to operations to implement local health guidance

MOSCA — Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is announcing additional modifications to operations to implement the latest guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), and local and state authorities to promote social distancing. As of March 24, the park will delay the opening of the Pinon Flats Campground from April 1 to May 1, 2020. The opening date may be delayed further based on future conditions. Check the park website for current conditions.

The basis of the decision to delay the opening of the campground is to promote social distancing and to prevent groups of 10 or more people from forming. The current infrastructure in the campground does not allow the park to meet this guidance and would consequently place visitors and staff at greater risk.

The Visitor Center exhibit area and Western National Parks Association (WNPA) store remain closed; however the Visitor Center lobby is open from 9:00a.m. to 4:30p.m. for visitors to pick up park information or a junior ranger activity book. Backcountry campers can obtain backcountry permits the day of their trip by calling 719-378-6395. Visitors are reminded to not crowd or spend long periods of time inside the lobby.

The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners is our number one priority. The National Park Service (NPS) is working with federal, state, and local authorities to closely monitor COVID-19. We will notify the public when we resume full operations and will provide updates on our website, www.nps.gov/grsa, and social media channels.

Outdoor spaces at Great Sand Dunes remain accessible to the public, 24 hours, 7 days a week and in accordance with the latest federal, state, and local health guidance, in addition to entry fees being waived for visitors. The following trails, parking areas, and picnic areas are open:

Montville Nature Trail, Mosca Pass Trail, Montville Nature Trail, Dunes Overlook Trail

The Dunes Parking Area, the main access point to the dune field

Mosca Creek Picnic Area and Castle Creek Picnic Area

The Medano Pass Primitive Road is open to Castle

Creek Picnic Area. The road is closed beyond this point due to weather and road conditions.

All outdoor interpretive signs and road pull outs

The NPS encourages people who choose to visit Great Sand Dunes during this pandemic to adhere to guidance from the CDC and state and local public health authorities to protect visitors and employees. As services are limited, the NPS urges visitors to continue to practice Leave No Trace principles, including pack-in and pack-out, to keep outdoor spaces safe and healthy.

With limited visitor services, Great Sand Dunes encourages people to take advantage of the many digital tools already available to explore the park and preserve including:

The park website where visitors can learn about the geologic processes that define Great Sand Dunes, <https://www.nps.gov/grsa/learn/nature/sanddunes.htm>

Parents and teachers can visit, www.nps.gov/grsa/learn/education/curriculummaterials.htm to explore online curriculum for elementary, middle school and high school students. Topics include history, habitats, wildlife, endemic insects, and hydrology.

We encourage visitors to check out our youtube channel, www.youtube.com/greatsanddunesnpp, to watch highlights of the annual Robotics Challenge, or experience 40 seconds of the refreshing sights and sounds of lower Mosca Canyon in fall. If you ever wondered what the views were like from higher elevations, virtually summit Mount Herard (13,297 feet / 4053 m) in Great Sand Dunes National Preserve or take a digital tour of the Trujillo Homesteads National Historic Landmark.

Updates about NPS operations will be posted on www.nps.gov/coronavirus. Please check with individual parks for specific details about park operations.

www.nps.gov
About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 419 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov, and on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.



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APR COVID-19 Update

ALAMOSA — As COVID-19 and associated restrictions affect all of us, we remind everyone that the City of Alamosa has an extensive park and trail system. With the recent addition of the 200-acre plus Alamosa Riparian Park, the City's outdoor amenities include 13 parks and over 23 miles of trail. You must continue to practice social distancing and handwashing recommendations when you are using City trails and parks.

Park amenities like playgrounds, tables, benches, etc. are inspected and cleaned regularly, but it is impossible to keep

them disinfected.

Recreation Staff are also looking at ways to bring stress-relieving workouts to you at home via posts from our professional instructors to our website.

Please check <http://www.alamosarec.org> for the latest parks and recreation news and updates.

The Alamosa Public Library continues to supply innovative digital resources for the public at <https://www.alamosalibrary.org/>.

Cattails Public Golf Course remains open with restrictions. For more information on the golf course, please visit <http://alamosacattails.com/>.

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