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**Pop-Up Shops will be theme on Main St.**

**ALAMOSA** — "Romantic" Pop-Up Shops will be the theme from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, today, at the Narrow Gauge Book Co-op. The following vendors will be available in the store and will offer the following: Megan Mercier will have handmade chocolates; Cari Conari will have romantic teas; Trina Council will have handmade cards; and Perla Kopeloff will have handmade paper goods. For more information, call 719-589-3464. The Co-op's location is at 602 Main Street in Alamosa.

**BINGO in La Jara**

**LA JARA** — At 1 p.m. on Sunday, the La Jara-Knights of Columbus #5512 will host Bingo at the Knights of Columbus Hall in La Jara. There will be an up to \$2000 payout. \$10 entry fee.

**Presidential Primary notice**

**CONEJOS** — For the Conejos County 2020 Presidential Primary Notice of Election please see legal section on page 10 of today's Valley Courier.

**Veterans 'n' Homeless**

**ALAMOSA** — There will be a free turkey dinner at the First Christian Church on 518 First Street (on the corner of First and State) between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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## Ag Conference's diversity stood out

**Water, hemp, audience participation impresses Gray**

By DANIEL McKILLOP  
Courier Editor  
MONTE VISTA — Research Associate at the San Luis Valley Research Center Caroline Gray was impressed with the diver-

sity of this year's Ag Conference at the Ski-High building.

The 2020 Southern Rocky Mountain Agricultural Conference & Trade Fair ran from Tuesday-Thursday, which completed its 38th annual event.

Gray, who has been attending the conference for nine years in a row, was impressed with the diversity of the 2020 version.

"This year, we decided to mix up the topics," Gray said. "Typically, we do one day for potatoes, one day for grain and one day for water, but we kind

of interspersed all of the different topics because we wanted to get the full attendance for all three days."

Gray said the conference's overall theme this year was water, and Tuesday there were climatologists, water specialists and a round-table discussion, talking about water-use efficiency in the San Luis Valley.

"And I think that is one of the most important factors of any grower or rancher is water availability and I thought that was a big highlight."

Gray said she thought Thursday morning's hemp grower panel was impressive.

"They discussed the challenges with hemp production," she said. "I thought that it was exceptional in the fact that we had a lot of audience interaction, a lot of good questions and a lot of good discussions because I feel like hemp is a really new industry here and there are a lot more questions than knowledge, so I think that was very beneficial."

"There was a lot of audience participation and questions."

## Gonzalez steps up for koalas

**Monte Vista girl sets up fundraiser after Australian fires ravage bears**

By REBECCA COPLEY  
Valley Publishing

MONTE VISTA — Yamilex Gonzalez, is a passionate young lady who has made it her mission to help Koalas displaced by the raging fires in Australia.

The 7-year-old said she wanted to help after she saw a video of the fires on her mother's Facebook page.

"My mom showed me a video and that's what made me want to start it because the koalas are very special to the world," said Gonzalez when asked what inspired her to do a fundraiser.

The first-grader set to work and with the help of her family has put together a benefit meal to raise funds for the endangered and injured marsupials.

The baked potato bar meal will be held March 7 at Faistl Hall located on 715 Fourth Street in Alamosa — next to Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door and will be pre-sold for \$5 each. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m.

"She saw the video, and she saw the fire and she brought it upon herself to do all this," said Gonzalez's grandmother, Peggy Manzanares.

Gonzalez's parents, Heather and Jose, are very proud of their determined daughter. Her mother sharing, "She saw the video and she told me, 'Mom I want to help!' I kind of didn't take her seriously at first and then she kept pushing to do something, so we gave her a list of things that she could possibly do and she chose a dinner. She's been working with Wires (NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service Inc.) out of Australia. She's actually been in contact with them and they have approved her fundraiser." Gonzalez has also already received some local support from the Monte Vista School district.

Gonzalez shared that koalas are one of her favorite animals and she hopes that the funds she raises will help them get better. The fires in Australia have been raging since September 2019. Some ecologists have estimated that around 8,000 Koalas have



died due to the fires.

Environmentalists fear that the high mortality rate will put koalas on the endangered species list. Today, fires are still burning in Australia and global outreach and relief efforts have been made worldwide.

All are welcomed and invited to come help Yamilex as she offers a helping hand to make a difference for Koalas suffering and dying in Australia.

### Koala fundraiser

- ▶ 6 p.m., March 7
- ▶ 715 Fourth Street, Alamosa
- ▶ Faistl Hall
- ▶ Baked potato bar meal
- ▶ \$5 per person



Yamilex Gonzalez

**"My mom showed me a video and that's what made me want to start it because the koalas are very special to the world."**

— Yamilex Gonzalez

7-year-old Monte Vista girl who organized fundraiser for koala bears that have suffered during Australian fires



Courtesy photos  
Koalas are herbivorous marsupials that live in the eucalyptus forests of eastern Australia. They are the only living species in the family Phascolarctidae. Koalas are often called "koala bears," because a koala looks somewhat like a small bear or teddy bear.

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Clara Margaret Heberle, 103

**CENTER**—Clara Margaret Heberle passed away Feb. 6, 2020 peacefully at the incredible age of 103.

Clara was born to William and Edith (Wigand) Foltz in Henderson, Minn., on April 25, 1916.

She was married to Alois G. Heberle on Sept. 21, 1940, and after their union they moved to California.

She was a homemaker all her married life and cared for her home and her children. Her interests were writing memory stories about her childhood, traveling, reading and doing crossword puzzles. She had received her education in the Henderson Public School District and then on she went to the Mankato School of Business. She was the last surviving member of her graduating class of 1934 from high school.

In 2002, she moved to Colorado to live with her daughter and son-in-law Mary and Michael McDowell, where she was lovingly cared for.

Clara is survived by her son, Alois Butch Heberle; daughters, Gerogia Lu Romo, Elizabeth Garcia, Mary McDowell, who she lived with in Colorado, as well as grandchildren, Judi Randall, Ronald Heberle,



William and Joseph Romo, Christopher Moller, Michael McDowell; 14 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister Mae, brother Floyd and her grandson Roger.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020 at 4 p.m. at the Romero Funeral Chapel in Alamosa.

Inurnment will be held in San Francisco at a later date where she will be laid to rest next to her husband. To leave online condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). The care of arrangements have been lovingly trusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

### Margarita Switzer

**SAN LUIS VALLEY**—Margarita Switzer, April 22, 1928-Feb. 6, 2020.

Margarita is survived by children, Dino Switzer, and Sheila Maria (Eckhart) Gohlke.

She is preceded in death by husband William A. Switzer.

There will be a rosary Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. at Horan & McConaty, 3101 S. Wadsworth Blvd. There will be a funeral mass Wednesday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m. at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 1900 California St. Interment Fort Logan National Cemetery.

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## BIRTHS

### Dawnsery Louisa Bennett

**ALAMOSA** — Dawnsery Louisa Bennett was born on Jan. 15, 2020 at San Luis Valley Health to Kyrie Bennett of Alamosa.

She weighed 4 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured

17.5 inches.

Grandparents are Bradley and Christine Bennett. Great Grandparents are Wanda Eberly, Cindy Williams and Johnny Gomez.

## ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

# Alamosa police remain vigilant

**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa police report from Feb. 1-6.

#### Feb. 1

A minor was cited with following too closely at 2000 Main.

#### Feb. 2

David Harvey, 63, was cited with an improper turn, failure to present insurance and DUI at 1300 Main. Clifford Lucero was cited with vehicle theft, driving under restraint, driving an uninsured vehicle and displaying fictitious plates at 600 8th St.

#### Feb. 3

Matthew Espinoza, 39, was cited with violation of a restraining order at 617 6th St.

#### Feb. 4

Veronica Avila, 35, was cited with violation of a restraining order at 1024 La Due Ave.

Taylor Blackburn, 19, was cited with operating an uninsured vehicle at 600 6th St.

#### Feb. 5

Jolea Barton, 32, was cited with no registration card in vehicle at 1800 Main.

Christopher Silvas was cited with aggravated motor theft at 1617 State Ave.

Kenneth Abeita, 34, was cited with violation of a restraining order at 3105 Main.

#### Feb. 6

Delfano Sandoval, 22, was cited with third-degree assault, domestic violence and false imprisonment at 439 Poncha Ave.

Crystal Valenzuela, 34, was cited with theft at 713 Main.

Alan Baroz, 34, was cited with violation of restrictions on license, operating an uninsured vehicle and displaying fictitious plates at 500 Bell Ave.

Julian Morine was cited with unlawful possession of a controlled substance and violation of a restraining order at 300 6th St.

**ALAMOSA**—The San Luis Valley Military Family Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday at from 5-6:30 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/Support Group meets every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m. at 315 State Ave. Ste 101, Alamosa. Call 588-8885 to register or email [d.counselingservices@hotmail.com](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)

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

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

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

#### THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

#### FRIDAY

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

#### SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa

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

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

For schedule changes,

## ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

**MONTE VISTA**—The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Chamber of Commerce, 947 1st Avenue, Monte Vista. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-372-5985.

**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 [slv-photostephen@gmail.com](mailto:slv-photostephen@gmail.com)

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

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

**ALAMOSA** — American Legion Auxiliary Unit #113, Alamosa, holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday at the American Legion

Building at 514 Fourth Street, Alamosa. Call Evelyn Espinola at 719-313-1466 or Alice Robinson at 589-0543.

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

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

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

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

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

**ALAMOSA** — A Caregivers Support Group meets at First United Methodist Church, 2005 Mullins, Alamosa, on the first Monday of every month. For more informa-

tion, call 589-2243.

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

**ALAMOSA**—The GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club of Alamosa meets on the second Friday at noon from September through May at First United Methodist Church, NW door, 2005 Mullins Ave. For more information, please email: [womancitizenshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:womancitizenshipclub@gmail.com).

**ALAMOSA** — Made up of community members who write in many different genres, the Sophia Circle meets weekly to provide support for writers and their writing projects in the downstairs conference room at the Colorado Welcome Center at Alamosa, 6th and State on Sundays from 1-3 p.m.. Writers may drop in on any meeting. Bring copies of the work you want to share. Call Holly at 719-588-7066.

**CENTER** — The Center Kiwanis meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Kiwanis Hall in Center. Contact Dick Ramstetter at 719-580-3329.

**ALAMOSA** — Silver Linings, an open and free positivity group, meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Nestle Toll House Café in downtown Alamosa.

**ALAMOSA** — Groups are held for women who have experienced domestic violence every second Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Grizzly Training Center, Alamosa. There will be refreshments and childcare provided. Contact Jennifer McCoy-Hanna at Tu Casa, Inc. 719-589-2465.

**ALAMOSA**—Grief support group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 300 Hunt at the Alamosa Public Library from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Liz Hood, 580-3697.

## AA MEETINGS

please contact your group service representative (GSR)

#### AL-ANON

#### THURSDAY

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

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

#### SUNDAY

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

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

#### MONDAY

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

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

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

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

#### TUESDAY

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

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

#### WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

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

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#### AL-ANON

#### TUESDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

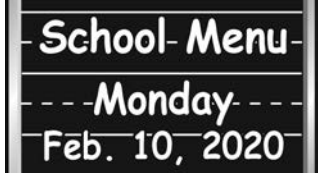
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Health Group at 8745 CR 9S., Alamosa

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



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# Valley News

## BLM plans prescribed burn at Blanca Wetlands

### Controlled fire's cause is to benefit wildlife

**MONTE VISTA** — The Bureau of Land Management Front Range Fire and Aviation Management Unit is preparing to conduct a prescribed burn at Blanca Wetlands, approximately 11 miles northeast of Alamosa.

This prescribed burn will improve habitat for nesting and migratory waterfowl in the wetlands. As many as 184 acres surrounding six ponds will be burned as

part of this operation. The burn is planned to occur between early February and late March.

Specific timing of the operation will depend on weather and fuel moisture conditions. Crews will be on site for the duration of the burn.

The primary objective of the prescribed burn is to remove decadent fuels and thick stands of cattails surrounding the ponds.

Fire is the most effective method to remove the cattails and dead fuels and improve habitat.

Pond shorelines within the wetlands are burned at five- to 10-year intervals to improve habitat for the 150-plus species of birds that use the area.

Smoke from the pile burns will be visible throughout the day of the burn, mostly during the warmest part of the day. With cooler temperatures in the evening, smoke may linger and accumulate in low-lying areas.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information, please visit the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division's website: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

Information on the Blanca Wetlands prescribed burn will be available on Inciweb or on Facebook at @BLMColoradoFire.

For additional information, please contact John Markalunas, Assistant Fire

Management Officer for BLM's Front Range Fire and Aviation Management Unit at 719-852-8160.

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## Mace recognizes veterans

**Retired Master Sergeant Marti Mace (left) shares her experiences as the only American bagpiper performing at the 75th anniversary of D-Day with 18 veterans and guests during our weekly veterans' coffee on Jan. 23. Mace is booked at events throughout the United States for parades and ceremonies. I'm giving back to those who helped me out through the years when I was in," Mace said. "I'm blessed to be able to do things for veterans. From handing out poppies to serving their Thanksgiving dinner to piping. Said World War II veteran and museum board member Dorothy Brandt (right), who works at the San Luis Valley Museum: "We wish to thank Marti for the excellent and entertaining presentation." Mace played her bagpipes at the museum.**



Courtesy photo

## Lt. Gov. Primavera celebrates 75th anniversary of end of World War II

**DENVER** — On Friday, Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera celebrated the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II by signing a proclamation to honor the dedication and hard work of the men and women who served in the war and paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Lt. Gov. Primavera was joined by Sen. Nancy Todd, Sen. Bob Gardner, Sen. Rhonda Fields, and Rep. Mike Weissman and Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation founder Rick Crandall.

"It's our responsibility to ensure that future generations understand the sacrifice made by those who served our country during World War II," said Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera. "Seventy-five years after the end of the war, we must pay tribute to those veterans and work to keep their legacies alive."

From 1941-1945, 250,000 Coloradans served in World War II and more than 2,500 were killed in action or died from wounds

suffered on the battlefield. Colorado has a rich history of military service in World War II and beyond. Colorado is home to the famed 10th Mountain Division, which trained in the Colorado Rockies at Camp Hale, and the Colorado National Guard's 157th Infantry Regiment, which spent 511 days in continuous combat and liberated the Dachau concentration camp.

In 2013, the Colorado Freedom Memorial was dedicated and honors all Colorado veterans who have been killed in action since the Spanish-American War, including those from World War II.

The proclamation mirrors a resolution sponsored by Senators Todd and Gardner and Representatives Carver and Weissman that was considered earlier in the day during the legislature's annual Military Appreciation Day. Read the proclamation here, the resolution here and view photos from the proclamation signing here.

## Valentines for veterans request for cards

**MONTE VISTA** — This year will be the 31st anniversary of the "Valentines for Vets" program.

It began in 1989 with Ann Landers suggesting Valentine cards be sent to Veterans in Veteran Medical Clinics nationwide.

On any given day, there are over 50,000 Veterans hospitalized or living in VA facilities. These men and women served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf wars and in these areas of armed hostilities, including Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Kuwait and Iraq.

"We can never repay these valiant

Vets for the sacrifices they and their families have made, but we can do something to insure they know they are remembered," said Pam Self, via a news release. "The staff and administration of the Colorado Veteran Community Living Center at Homelake would like to encourage you to send or drop off a letter, poster or card to our residents.

"If you are a teacher, this may lend itself to a class project. Posters, handmade cards or personalized notes would be most welcomed and treasured.

For our residents, being remembered and appreciated for their part in serving and protecting their

country, would truly be a wonderful Valentine gift (Due to the privacy act regulations, specific resident names cannot be provided by our facility but a general card would be very welcome).

"Thank you for remembering these most valued residents of the San Luis Valley and may each of you — especially our fellow veterans, have a wonderful Valentines Day," Self said.

For more information, please call Pam Self or Melanie Squire at 719-852-5118.

The mailing address is: CVCLC Homelake, PO Box 97, Homelake, CO 81135.

## Gardner works to address Coronavirus concerns

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) wrote to U.S. Senators Richard Shelby (R-AL) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Patty Murray (D-WA), Chairman and Ranking Member of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, expressing his concerns with 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and requesting that they work with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to ensure robust funding for the outbreak response.

"At this point in time, China has reported over 20,000 confirmed infections and almost 500 fatalities. The outbreak has also extended to over 20 additional countries, including the United States, where the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has confirmed 'person-to-person spread,'" wrote Senator Gardner. "HHS, through a number of its agencies, is actively leading critical prevention, containment, and supply chain stability efforts. We must serve as a collaborative partner and ensure that there is sufficient funding for both current and potential future efforts."

## Women's Veterans Forum set for Wednesday, Feb. 26

**ALAMOSA** — The third VCSLV Women Veterans Forum (WVF) will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The VCSLV hopes this date will be marked on everyone's calendar and all are welcome to attend.

Any men receiving this email are asked to forward it to a woman veteran or woman provider in your organization.

The team organizing the event has attempted to create a "safe space" for anyone to discuss women's issues, needs and opportunities.

The Veterans Coalition Board of Directors would like to thank everyone for participating in the first two forums and hopes all will find the third forum equally worthwhile.

Valley CVSOs are especially asked to help pass the word to women veterans. Health Care Providers and any male, veteran or not, that encounters this email is asked to also pass the word to women veterans.

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# Opinion

## Friend worries about finances for retirement

DEAR HARRIETTE: I got a letter from an old friend that was very disturbing to me. She is at retirement age and has to keep working, like most people I know, because she doesn't have ample retirement money. She is worried about how she will take care of herself when she gets older, because she is unmarried and doubts that she can work forever. She sounded so sad. I don't have any real answers for her, but I do want to be of support. What do you say to somebody who will be broke before she dies? — Loss for Words

DEAR LOSS FOR WORDS: This is an increasingly common and worrisome reality for many seniors. For a variety of reasons — health being at the top of the list — elders in America, one of the wealthiest countries in the world, find themselves in dire need of support at a time when they feel most vulnerable. The good news is that when people truly are in financial distress, there are government programs that are designed to help them. This means anything from vouchers for public housing to Medicaid — plus many more. You have to do your research, but tell your friend there is support out there. Go to [seniorliving.org/research/government-aid](http://seniorliving.org/research/government-aid) for more information.

It is also true that many seniors work well past the age of 65 and can have lucrative jobs. For quite a few seniors, that means reinventing themselves and possibly making a pivot in the road to pursue a different line of work. Encore is a company that pairs seasoned professionals with not-for-profits. For 10 years, it has successfully matched professionals with fulfilling roles that sometimes turn into full-time work. Visit [encore.org/fellowships](http://encore.org/fellowships) for more information. Your friend can also go to [aarp.org](http://aarp.org) to learn about benefits and opportunities available to people over 50.

DEAR HARRIETTE: My wife is a very attractive woman, at least to me. I love how she dresses and pays attention to how she looks. She is a professional woman, so she is smart and great at what she does, too. I have found that some of my male friends don't like it so much when we all get together and my wife seems to stand out among the women. It's not her fault that she is a pretty great package. I know I'm proud of her, but I worry about how some of the other husbands and wives react to her. Sometimes it seems like a competition. Other times it looks like they flock together and ignore her.

I want my wife to be happy, and I worry that she isn't comfortable hanging out with these people, even though they are our principal friend group. What can I do to support her? — Be Nice

DEAR BE NICE: Talk to your wife. Make sure she is feeling like she needs or wants help in this situation. While you notice that some people seem envious of her, she may not pay it any attention. Don't make assumptions. Find out how she feels and if she wants you to intervene in any way, or even if she wants to branch out and start to form an additional friend group. If she is OK, you will need to start overlooking the pettiness. If she is not, consider adding new friends to your social calendar. Don't call these people out. It will only make things worse.

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## Happy Trails

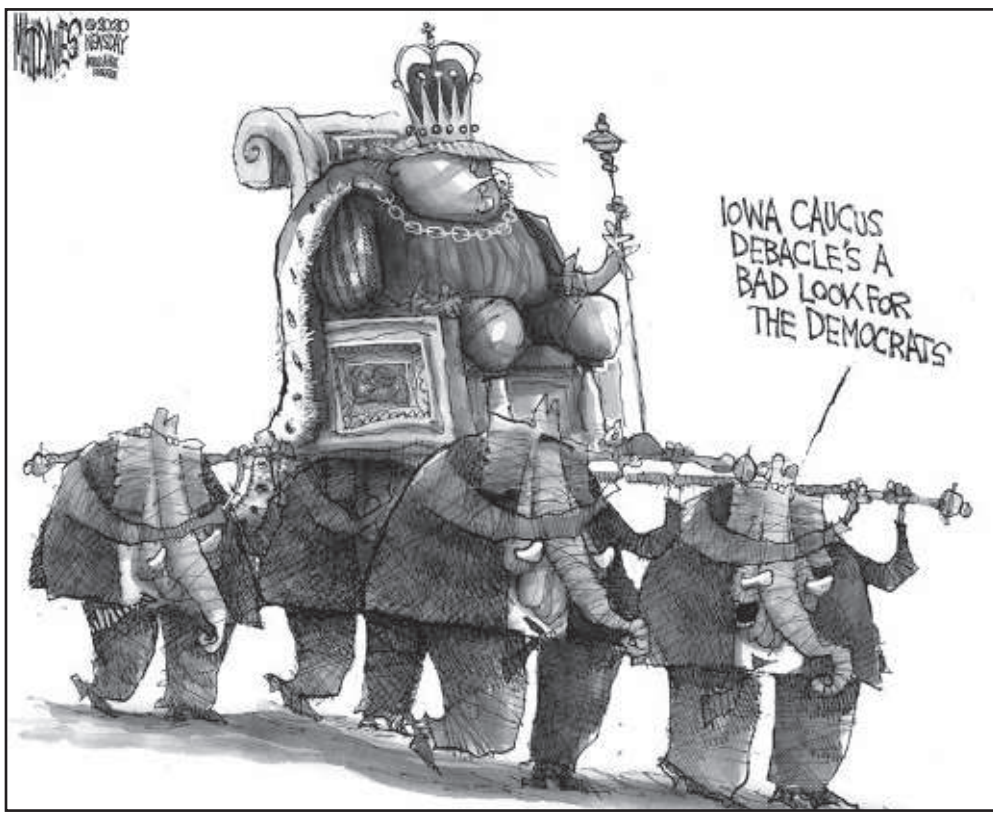
My family has a saying that goes: "Change is hard; unless it's your idea." For me, that saying has come to be entirely accurate. Chapters in life begin, and they come to a close.

For me, the time has come to start a new chapter. My time at the Valley Courier has come to a close and I am moving on to a new adventure. Over the past year and a half, I learned a great deal about what goes on in this crazy and amazing little corner of the world, and I am grateful for the experience I have gained. I am a big believer in seizing opportunities, and now the time has come for me to do so. I am also grateful that I will not be going far and will still have the chance to put my skills to the test. If nothing else, I leave readers with this: God is good, and He always has a plan. Happy Trails!

### A Trail of Thoughts



Helen Smith



## Democratic Party candidates have heart

During February Heart Month, the American Heart Association often tells us that there are many conditions lumped together in the term: coronary heart disease. Obstructive and non-obstructive coronary heart disease among them.

Causes are found in lifestyle, family genetics, work environments, sex, and other medical conditions.

It seems to me that our nation is in the throes of a major obstructive coronary.

Impeachment, election sabotage, nepotism, name calling, inequality of the haves and have-nots along with ethnocentrism all reek of heartlessness, and other obstructive coronaries.

When I listen to Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren and others vying for the democratic party nomination, I feel like I'm listening to words of love for God, country and our environment.

Nelda Curtiss



Movin' On With Nellie

Their social awareness of humanity is heartwarming. It is reminiscent of the old stories, Robin Hood, The Emperor's New Clothes and perhaps Mary Shelley's Frankenstein.

The democratic party candidates remind us often that there is more to the world than vanity, ego fleeing, despotism and grave robbing.

The candidates urge us to remember that we are all worthy humans and shun the notion of not covering pre-existing conditions or that inequality for all will continue. Nor would they sanction despotism of swapping a slice of gossip for a slice of the election. Republican Senator Mitt Romney came forward in the Senate trial to stand with the forefathers' Constitution, as well.

The efforts of some to build groveling gravel roads to Moscow is met with others like Romney fighting the national coronary by raising up the Bible and Constitution. It is a new Declaration of Independence, I think.

Still I'm reminded of the Emperor's New Clothes because we have a king of sorts garbed in yellow-orange hair

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## Valley Gardening

BY RUTHIE BROWN

### And other good stuff

## Eat gold fish for a free beer

All is great in the neighborhood! I went up to the Ag Trade show in Monte Vista because Larry had a booth with his GMX Magnetic Water Conditioning.

I also go for the free breakfast, pens, and candy. And to see friends from years gone by.

I was so excited to see the presentation (at the first day's breakfast) of a Monte Vista Cooperative donation of \$25,000 to the Ski Hi Park campaign.

The folks in Monte Vista voted for a tax increase this past fall that will, in part, help with ongoing costs of a new Ski-Hi Park complex. Great job, Monte Vista.

I had to come back to work, but Larry worked the show and then got to relax at the end of the evening (over a cold beer), and visit with other vendors, ranchers and farmers. I got excited over \$25,000, but Larry got to hear about three huge donations from San Luis Valley Federal Bank, Alamosa State Bank and the Rio Grande Savings and Loan.

They each donated \$50,000 to Friends of Ski Hi Park. For more information go to [www.friendsofskihi.org](http://www.friendsofskihi.org). Again, thank you to the local banks who so generously donated to this very worthwhile project.

Even though I have attended many of the Ag Conferences, it never ceases to amaze me how much farming is part of our San Luis Valley.

The cost of some of the farm equipment nowadays is mind-boggling. I have always called farming and gardening legalized gambling, but certainly the stakes are much higher if you have a \$750,000 tractor or two to make payments on.

Not to mention your mortgage, and water, and water and water. Kudos to all farmers in the Valley. Thank you for what you have done and continue to do — for all of us.

A couple of friends got good reports on their cancer battles this week. Thank you for including them in your prayers. You got this, Kathy Park and Sandy Holtcamp. Maybe the war isn't over, but some battles have been won. I certainly believe that all the good energy going your way from across the Valley helps. May the force be with you both, today and always.

I'd like to explain why I get down in the dumps about the dirt, and lack of pride that I see/feel in Alamosa. I will be dating myself.

I go back to the days when I worked at Husing Hardware and F.W. Woolworth. I remember when Billy Spencer would print T-shirts for all the retail merchants to wear on our clean-up Saturdays. There were many more businesses back then, and we all knew and supported each other.

One of the smaller Alamosa fire trucks would come downtown and hose off the sidewalks — pretty amazing how much dirt washed off. After the sidewalks were done, merchants would clean their windows.

The whole downtown smelled and looked clean and fresh. I don't see that kind of comradery nowadays — for any number of reasons.

The comradery was such, back in the day, that when the jukebox malfunctioned at the Purple Pig, Ed White, manager of Woolworth's would unplug their jukebox and roll it down the street. Those were the days. Maybe Ed got a free beer or seven, I'm not sure. I do remember that Eula Hutchins (Pet Department Mgr.) would

and not even a thread of moral suiting; he is as naked as a jailbird flitting between this lie and that confounded propaganda. He struts that he has man-handled women, reached out like a traitor to countries to sabotage elections, denied his bellowing on evening news, and made the national heartlessness ripe for coronation.

The Democratic Party is offering a new buffet, a return to thoughtful and heartfelt awareness, that "All men [people] are created equal." I am relieved that having heart is growing in pundit wisdom, as well as in the citizenry. There are many facets to the coronary embolism afflicting our nation.

Maybe we'd better remember the solution is full heartedness, faith and our own Constitution. Build a healthy national heart and shun the emperor wannabes.

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no longer sell goldfish to Mike Lorton (who came down from the Pig) because it was told that if you ate a goldfish you got a free drink.

If you ate half a gold fish (like bit it in half) you got a shot of tequila. Those were the days, that's for sure. Is this too much information for you?

I want this pride back for all of Alamosa but of course I have to start in LODA — lower downtown Alamosa. We have the comradery down here already. LODA is where I live and work, I sleep in the county. On these spring-like days, I am chomping at the bit to get started. Anyone have a water tank with a pump that I can borrow?

Before I forget, I am also looking for an aluminum can crusher thingamajig. Leo is using the largest sledge hammer ever to crush cans. I have visions of him crunching his fingers. Do you have one that works good, and you are no longer using. Or, can you give me a brand name to look for? Thanks!

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# Lifestyle

## Archery elk licenses now limited in So. Colo.

### Elk herd management meetings scheduled

**DURANGO** — Archery hunters in southwest Colorado are now required to apply through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife limited licensing program to obtain a license for elk hunting.

The new requirement applies to Game Management Units 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 711, 741, 751 and 771. The change was made because of concerns about the declining elk population and concerns by the hunting public that there were too many bowhunters in the field.

Archery hunters will apply to hunt in a specific GMU or group of GMU. Previously, archery elk licenses in these units were over-the-counter either-sex tags that were not unit specific. Now, archery licenses will be broken down into unit specific limited bull, cow, and private-land-only either-sex licenses.

The deadline to submit an application is April 7. All hunters can start submitting applications on March 1 through the CPW website.

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission, on Jan. 15, made the decision to limit these licenses based on recommendations from CPW staff and input from the public.

Brad Weinmeister, terrestrial biologist in Durango, explained that cow-calf ratios have been in serious decline for more than a decade. The ideal ratio is 40 calves per 100 cows. During recent aerial classification flights he found the lowest cow-calf ratio that's ever been recorded in southwest Colorado — just 18 calves per 100 cows.

"That's not enough calves to sustain the population," Weinmeister said.

Another factor in the decision was the growth of the number of archery hunters in the last decade. In these game management units, depending on location,

the numbers have grown by 45 to 80 %; and those archers could hunt bulls or cows. During the same period, in an attempt to halt the decline in the elk population, CPW reduced licenses for rifle and muzzleloader hunters by 80%.

Despite those reductions, elk populations have not responded with the growth biologists were hoping to see.

CPW wildlife managers in Durango are now discussing how many and the type of licenses that will be available. That decision will be made locally in March and then forwarded to the Parks and Wildlife Commission in May for approval.

Two public meetings to discuss elk herd management in this area are scheduled: Norwood, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Lone Cone library; Durango, Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. At the meetings CPW staff will explain the history of the local herds, current status and proposals for managing elk into the future. The public is invited to ask questions and provide comments.

For those who cannot attend the meetings, an online survey is available at: <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/HerdManagementPlans.aspx>. The deadline for completing the survey is Feb. 25.

CPW is an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 41 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW's work contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.



Hypothermia occurs when body temperature drops below the norm. It is a serious health risk.

## Recognize signs of hypothermia

The arrival of cold weather provides opportunities to romp in the snow, ski the slopes or enjoy an afternoon ice skating on a frozen pond. But spending time outdoors in the cold or even in an indoor space that is not adequately warmed can result in a serious health condition known as hypothermia.

Hypothermia is defined as a potentially dangerous decrease in body temperature that is usually caused by prolonged exposure to cold conditions.

Outdoors enthusiasts' risk for hypothermia increases as winter progresses and temperatures drop even further. However, hypothermia can occur other times of the year if the body is chilled. For example, hypothermia can occur when boats capsize and boaters are suddenly tossed into a body of water, or when hikers get caught in the rain during evening hikes. WebMD says normal body temperature is 98.6, and hypothermia begins when body temperature falls below 95.

When the body reaches lower temperatures, this can affect the heart, nervous system and certain organs, advises The Mayo Clinic. If left untreated, hypothermia may lead to cardiac and respiratory arrest.

Early symptoms of hypothermia include shivering, fast breathing, cold and pale skin, tiredness, confusion and slurred speech. As body temperatures drop, shivering may stop and a person may faint.

Hypothermia frequently develops when people are exposed to the cold without warm and dry clothing for protection. Hypothermia also may develop when people get wet or are caught unaware of changes in weather. Wind removes body heat effectively and direct contact

with cold surfaces also can bring on hypothermia more quickly.

Infants and the elderly may be at a higher risk of hypothermia because their bodies aren't attuned to regulating temperature. Older adults may suffer hypothermia, for example, after spending several hours in a house with no heat during a power outage. The Mayo Clinic adds that certain medical conditions affect the body's ability to regulate body temperature, and certain medications may elevate risk as well.

To prevent hypothermia, health experts advise remembering the acronym **COLD**: Cover, Overexertion, Layers, Dry.

► **Cover:** Wear protective coverings, including mittens and hats, to prevent body heat from escaping through the extremities.

► **Overexertion:** Avoid activities that cause sweating. Together, wet clothing and perspiration can cause the body to lose heat more quickly.

► **Layers:** Loose-fitting, layered clothing can offer protection from the cold and wind. Wool, silk or polypropylene insulate more effectively than cotton.

► **Dry:** Remaining as dry as possible is essential. This includes getting out of wet clothing promptly.

► **Children and the elderly** may need to wear an extra layer or two than healthy adults would wear in the same conditions. Drivers should bring along blankets and emergency supplies in the event a car breaks down in cold weather.

Hypothermia is a risk any time of the year, but particularly when the weather grows chilly. Taking precautions to stay warm and dry, and knowing the signs of a drop in body temperature, can help individuals stay safe. TF17C584



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# Sports

## Sierra Grande welcomes Cotopaxi for league meetings

### Late burst not enough against Pirates

By **STEPHEN JIRON**  
*Courier Sports Editor*

**BLANCA** — The Panthers girls basketball team played host to district foe Cotopaxi on Friday night. The visiting Pirates took the win by a score of 65-41.

Entering Friday's meeting with the Pirates, Sierra Grande (5-9, SPL 3-2) saw a two-game streak expire with a trip to Sanford. Cotopaxi (12-3, 6-1 SPL) is looking pretty strong this year and their only league loss has come at the hands of the fifth-ranked Sangre de Cristo Thunderbirds (10-2, 5-0 SPL).

Following the tipoff, Sierra Grande was not daunted by their opponent's record. The Panther's Rebecca Casados would get the scoring started and what followed was the two teams matching each other point for point up to an 8-8 tie midway through the first.

A four-point run gave Cotopaxi their first lead of the game. They'd quickly follow up with another rally and go ahead 16-10. Late baskets from Sierra Grande's Mariana Loya and Annadene Esquer-Montoya got the Panthers on the board but the Pirates would close

the first quarter with a 20-14 lead. Sierra Grande lost their grip on the game in the second frame allowing 12 unanswered points to start the quarter. The host Panthers would go to the break trailing 40-19.

The third quarter wasn't exactly a fresh start for Sierra Grande. Cotopaxi started the third chapter with a 16-2 run. The Panthers would show some signs of life late in the third. Freshman Mia Esquer-Montoya sparked an 8-2 run to close the quarter contributing 6 points of her own. A little preview of the fourth quarter.

The final chapter was the only quarter where Sierra Grande would outscore their opponents led by Mia Esquer-Montoya's four points. The Sierra Grande freshman led the Panthers in scoring with 10 points on Friday night.

Sierra Grande will go right back to work on Saturday looking to get back in the win column against Sargent (7-6, 3-0 SPL). The Panthers are slated for a visit Sargent on Saturday with a start time of 1 p.m.

### Cotopaxi outlasts Panthers in nail biter

By **STEPHEN JIRON**  
*Courier Sports Editor*

**BLANCA** — Sierra Grande boys basketball got all they could handle on Friday night when Cotopaxi came to town. In a competition that came down to the wire, the visiting Pirates bested Sierra Grande by a score of 51-50.

It has been a bumpy ride for Sierra Grande (4-9, 3-2 SPL) who alternated between wins and losses entering their meeting with Cotopaxi. The Panthers bested Moffat and Antonito but couldn't get past Center and would enter Friday on a low note suffering a loss to Sanford on Tuesday. Cotopaxi has been experiencing similar difficulties (10-5, 5-2 SPL) dropping two straight entering Friday's meeting.

Friday's game saw plenty of momentum swings from quarter to quarter. Sierra Grande benefitted from the first one of the night to outscore the Pirates 11-7 with Isiah Chairez leading with 6 points in the first quarter.

Cotopaxi took the next swing with a 13-9 second quarter to send the teams to the break tied at 20-all.

Coming back from the break the Panthers exploded. An eight-point run combined with Sophomore Chairez capitalizing on fouls to complete two three-point plays put the Panthers in great position with a 33-23 lead entering the final quarter.

Cotopaxi took a chunk out of the lead

with an eight-point run to start the quarter and it was a race to the finish. Cotopaxi's Ty Coleman caught fire and buried four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to keep Cotopaxi in the hunt. Sierra Grande's Keaton Fisher also found his fourth-quarter reserve tallying all 11 of his points for the Panthers in the final frame.

In the final minute with Sierra Grande leading 48-46, the Panthers would foul Chance Gulliford. The Cotopaxi senior would only cash in on one of his shots from the charity stripe leaving Sierra Grande leading 48-47. That, combined with a lax defense on the Panthers possession and an intentional foul sending Fisher to the free-throw line, it looked to be all but over. Especially since Fisher sank both of his free throw attempts to put the Panthers firmly in control 50-47 with less than a minute to play.

Cotopaxi found a way and benefitting on a traveling call, put up four unanswered in the final ticks to sneak ahead and get out of Blanca with their first win in February. Isiah Chairez led the Panthers in scoring with 16 points on Friday night.

Sierra Grande will get a little downtime before their next tough challenge. The Panthers are scheduled to welcome the undefeated Sangre de Cristo Thunderbirds (13-0, 6-0 SPL) on Feb. 13th. Sierra Grande and Sangre de Cristo are slated for a 5 p.m. start.



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron

**TOP** Sierra Grande senior Destinee Deleon (1) looks to drive against Cotopaxi's Jamie Sanchez (5) during Friday's game. **RIGHT** Sierra Grande sophomore Isiah Chairez (12) out jumps the competition in the first quarter of Friday's meeting with Cotopaxi



## Grizzlies in Albuquerque at Collegiate Classic

By **AARON KINNISCHTZKE**  
*ASU Sports Information Director*

**ALAMOSA** — As many Grizzly athletes competed in Albuquerque last weekend at the ABQ Convention Center on the Campus of the University of New Mexico, the whole squad is set to compete this weekend at the same facility.

For many of the Grizzlies, this weekend will mark the first indoor track & field competition of the 2020 season. Particularly for the distance runners, the meet in Albuquerque this weekend will be a terrific first look at the 2020 team, as the Collegiate Classic will feature a cast of premier competition from Division I schools. Being that many runners did not compete two weeks ago at the Power 5 meet in Alamosa, the Grizzlies' best hope to knock the rust off and burst into the indoor season with a bang.

As for the sprints athletes, many traveled to Albuquerque last weekend and hope that they will be familiar with the banked surface and come away with great performances this time around. Caelyn Gomez competed in both the Women's 60M dash as well as the 200 and looks to return to the track this weekend and improve upon her performances from a week ago. Sophomore Sunday Abarca competed in the same races on the men's side, and also hopes that he will benefit from his competition last weekend in order to have a successful run this time around. Augie Larranaga and Jessica Simon competed in the Men's and Women's 800M races last weekend, and both are expected to compete again this weekend. Larranaga, a former sprinter, is in a transitional period of becoming what the Grizzlies hope will be a tremendous 800 runner once he gets

more races under his belt. Hurdler David Varner is coming into his own as the Grizzlies' top athlete in his respective event, as he ran in Albuquerque a week ago and will once again lace up the spikes hoping for a good performance this weekend.

While field athletes did not compete at all last weekend, Friday and Saturday will be the first competition for the throws athletes since the home meet in January. Their young core will be up against terrific competition, and they hope that the competition and experience will benefit them moving forward.

The Collegiate Classic from the University of New Mexico kicked February 7th from the ABQ Convention Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and will run all the way through Saturday afternoon. Results will be posted following the conclusion of the meet.



### Results

- Adams State Baseball**  
Feb. 6 ASU 6, Midland 4  
Arizona Christian 13, ASU 5
- Feb. 7**  
Arizona Christian 12, ASU 1
- Adams State Basketball**  
Feb. 7 Regis 72, ASU 46 (W)  
Regis 99, ASU 75 (M)
- Prep Basketball**  
Feb. 6 Sargent 30, Center 22 (G)  
Center 49, Sargent 44 (B)
- Feb. 7**  
Cotopaxi 65, Sierra Grande 41 (G)  
Cotopaxi 51, Sierra Grande 50 (B)  
Moffat-Mt.Valley 65, Manzanola 41 (G)  
Manzanola 66, Moffat-Mt.Valley 40 (B)  
La Veta 51, Creede 22 (G)  
Antonito 52, Lake City 11 (G)  
Del Norte 61, Gunnison 24 (G)  
Gunnison 71, Del Norte 35 (B)  
Pagosa Springs 57, Centauri 50 (G)  
Centauri 53, Pagosa Springs 36 (B)  
Alamosa 68, Monte Vista 18 (G)  
Alamosa 60, Monte Vista 45 (B)  
Sangre de Cristo 64, Centennial 31 (G)  
Sangre de Cristo 79, Centennial 34 (B)
- Adams State Swimming**  
Jan. 25 Western Colorado 155, ASU 50 (W)
- Adams State Wrestling**  
Feb. 6 ASU 29, Chadron State 12
- Feb. 7**  
Colorado School of Mines 23, 18
- Prep Wrestling**

### Sports Bulletin

- Feb. 1**  
**Valley Classic**  
2. Centauri - 199, 15. Monte Vista-54, 17. Sierra Grande/Centennial- 32, 19. Sargent-23, 20. Del Norte-20.5, 22. Mountian Valley-15, 24.Center-2.
- Feb. 6**  
Centauri 54, Monte Vista 24
- Feb. 7**  
Alamosa 76, Monte Vista 3
- Upcoming Events**
- Adams State Baseball**  
Feb. 8 9 a.m. ASU vs Midland
- Adams State Basketball**  
Feb. 8 5/7 p.m. ASU at Colorado Christian (W/M)
- Prep Basketball**  
Feb. 8 1 p.m. Primero at Antonito (B)  
1:30/ 3 p.m. Centauri at Bayfield (G/B)  
2 p.m. Sanford at Crested Butte (G/B)  
1 p.m. Sierra Grande at Sargent (G)  
2 p.m. Del Norte at Center (G/B)  
4 p.m. Centennial at Moffat-Mt.-Valley (G)  
4/7 p.m. Alamosa at Montezuma-Cortez (B)  
5:30/ 7 p.m. Pagosa Springs at Monte Vista (G/B)
- Feb. 10**  
4:30 p.m. Lake City at Sierra Grande (G)
- Adams State Softball**  
Feb. 15 12/ 2 p.m. ASU vs Okla. Panhandle State (DH)
- Feb. 16**  
11 a.m./ 1 p.m. ASU vs Okla. Panhandle State (DH)
- Prep Swimming (G)**  
Feb. 14

### State Championships

- Sargent at Thornton
- Prep Wrestling**  
Feb. 8 6 p.m. Centauri at Pagosa Springs
- Charger Invite**  
TBA Center, Mountain Valley, Sargent, Sierra Grande-Centennial at Crowley County
- Feb. 9**  
**Girls State Championship**  
Sierra Grande-Centennial at Thornton
- Schedules subject to change*

### Volleyball registration extended

**ALAMOSA** — The team registration deadline for the Alamosa Parks & Recreation adult volleyball league has been extended to Sunday, Feb 9th. You can register online at [www.AlamosaRec.org](http://www.AlamosaRec.org), or drop by the AFRC located at 2222 Old Sanford Rd. For more information, contact the AFRC at (719) 589-2105.

### SLV Special Olympics Showcase

**ALAMOSA** — Come show your support for the SLV Dust Devils by bringing your friends and teammates for an unforgettable and unique experience. There will be a silent auction, concessions, and a great game at Plachy Hall on Feb. 23rd at 2 p.m. Admission is free but donations are always appreciated. For more information or if you're interested in volunteering contact: [pjohnson@adams.edu](mailto:pjohnson@adams.edu)

### AP&R Youth Soccer

**ALAMOSA** — The 2020 Alamosa Parks & Recreation coed youth spring soccer registration is now open. You may register your child online at [www.AlamosaRec.org](http://www.AlamosaRec.org), or drop by the AFRC located at 2222 Old Sanford Rd. For more information, contact the AFRC at (719) 589-2105.



# Lifestyle



Photo Credit Top Row (L-R): Wolf Creek Ski Area, Sam Bricker; Arapahoe Basin, Ian Zinner Middle Row: Eldora, Cullen McHale; Telluride Ski Resort Bottom Row: Monarch Mountain; Winter Park, Carl Frey

## Most of Colorado covered in snow

**DENVER** — Multiple feet of snow have covered much of Colorado in a deep layer of powder with snow still piling up across the state and forecasts calling for more throughout the weekend.

The north-central mountains have benefited the most from this recent storm with Steamboat Resort and Howelson Hill bringing in 15 inches of new snow over the last 24 hours while Winter Park and Eldora received 12 and 11 inches, respectively. Copper Mountain recorded 17 inches, Arapahoe Basin enjoyed 14 inches and Loveland Ski Area measured 15 inches.

In the central and western parts of the state, 7 inches of fresh powder fell on

Monarch Mountain, Sunlight Mountain and Aspen Snowmass. In the southwest portion of Colorado, many ski areas picked up a half foot of snow with more falling throughout the day.

Snow is forecasted to continue through this morning, giving weekend skiers and riders exceptional snow conditions across Colorado Ski Country.

For those that will be travelling Saturday, be sure to check with the [Colorado Department of Transportation](http://ColoradoDepartmentofTransportation) for updates on road and travel conditions.

Colorado Ski Country USA's statewide snow report can be found here: <https://www.coloradoski.com/snow-report>.

## Wildlife activities more popular than ever

According to a report from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 101.6 million Americans — or 40% of the U.S. population 16 years old and older — participated in wildlife-related activities in 2016.

Such activities included hunting, fishing and wildlife-watching.

Such activities proved a boon to the U.S. economy, as those who participated in wildlife-related activities spent \$156 billion in 2016.

That's the most money, adjusted for inflation, spent on wildlife-related activi-

ties in the last quarter-century.

Wildlife-watching, which includes observing, feeding and photographing wildlife, has become increasingly popular over the last half-decade.

The FWS reports that participation in wildlife-watching grew by 20% between 2011 and 2016, when more than 86 million people engaged in such activities. Hunters also made a strong impact on the economy, as the roughly 11.5 million hunters in the United States spent \$25.6 billion in 2016. TF17B494

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# Lifestyle

## Society Hall welcomes back Kelly Hunt

ALAMOSA — Society Hall, at 400 Ross Avenue in Alamosa, is pleased to welcome back critically acclaimed rising Americana star Kelly Hunt, with violinist Stas' Heaney accompanying, on Saturday.

The daughter of an opera singer and a saxophonist, Hunt was raised in Memphis, Tenn., and grew up performing other people's works through piano lessons, singing in choirs and performing theater. "It was a very creative, artistic household," Hunt said. During her teenage years, influenced by musical inspirations as diverse as Norah Jones, Rachmaninov and John Denver, she began writing her own songs on the piano as a creative outlet.

After being introduced to the banjo in college while studying French and visual arts, Hunt began to develop her own improvised style of playing, combining old-time picking styles with the percussive origins of the instrument.

"I'm self-taught, I just started letting the songs dictate what needed to be there," she said. "I heard a rhythm in a song that I wanted to execute, so I figured out how to do it on the drum head of the banjo while articulating certain notes in one motion."

After college, Hunt followed a rambling path that took her through careers in acting, graphic design, traditional French breadmaking and medicine, all the while making music as a private endeavor.

"I wanted to get serious about a responsible career choice, but music kept bubbling up. I was writing a lot and playing a lot and started to not

be satisfied just playing to my walls of my room."

After moving to Kansas City and discovering her mysterious Depression-era tenor banjo, Hunt began recording her debut album "Even The Sparrow" in Kansas City alongside collaborator Stas' Heaney and engineer Kelly Werts. "It took almost two years to record," she said, "learning how to let the songs dictate the production." Having finally come to light, the album displays Hunt's penchant for masterful storytelling and intriguing arrangement, as researched and complex as they are memorable, punctuated by her articulate melodies and a well-enunciated and creative command of lyrical delivery infused with deft emotional communication. While reminiscent of modern traditionalists such as Gillian Welch—a number of her songs even borrow titles and phrasing from traditional American music ("Back to Dixie," "Gloryland")—"Even The Sparrow" reveals an ineffable quality that hovers beyond the constraints of genre, à la Anais Mitchell and Patty Griffin.

Here's a sampling of what the music press has to say about Hunt — "[Hunt's] stories — gut-punching in their truthfulness and beautiful in their imagery, often simultaneously — make her debut album, 'Even the Sparrow,' the musical equivalent of a book you can't put down, one you'll want to revisit again and again to catch every nuance and turn of phrase." — Stacy Chandler (No Depression)

"10 Best Country and Americana Songs to Hear Now" — Rolling Stone

"Standing shoulder to shoulder with contemporaries like Welch and Rhiannon Giddens ... folk music harking back to the stripped-down sounds of Leadbelly, Robert Johnson and Woody Guthrie. There's so much to discover here it's pointless trying to convey it all in a short review. A joy from start to finish. Just go listen." — John Vaites (Americana UK)

Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the show beginning at 7. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the show and are available online at [www.societyhall.org](http://www.societyhall.org) or in Alamosa at The Green Spot, 711 State Avenue.

For more information, contact Don Richmond at [donrichmond@att.net](mailto:donrichmond@att.net), 719-588-3453 or Ruthie Brown at [alamosagreenspot@gmail.com](mailto:alamosagreenspot@gmail.com) 719-580-7838.

The board of Society Hall, a 501c-3 non-profit organization, invites you to another wonderful musical evening with Kelly Hunt, with violinist Stas' Heaney, today, Saturday Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the show, and are available online at [www.societyhall.org](http://www.societyhall.org) or in Alamosa at the Green Spot. Society Hall — Where Community Celebrates!



Courtesy photo

Society Hall, at 400 Ross Avenue in Alamosa, is pleased to welcome back critically acclaimed rising Americana star Kelly Hunt (pictured above).

## Seven tips to comfort guests more when entertaining

Many people enjoy opening their homes to friends and family.

Hosts can use these seven strategies to help guests feel at home.

1. Consider the details. Does your guest like chocolate covered almonds? Does he or she prefer a certain genre of music? Take note of the specific details that make the guest tick, and then incorporate them into the entertainment plan.
2. Ready the space. Not everyone has a full-fledged guest room, but that doesn't mean one can't create a welcoming and private retreat for guests. Turn a home office into an overnight area with a pull-out couch or even a dressed-up air mattress with high-quality linens.
3. Anticipate guests' needs. Think like a concierge when hosting at home. Have extra toothbrushes, antiperspirant, mouthwash and a phone charger at the ready. Is the guest a reader? Keep a few selections nearby or a book of puzzles so they can stay busy during their downtime.

4. Keep dietary needs in mind. Guests have different palates and preferences, but some may have serious food allergies, as well. Ask in advance if any guests have food allergies to ensure that any meals served are safe and healthy.

5. Keep pets at bay. Guests may not be as enamored with pets as their hosts. If one knows a guest has an allergy or an aversion to pets, keep the animals away as much as possible.

6. Freshen the home. Take inventory the house in its current state and make some minor improvements. Add some interior lighting, clean the bathrooms, create some extra seating, and freshen up with some flowers to make for a welcoming environment.

7. Prepare a special meal. Give guests a sensational meal they're not likely to forget. This can mean indulging a little with sourced ingredients, home cooking and a good bottle of wine.

Comfort should always be a priority when readying a home for guests. DE19B401

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# Calendar

## San Luis Valley 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 Tuesday at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Packs are \$5.

**ALAMOSA** — Groups are held for women who have experienced domestic violence every second Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Grizzly Training Center, Alamosa. There will be refreshments and child-

care provided. Contact Jennifer McCoy-Hanna at Tu Casa, Inc. at (719)-589-2465.

**VALLEY** — Keep drivers safe in your community. Become an AARP Driver Safety Volunteer Instructor today. Do you have a passion for helping others and want to make your community safer? AARP needs dedicated volunteers as instructors to grow this leading educational program. Sign up today at [www.aarp.org/driversafetyvolunteer](http://www.aarp.org/driversafetyvolunteer)

**VALLEY** — La Puente is in need of volunteers split wood to bring relief to local families. Volunteers with chainsaw skills are most needed, but anyone is invited. To volunteer, call Shanae at (719) 587-3499 or email [volunteers@lapuente.net](mailto:volunteers@lapuente.net)

**ALAMOSA** — Circle of Parents in Recovery provides a safe, supporting, confidential, non-judgmental environment where parents can openly discuss the successes and challenges of parenting in recovery. The group meets every first and third Tuesday from 4-5:30 p.m. at Living Water Bible Fellowship 2019 Clark St., Alamosa. Contact Mary Lambert at (719) 587-6965 or [mlambert@slvbhg.org](mailto:mlambert@slvbhg.org)

**ALAMOSA** — Made up of community members who write in many different genres, the Sophia Circle meets weekly to provide support for writers and their writing projects in the downstairs conference room at the Colorado Welcome Center at Alamosa, Sixth and State, on Sundays from 1-3 p.m. Writers may drop in on any meeting. Bring copies of the work you want to share. Call Holly at (719) 588-7066.

**ALAMOSA** — "Planting Seeds for Kindergarten" is the Alamosa Public Library program that encourages all families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. Participants will be rewarded for every 100 books they read. Register at the Alamosa Public Library today, 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.

**CONEJOS COUNTY** — The Conejos County Library is looking for volunteers to read aloud to young children. Volunteers can join in visiting homes around Conejos County and talking to parents and caregivers about the value of instilling a love for reading. Please contact Margie Wagoner at the Conejos County Library at (719) 274-5858.

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

**ALAMOSA** — Can't make it to Storytime at the Alamosa Public Library? That's OK, check out the Storytime to Go Kits designed to bring Storytime into your home! Come into the Alamosa Public Library today, 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.

**ALAMOSA** — MOPS, (Mothers of Preschoolers), a gathering place for moms with young children (birth through kindergarten) that offers connections, community, resources and support to meet the needs of every mom meets every first and third Wednesday at Living Water Bible Fellowship Church, 2910 Clark St., Alamosa, from 9-11 a.m. See facebook.com/mopsalamosa or mopsalamosa.com.

**LA JARA** — MOPS-La Jara provides a reenergized program Thursday, with new crafts, discussions, snacks and learning at the United Church of La Jara, a safe place for the older kids to play and

learn with a great staff to lead all activities. The great times begin at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays. Call Debbie at (719) 580-6721.

**VALLEY** — Rio Grande County Tourism Board is looking for high quality photographs that photographers would be willing to let the tourism board use for advertising purposes. Contact Ruth Carapella at [ruth@pen-craftco.com](mailto:ruth@pen-craftco.com) or president@riograndetourism.com

**CONEJOS COUNTY** — The Conejos Library District has received a grant from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation titled Growing Readers

Together. The purpose of the grant is to provide early literacy reading materials, reading related toys, and educational activities for home day care providers. The library will provide kits in the form of books, educational toys, music and activities to anyone doing home day care in Conejos County. Those who are interested in participating in this program contact the library at (719) 274-5858.

**ALAMOSA** — Valley Wide Pharmacy is a registered drop-off location for the Colorado Household Medication Take-Back Program. There is a drop-off receptacle located at

the pharmacy for the collection of household medications, including both prescription and over-the-counter medications. Drop off any unwanted household medications for free at the Valley-Wide Pharmacy. The Valley-Wide Pharmacy is inside the Alamosa Family Medical Center clinic at 1710 First St, Alamosa.

**VALLEY** — La Puente Outreach is currently accepting medical applications. Those who are in need of help paying for prescription glasses, hearing aids, medical equipment or dental procedures, please come to 929 State Ave., Alamosa

or call (719) 587-3781.

**VALLEY** — The San Luis Valley Naloxone Education Empowerment Distribution (SLV N.E.E.D.) project came to an end. Free Narcan Nasal kits are still available at any of the local participating pharmacies while supplies last. Those pharmacies are: La Jara Health Mart Pharmacy, Alamosa Pharmacy, Valley Wide Health Systems Pharmacy (for Valley Wide Health Systems patients only), Jacks Market Pharmacy in Monte Vista and Rio Grande Pharmacy in Del Norte. Residents may need a prescription to pick up a kit.

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Vehicle Model	MSRP	Automall Price	Per Month
NEW 2019 FORD FUSION SE	\$26,110	\$22,495.99	\$344
NEW 2019 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4	\$35,610	\$27,995.99	\$428
NEW 2020 FORD EDGE SE AWD	\$34,190	\$30,995.99	\$474
NEW 2019 FORD RANGER XLT CREW 4X4	\$44,950	\$38,995.99	\$597
NEW 2019 FORD F-150 XLT CREW 4X4	\$44,075	\$37,995.99	\$581
NEW 2019 FORD F-250 XLT CREW 4X4	\$59,765	\$53,995.99	\$826
NEW 2020 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4WD	\$46,230	\$39,995.99	\$612
NEW 2019 FORD EXPEDITION LIMITED 4X4	\$79,280	\$64,995.99	\$995

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## Public Notices

NOTICE OF 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF CONEJOS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Alamosa Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM, in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Minor Subdivision submitted by the City of Alamosa.

NOTICE OF PASSAGE Ordinance No. 2-2020 Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2-2020, an ordinance revising Sections 18-46 through 18-48 and Section 18-86 of the Sales and Use Tax ordinances of the City of Alamosa to comport with voter-approved tax revenue and spending changes.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Ordinance No. 3-2020 NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 3-2020, an ordinance amending Section 11-51 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa, Colorado to add a prohibition on providing marijuana to persons under 21 years of age to the existing prohibition on providing alcohol to persons under 21 years of age.

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112 - BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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LICENSED PLUMBER DOES all types of plumbing repairs and plumbing remodel done at reasonable rate. Call 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593.(3/5)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a High School Head Volleyball Coach (with possible teaching positions available). Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, until the position is filled.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY is seeking a full-time jail cook. High school diploma or general education degree (GED). Must be 21 years of age, pass background investigation and drug test screening.

RN CASE MANAGER Hospice del Valle is a non-profit agency located in Alamosa and the only hospice that serves the San Luis Valley. We offer competitive Pay & Benefits, ongoing education, mentoring and support as well as a Holistic & team-centered approach to home-based care.

175 WEDDINGS

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BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN RANCH WEDDING/REUNION SITE. Lodge w/kitchen, dining, sleeping; 9 guest cabins. 719-580-2486. (2/13)

THE SAN LUIS Valley Department of Human/Social Services is accepting proposals for an AND Navigator to serve the following counties: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, and Rio Grande/Mineral. This individual should be SOAR certified or commit to becoming certified within a quick timeframe.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY is seeking a Dispatch/Detention Officer. High school diploma or general education degree (GED), or one to three months related experience and/or training, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must be 21 years of age, pass background investigation and 5 panel drug test, including marijuana required.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY Department of Social Services is accepting applications for a Child Protection Caseworker. Full time position with County benefits. Full job description and application available at www.riograndecounty.org.

CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE Programs seeks: LEAD / Wrap-around Case Managers who will be responsible for providing intensive case management/wrap-around services; working closely with community partners such as justice system partners, law enforcement, behavioral health, housing, human services, schools and workforce development.

EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS UNIT Case Manager needed for Rio Grande County Department of Social Services. Requires High School Diploma or GED, as well as one to three months related experience, including thorough knowledge of TANF rules and regulations and other assistance programs.

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TRUCK DRIVER WANTED part time Saturday and Monday's Retired preferred. Wolf Creek pass. Call 719-480-9937 (2/11)

CDL TRUCK DRIVER needed in hay hauling operation. Class A CLD in good standing, Drug testing required, Competitive payHome on most evenings and on weekends Please call 719-588-4481 for more information(2-16)

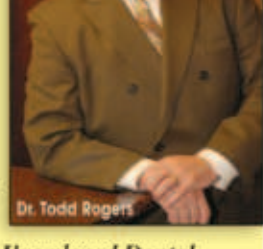
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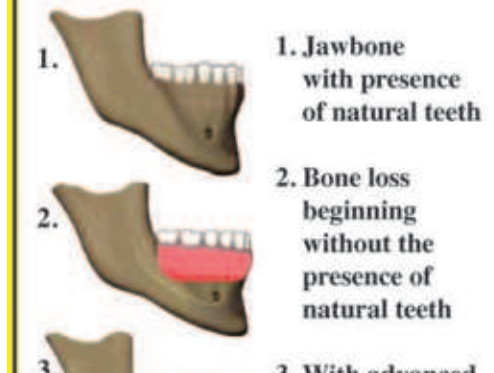
What Are the Limitations in Your Life? Do you cover your mouth when you laugh, cough or sneeze, fearing your dentures will slip and fall out? Do you avoid going out for dinner with friends and family because all you can eat is soft, mushy foods? Do you dream of one day eating the foods you used to eat, like a big juicy steak or delicious green salad? Do you have that 'sunken denture' look, with lines and wrinkles around your nose and mouth?

Hi! I'm Dr. Todd Rogers, born and raised in Colorado. Almost weekly I meet individuals who say, "I just don't go out in public anymore because I am too embarrassed. Can you give me my life back?" Over the years, as I've placed Dental Implants, I've realized that there are many wonderful people with limitations emotionally, mentally and physically. They are desperately searching for a way to improve the quality of their life. Loose, ill-fitting dentures or teeth that cannot be restored feels like a condition that is disabling and almost impossible for those around you to understand.



I Can Change Your Life! Think of the 'end' in mind....a denture that will look good, feel good, and last a long time. Start to finish, all dental treatment is done in just one location, with one dentist. And, Yes! You will leave with teeth that day. During your personal consultation, you and Dr. Rogers will discuss exactly what you would like to have done, the cost, and the time necessary to achieve the expected results. A painless, comfortable procedure is of utmost importance to us. To help you relax, oral medications as well as IV sedation are available. Dr. Rogers has many years of specialized training and experience in the surgical placement and restorative placement of Dental Implants.

The Solution: An Implant-Supported Denture



Dental Implants are the closest thing to natural teeth. A Dental Implant is a man-made replacement for the root of a tooth. A small titanium screw is implanted in the jawbone, and functions much like the root of your natural tooth. Many who wear dentures know that keeping them in place is often difficult, especially those with lower dentures. We understand the personal pain and humiliation you feel because of ill-fitting dentures. Dental Implants will preserve your jawbone and stabilize your denture. You will feel and act more like your 'natural self' again, laughing and speaking with confidence. With a smile that is long-lasting, often for a lifetime.

With time, there will be more bone loss and the need for more denture adhesive and more relines at the dental office. It is a continual cycle. Dr. Todd Rogers, DDS • Research Parkway Dental • 2465 Research Parkway • Colorado Springs, CO 80920

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My staff and I encourage you to call my office and schedule a consultation, including a complete oral examination and x-rays, to determine if you are a candidate for dental implants. ALL AT NO CHARGE!!! Together, we will discuss exactly what YOU would like to have done, the cost, and the time necessary to achieve the expected results. You will find that the procedure is AFFORDABLE, IMMEDIATE and has GUARANTEED results!

Dr. Todd Rogers will be in Alamosa Mar. 19 & 20 and April 9 & 10, 2020 Invest In Yourself, Call Today!! (719) 528-6450 The Villa Mall, Suite A Alamosa, CO 81101 Please call promptly so that we may schedule your appointment on a date & time that works best for you. www.toddrogersdental.com



# Classifieds

## 221 HELP WANTED

**SEEKING A PART-TIME** Family Advocate, with potential for full-time at a later date. The Family Advocate is responsible for the engagement, intake, assessment, internal triage, and case management for families seeking service at Adelante Family Resource Center. The Family Advocate works with families to create positive and long-term growth aimed to improve safety, stability, and self-efficacy by providing trauma-informed, strengths-based, solution focused, and culturally responsive services. Duties include assisting with client goal setting, Service/referral/resource navigation in the community, regular in-person visits at Adelante, in family homes and in the community. Additional responsibilities include collaboration with local community partners and other program staff, data tracking, reporting and adherence to program grant requirements. Bachelor's degree preferred with two years of experience working in the human service field with direct client contact. Bi-lingual a plus. Please send cover letter and resume to: HR, PO BOX 1235, Alamosa, CO 81101 or email to hr@lapuente.net (2/18)

**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** seeks applicants for a General Labor I position in the Facilities Services Department. For application or more information, please see <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/> Deadline is February 9, 2020. AA/EOE. (2/8)

**HOST/HOSTESS NEEDED** APPLY in person, at 506 State Street. Rubi Slipper must be flexible. No Phone calls. (2/15)

**CITY OF ALAMOSA** is seeking a Full Time Maintenance Worker I with a hiring salary of \$14.42 - \$15.86 per hour (DOQ), to provide routine maintenance tasks in and around the City Facilities. Applications can be found online at [www.cityofalamosa.org](http://www.cityofalamosa.org) under Employment or at the Human Resources Department, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Closing date is February 13, 2020 at 4:30 pm. (2/15 #2)

**EXPERIENCED DENTAL HYGIENIST** wanted. Established practice in Alamosa, full time or part time. Must have active license. Send resume to PO Box 1841 Alamosa, CO 81101. (1/15-TFN)

**RECEPTIONIST NEEDED** immediately. Need to be dependable. Bring resume to Valley Courier, Attention Keith. (TFN)

## 221 HELP WANTED

**SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL** District is currently accepting applications for a High School Spanish Teacher/ELL Director. Applicants must have a current state certification/license or in the process of receiving a certification/license and enrolled in an educational program for completion or endorsement. Application forms are available at the district office located at 17523 E. Hwy 160 Blanca, CO 81123 or on the District's website at [www.sierragrandeschool.net](http://www.sierragrandeschool.net) Applications may be submitted to Mr. Brandon Mizokami at [bmizokami@sierragrandeschool.net](mailto:bmizokami@sierragrandeschool.net) For more information please contact Mrs. DeAnn Arellano at 719-379-3257. (2/22)

**THE CITY OF ALAMOSA** is seeking a Full-Time Maintenance Worker II in the Streets Department to perform semi-skilled and skilled work in the construction, modification, maintenance and repair of streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm drains, graffiti removal, and traffic signs; and performs related work as assigned. The candidate must possess a High School Diploma or equivalent, a valid Colorado Class B Commercial Driver License with an acceptable driving record, and the ability to frequently lift and carry equipment weighing over 50 lbs. Starting salary is \$15.25 - \$16.78 per hour (DOQ), including a comprehensive health benefits package, CO PERA retirement, and vacation, personal, and sick leave. Applications can be found online at [www.cityofalamosa.org](http://www.cityofalamosa.org) under Employment or at the Human Resources Department, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Closing date is February 10, 2020 at 4:30 pm. (2/12)

**MONTE VISTA AREA** Ditch Companies seeking a ditch rider, experience preferred. Must have a valid CDL reliable transportation, Welding capabilities, able to run and maintain heavy equipment. Salary based on experience. Send resume to 147 Washington St., Monte Vista Co 81144 (2/21)

**WE ARE SEEKING** a responsible, self motivated, "preferably" experienced Dental Assistant to join our team at Harding Dental Group where our patients experience the difference at the premiere dental practice in the San Luis Valley. Must be willing to travel to both office locations, South Fork and Alamosa. Please email resumes to [june@hardingdental-group.com](mailto:june@hardingdental-group.com) (2/7)

## 221 HELP WANTED

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for a Middle School Math Teacher for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. 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, until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html> or call 719-852-5996. (2/7)

**THE ALAMOSA POLICE** Department is seeking a FT Police Officer, \$19.86 per hour to join the Alamosa Police Department. Some duties include, protecting the lives, health, welfare, and property of individuals within the city limits by enforcing municipal, state, and federal statutes, ordinances, and laws. For a full job description and to apply please visit the [cityofalamosa.org](http://cityofalamosa.org). Open until filled. (3/3 #1)

**TEMPORARY EXPERIENCED HEAD** Cook-Monte Vista - (2+ yrs exp; references); Responsible for food preparation per to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans; must be familiar w/Colorado Retail Food Establishments Rules and Regs and certification Food Safety and Handling; supervisory skills, cooks in large quantities; 5:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. M-F; For more information call 719-589-4511. Applications and full job description available at South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., 1116 3rd St. Alamosa CO or call 719-589-4511 for more information. (2/8)

**330 FREE BARN CATS** CALL 719-379-4179. (2/14)

**351 LIVESTOCK** PIGS FOR SALE \$1.00 lb. live weight. 570-395-0184 (TFN)

## 221 HELP WANTED

**SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL** District is currently accepting applications for the 2019-2020 School Year for the following positions: High School Track Coach, Middle School Wrestling Coach, and Middle School Baseball Coach. Applications are available online at [www.southconejos.com](http://www.southconejos.com). Applications can be forwarded to [josh@southconejos.com](mailto:josh@southconejos.com). If you have questions/concerns you may contact the district office at 719.376.7001. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. South Conejos is an equal opportunity employer. (2/8)

**COMMUNITY BANKS OF** Colorado is seeking a candidate to fill a Universal Banker position in our La Jara Banking Center. If you have client service, sales and cash handling experience, we'd like to speak with you. For position details and to apply, please visit [www.nbh-bank.com](http://www.nbh-bank.com). NBH Bank is an equal opportunity employer. (2/7)

**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY:** Counseling, Career and Accessibility Services Adams State University seeks applicants for Counseling Services Coordinator of Accessibility services. AAEOE. For more information visit: <https://www.adams.edu/hr/administrative-positions/> (2/19)

**324 - FEED & SEED** PREMIUM TARPED AND shedded grass hay 3x3 Bales 750 lbs. near Monte, CO. 719-588-8506. Discounts for larger amounts. (2/25)

**PREMIUM ALFALFA** AND grass/alfalfa, small bales \$8.00 in shed, \$7.00 outside (719) 580-2509. (02/19)

**HORSE AND COW** hay: grass, grass/alfalfa, alfalfa. 3x3 and 4x4 bales, various quality and pricing. 719-850-8917 (7-13-TFN)

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## 353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK SERVICES

**POWDER RIVER CALF** shoot. Call anytime 719-580-5745. (2/12)

## 360 - MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

**MOBIL 10W 30** conventional motor oil, \$15.00 a case, have a bunch. 720-384-5600(2/13)

**RAMSEY 12 VOLT** Pro 8000R Series #817508 wench 93 ft. 5/16 cable. Remote switch, roller fairlead. 719-852-2285 (10/22-TFN)

**ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS.** Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN)

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

**FOR ADOPTION:** 4 little black puppies, part boxer. Males and females. Call or come by Valley Humane League 589-3385

**FOR ADOPTION: SUNSHINE!** an adorable little black chihuahua mix. She is a small lap dog and partially house trained. She gets along with other dogs and cats. Please call Valley Humane League for more information. At this time she is in foster care but we can bring her to meet you at the shelter. 589-3385

**FOR LEASE: 126** acres under pivot for hemp, near Moffat, CO. Please Call (719) 942-3286 or email [ckennedy163@gmail.com](mailto:ckennedy163@gmail.com) (3/3)

## 409 FARM & RANCH LAND

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## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

**1 BEDROOM GARAGE** carport fenced front and back yard, and workshop. \$600/Mo. 719-850-6055. (2/25)

**HOUSE IN ALAMOSA** For Sale. 5 Bedrooms 2.5 Bathrooms call or text 719-496-6795 or 719-480-0960. (2/20)

**IN ALAMOSA, 206** and 212 Bonney Dr. 3 Bedrooms, 1 bathroom. \$140,000/ each OBO call 719-480-3777. (2/18)

**DEL NORTE COLORADO,** Rent To Own, 3 Bedroom 2 Bathroom \$750/Mo. 719-253-2978. (2/15)

**2 HOMES/ 5.25 Acres,** Trees!, 3 wells!, Extra electric System, Trees!, Corrals. \$184,000.00 970-640-9562. (3/13)

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

**VALLEY DOG TRAINING,** Alamosa. Obedience agility classes \$50, 6 weeks 719-379-4157 for information. (2/18)

**ALL DOGS ADOPTED** FROM THE VALLEY HUMANE LEAGUE HAVE TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED BEFORE GOING TO THEIR NEW HOME. (TFN)

**NEED CATS FOR** mousers? Want to adopt kittens? Help trap/neuter/release efforts? Donate food/litter/supplies? Low cost spay/neuter clinic for cats. <http://www.catsaliveslv.com> 719-298-7028. (TFN)

**FREE TO GOOD** home. Adults and kittens. NO MOUSERS OR BARN CATS. Spay/neuter clinics coming to Alamosa in near future. Call Donna K 719-589-5952 or 719-580-9078. (TFN)

## 387 - WANTED TO BUY

**WANTED TO BUY** Cow hay and Wheat straw call 719-850-1680. (2/7)

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## 420 - LOTS & ACREAGE

**25 ACRES AT** Sangre de Cristo Ranches, with Elec. 200' water well, Sangre de Cristo creek runs through it. 80 acres 2 1/2 miles west of San Acacio call Al Lopez 719-588-2930 / 719-843-0930. (2/25)

## 500 REUNIONS

**BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN RANCH** WEDDING/REUNION SITE. Lodge w/kitchen, dining, sleeping; 9 guest cabins. 719-580-2486. (2/13)

## 525 GUNS

**ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS.** Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN)

## 601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**BEAUTIFUL 4 BEDROOM** Ranch house located near Monte Vista \$1000/mo. call 719-588-8506. (2/13)

## Century Property Management & Sales, LLC

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICE** For all your rental needs please call 719-589-5744 or stop by 823 Main St. Alamosa, CO 81101 [www.alamosarentals.com](http://www.alamosarentals.com)

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## 611 - HOMES FOR RENT

**3 BEDROOM 1 Bath-** room propane and wood heat fenced yard room for livestock. 970-640-9562.

## 630 - ROOMS FOR RENT

**ROOM FOR RENT** next to TSJC all utilities included 719-580-4689. (2/14)

## 634 - ROOMMATE WANTED

**MATURE WOMEN** LOOKING for a female roommate to share a 3 bedroom house. For information call 719-589-6921 or 719-588-0813. (2/19)

## 717 WATER SHARES

**AUGMENTATION WATER SHARE** of Middlemist water for sale 719-588-3224. (2/28)

**SLV IRRIGATION WELL** Owners Inc. 6000 gallons at \$4.00 per gallon. Call 719-849-8197. (2/11)

## 601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Accepting Applications for 2 & 3 bedroom family units. Family living at an affordable price. **Immediate Availability**

## Valley Grande Apartments

2256 East Drive Monte Vista, CO **852-4302** Rental assistance available to qualified households. TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Accepting Applications for waiting list for 2 & 3 bedroom family units. Handicap accessible units available. **Immediate Availability**

## West View Villas

510 Dunham Monte Vista, CO **852-3949** TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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4 Absent-minded murmur  
7 Just around the corner  
11 Eden exile  
12 Vehicle  
13 Wheel support  
14 Gentle bear  
15 Scurry sideways  
16 Ran  
17 Camelot royal  
19 Gene Autry movie  
21 "Little Women" name  
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23 Pigeonhole  
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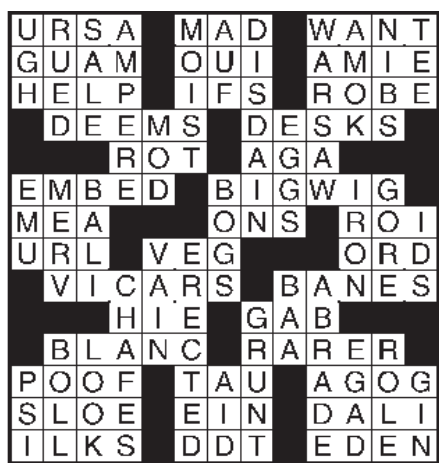
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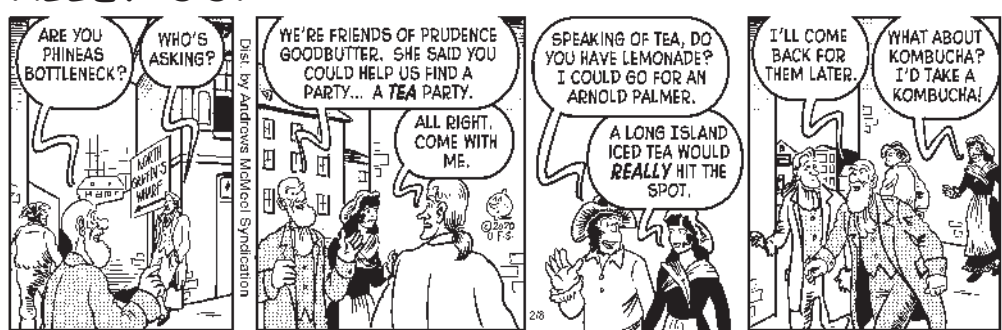
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10 Ruby  
12 Savvy  
18 Nasty laugh  
20 Off-road vehicle  
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24 NW state  
25 Company VIP  
26 Races the engine  
27 Had a meal  
30 Sharp bark  
32 Detective's cry  
33 Nozzle

34 Vote in favor  
36 Cosmetic buys  
38 Bits of holly  
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43 — Alamos  
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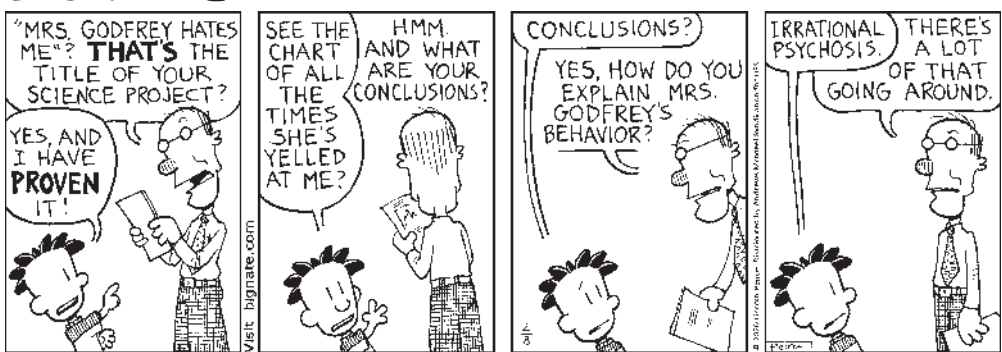
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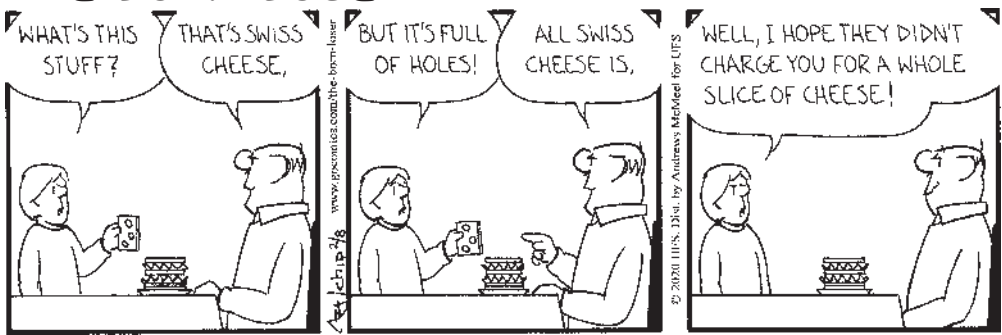
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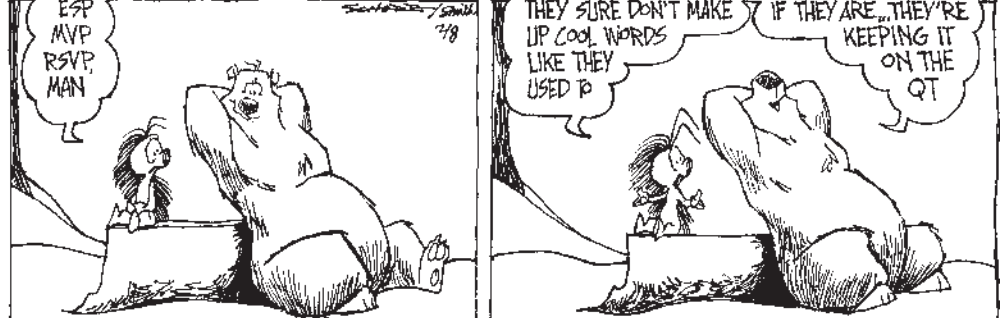
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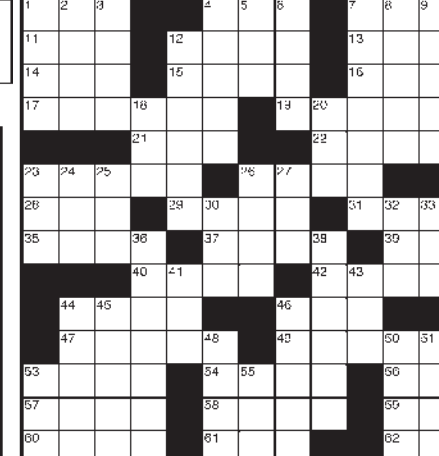


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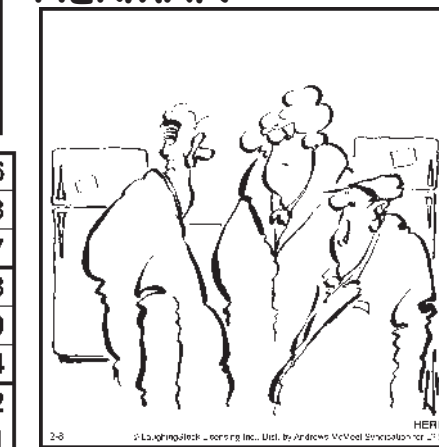
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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.



## HERMAN



"Do you have such a thing as a refrigerator with a revolving door?"

# Boyfriend's prison record opens him up to judgment

DEAR ABBY: I have never been in love before, and I have just learned the man I'm seeing is a former felon. It was nothing having to do with sexual violence or killing anyone. I'm afraid if my family finds out, they will judge him. He works seven days a week and lives in a shelter because most places don't want to rent to felons. He treats me good and takes me out for dinners.

Maybe I'm stupid for not being judgmental, but he's a good person who has served his time for his crimes, and he's still being punished. Are people like him not allowed to be in love and have families too? -- IN LOVE IN NEBRASKA

DEAR IN LOVE: People make mistakes. People "like him" also fall in love, marry and have families. While there is bias against individuals with prison records, the fact that they served time does not guarantee they can't go on to live successful lives after their release. Explain that to your family, and suggest they take the time to get to know him before jumping to conclusions and making any final judgments.

DEAR ABBY: I've always been sensitive, but it has gotten worse since I became a mom a year ago. I dread watching or reading the news for fear of seeing a child, parent

or animal has been hurt or mistreated. I'm a religious person, and I find myself asking God why bad things happen.

I know the tragic stories tend to make the headlines, but how would you suggest I learn to still see the good in the world? I can't quit seeing the news. We are inundated. I just wish the negativity of the world didn't get to me like it does. Advice, Abby? -- SUPER SENSITIVE IN KENTUCKY

DEAR SUPER SENSITIVE: That you have recently become a mother and are responsible for a helpless little person may have something to do with your feelings. But please don't judge the whole world or the people in it by the horror stories featured in the headlines, because they are misleading. Many people do positive things to help their neighbors and their communities that don't make the news. Consequently, we hear less about them.

I combat feelings like those you are experiencing by taking a "vacation" from reading or watching the news for a few days or a week when I think it is affecting me emotionally. I suggest you try it. Also, while your schedule as a new mother may be a busy one, if you can make the time, consider volunteering at your local library or



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a senior citizens' center. If you do, it may help you feel less helpless, knowing you are not only doing something positive but also making a significant difference in someone else's life.

DEAR ABBY: I have been retired for a little more than a year, and I enjoy it, except for one problem. My husband seems to think that since I'm home, I should be constantly busy -- cleaning, cooking, doing SOMETHING. He accuses me of being lazy. I think he may be jealous that I don't work anymore. What do you think? -- RETIREE IN GEORGIA

DEAR RETIREE: I think you may have hit the nail on the head. Things might improve if you tell him less often how much you're enjoying it.