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SLV Today Property taxes due

ALAMOSA — This is a reminder that the first half of property taxes are due to the Alamosa County Treasurer's Office by Feb. 29.

More tax information

ALAMOSA—It has come to the City's attention that some retailers in Alamosa may be charging City sales tax in excess of the approved sales tax amount.

BINGO ALAMOSA — American Legion Bingo will host \$1,199 must go.

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TSJC's nursing ranks high

Alamosa-based program No. 3 out of 28 schools in Colorado

ALAMOSA—Trinidad State's nursing program in Alamosa was recently ranked number three out of 28 college nursing programs in Colorado according to registerednursing.org.

The ranking is based on student performance on the NCLEX Registered Nurse exam. NCLEX is the National Council Licensure Examination, which is used by all state boards of nursing across the United States.

Nursing programs were assessed on several factors, which represent how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond. TSJC analyzed past and present first-time NCLEX-RN "pass-rates" — weighted by year.

For this ranking, five years of NCLEX-RN test scores were weighted and averaged. The



Nursing instructor Martin Dineen with a student at the Valley campus.

most recent test scores were given more weight than those from five years ago. Using that average Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs scored 98.79 out of 100.

scored in the top ten. "This is a credit to our hard-working faculty at our Valley Campus," said Trinidad State Dean of Instruction LoriRae Hamilton.

CCCF invests Nestlé gift into waste study

CHAFFEE COUNTY —The Chaffee County Community Foundation (CCCF) announced it has directed a gift from Nestlé Waters of North America (NWN) to fund the initial phase of a waste assessment to be led by the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association's (GARNA) Chaffee Green Sustainability Program.

As GARNA's project overview explains, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Chaffee County has increased nearly 23% in the last decade (2000 = 16,315; 2018 = 20,027), and this trend is expected to continue.

In addition to attracting new residents, Chaffee County has been incredibly successful at attracting an ever-increasing number of tourists each year with double-digit growth on the Arkansas River, and in the surrounding mountain ranges. While all this growth is surging, changes in the recycling markets and systems have forced costs to rise and services to contract.

The outcome of this phase of the waste assessment will be a better understanding of the current annual waste generated and diverted in Chaffee County, with monthly estimates if possible. This information will build into a larger request for funds to the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment to fund a deeper audit to better understand the amount of waste visitors generate in the summer months and to expand GARNA's education and outreach programs focused on waste diversion, including youth education. In addition,



A picturesque view of Arkansas Valley.

these assessments will inform and help shape the sustainability plan as a part of the new county comprehensive plan.

CCCF will work with NWN to direct larger future investments into the recycling and waste diversion capacity of Chaffee County. This work would not happen without NWN's strategic deployment of resources and will have long-term, positive impacts on the quality of life and environmental health of the county and local community.

"We are so pleased to support this phase in Chaffee County's effort to build its sustainability plan, and we commend GARNA and CCCF for spearheading such an important initiative," said Natural Resource Manager Larry Lawrence.

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Bridge of Alamosa reaches out



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Bridge at Alamosa Bazaar Activities Director Marquis Heizer reports that his organization sold homemade items and raised \$644, which was donated to Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue. Front row, from left to right, are Marquis Heizer, Delphine Mead, Joyce Houle and Harriet Glasgow; back, Jupee McCallister, Amelia McCallister, Olivier DeRaet, Jeff Tokar, Bruce Morrison, Don Thompson and Kenneth Fichter.

Correction



On page 3 of the Tuesday, Feb. 25 Courier the wrong photo was sent with the outline below. The correct outline that matches the photo is: Win the 23rd Crane Quilt. Members of the Kiwanis Club of Monte Vista are again sponsoring their Annual Crane Quilt Raffle. Proceeds from the raffle primarily fund the Monte Vista Key Club Scholarship Program with remaining funds used for community service projects. The 2020 Crane Quilt, "Time to Take Flight" was designed, pieced, and quilted by Raydene Plane. The center of the quilt is graced by a hand-painted Sandhill Crane. The winner of the 2019 Crane Quilt was Charlotte Thompson from Dolores. Tickets are on sale at one ticket for \$2 or three tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held during the Crane Festival on March 8 at 2 p.m. at Ski Hi Park in Monte Vista. The winner does not need to be present to win. Tickets are available from Kiwanis members at the following locations: Rio Grande Savings and Loan-Monte Vista; Joseph A. Lucero DDS; Tri County Senior Citizens; Kay's Bookkeeping Services; Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce; and Kiwanians Wayne Wittner, Colette Skeff, Debbie Palmgren, Karen Widger, Michael and Linda Couch, and Janet and Don Noland. Tickets will also be available at Ski Hi Park during the festival. A Key Club Scholarship for \$1,000 was awarded to Alyssa Rawinski, Monte Vista High School Key Club Member in May, 2019.

Hunters urged to look into new license requirements

DENVER — Hunters hoping to draw a big-game license in Colorado in 2020 are urged to study up on all the changes in license requirements and fees prior to the March 1 opening of the application period (March 1-April 7 at 8 p.m. MST).

For a good overview of what's in store, check out CPW's "What's New" video for the 2020 big-game seasons.

Important changes for hunters to take note of include:

ADJUSTMENTS TO LICENSE FEES

The Future Generations Act, which passed through the Colorado Legislature in 2018, allows CPW to adjust resident license prices to keep up with the cost of inflation. This year, that means an increase of 1.3% or 30 cents to a few dollars on most licenses (bear license prices have actually gone down).

QUALIFYING LICENSES

In order to participate in the Big Game primary draws and new secondary draws, hunters will need to purchase a qualifying license. If one applied for big game in Colorado last year, one recalls that all applicants including, youth ages 12-17, must buy a qualifying license prior to applying for the big game license draw. Qualifying licenses include: spring

turkey licenses, annual small game, annual resident combination small game/fishing, veteran's lifetime resident combination small game/fishing, senior combination small game/fishing (new) and disabled first responder combination small game/fishing (new). Please note that any remaining left-over limited licenses that become available on a first-come-first-serve basis (Aug. 4 at 9 a.m. MST) and over the counter licenses (Aug. 6 at 9 a.m. MST), will not require a qualifying license.

VALID DATES FOR ANNUAL LICENSES HAVE CHANGED

The 2020 annual licenses go on sale March 1, including qualifying licenses, at the same time as big game applications. The 2020 annual licenses, including qualifying licenses, are valid March 1, 2020-March 31, 2021. Remember, to be a valid qualifying license for the big game draws, the license must be valid for the 2020 license year.

Secondary draw replaces the leftover draw in 2020

Hunters who don't draw a license in this year's primary draw should be aware they still have the opportunity to draw a license in the new secondary big game draw. The secondary draw replaces the old leftover draw.

New in 2020, most elk,



Courtesy photo

deer, pronghorn and bear licenses not issued through the primary draw will now be made available in a secondary draw that is open to anyone, whether they applied for the primary draw or not. Secondary draw applications are accepted June 5-July 7, 8 p.m. MST.

REVIEW APPLICATION AND ACCOUNT TO AVOID ISSUES WITH ONE'S DRAW

Apply early to avoid any issues with an application. Once one has submitted his or her application, please review the emailed receipt to confirm the hunt codes entered. Application modifications can be made to a submitted application before April 7 at 8 p.m. MST.

To avoid any issues if one draws a license, make sure one's credit card on file is up to date and that one's email and mailing address are correct when applying. The payment deadline for the primary big game draws is June 19.

MANDATORY TESTING FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

CPW is continuing mandatory Chronic Wasting Disease testing for selected game management units (GMUs) as part of its Chronic Wasting Disease

Response Plan (see cpw.state.co.us/cwd for more info). There is no charge for mandatory testing. Eighty-nine GMUs will be tested in 2020, mostly in western Colorado. If you're hunting deer (either sex) in these units, and you harvest, you will need to bring your head in to a CWD submission location so Colorado Parks and Wildlife technicians can collect a lymph node sample for testing. A complete list of GMUs where mandatory testing will be required is available on page 21 of the 2020 Colorado Big Game Brochure.

"It's very important all hunters read the 2020 Colorado Big Game brochure, which is available at all CPW office locations and online," said CPW Public Information Officer Travis Duncan. "We're encouraging all hunters to check their online accounts to ensure their contact information is current and credit card information is up-to-date. Then check your account after the draw to see the draw results, your preference point levels and the status of your payments," Duncan said.

NOTE TO HUNTERS:

CPW harvest data from 2019-2020 will not be available until mid-March.

resident Dr. Erica Wohldmann-Gift, who earned her doctorate in cognitive psychology and cognitive science and served as the Interim Director for the Institute for Sustainability at the California State University, Northridge.

ABOUT CCCF

CCCF envisions a resilient Chaffee County where residents, nonprofits, businesses, and governments are thriving, interconnected, and well resourced. CCCF's mission is to act as a catalyst to inspire positive change through the power of philanthropy to enrich the lives of all people in Chaffee County. To do this, CCCF is working with nonprofits, residents, businesses, and municipal governments to increase philanthropy, provide capacity building and technical support to nonprofits, and invest in catalytic projects in the areas of Community Vitality, Community Health, and Community Capacity. In addition, CCCF aims to act as a "center for the common good" by holding

space for community conversations and dialogue on tough issues. Learn more at www.chaffeecommunity.org.

ABOUT GARNA

Focused on more than environmental issues, the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association recognizes that how it builds, plans and cares for the communities in the Upper Arkansas Valley increases community resilience, and that makes a difference in how the community values and stewards the natural environment. GARNA is a community connector through its Youth Ecological Literacy Program, its popular clubs, such as the Birding, Hiking, Photography and Book Clubs, as well as its community education programs that draw residents and visitors to the area. GARNA manages the largest group of volunteers in the Upper Arkansas River valley. Each year, over 200 hard-working volunteers clean, maintain and improve the health of the watershed and on public lands of the

Upper Arkansas Valley. GARNA public education programs reach over 5,000 people per year, with a Youth Ecological Literacy Program that reaches 1,800 youth per year with place-based, pro-social and STEM programs in Chaffee and Lake counties.

GARNA, through community collaboration, inspires a conservation ethic by providing educational opportunities and experiences so that those who live, work and play in the Upper Arkansas Valley are motivated to take care of the natural resources and leave a legacy of responsible use of the natural environment.

About NWNA

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customizable water and beverage delivery service. Just Click and QuenchSM.

Based in Stamford, Conn., with more than 7,000 associates in the United States, NWNA manages natural resources for long-term sustainability, and conserves nearly 21,000 acres of natural watershed area. NWNA currently provides source water for its six regional spring water brands from 47 springs across North America. NWNA is also committed to creating shared value and being a good neighbor in the 140 communities where it operates in the U.S.

For more information, visit us at <https://www.nestle-watersna.com> and follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook: @NestleWatersNA.

Report courtesy of Joseph Teipel, executive director of Chaffee County Community Foundation, 719-204-5071, joseph@chaffeecommunity.org, www.chaffeecommunity.org.

Waste

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to do so more often is an important priority of NRNA. In addition to funding this waste assessment in Chaffee, we are working around the United States to help improve plastics recycling and support recycling infrastructure through indirect investments, including our \$6 million investment in the Closed Loop Infrastructure Fund, which supports projects that help increase recycling capabilities in cities all over the United States."

Increasing strategic philanthropic investments is part of the core purpose of CCCF. Executive Director Joseph Teipel shares that "this project is a great first step to building a sustainable waste diversion and recycling environment in Chaffee County. We must start our work as a community with data, and let that data direct future efforts." The study will be carried out by new Chaffee County

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Life

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the difference between life and death for a patient. We truly appreciate the support of the San Luis Valley healthcare facilities and the support of our alumni. To score 96 out of a hundred is truly impressive."

Hamilton oversees the nursing faculty at the Valley Campus.

Trinidad State will build on this strong program with an online RN-Bachelor of Science in Nursing program starting in August. For more information on any of the Trinidad State nursing programs please go to trinidastate.edu/nursing or email lorig.hamilton@trinidastate.edu.

Report courtesy of a press release from Greg Boyce, Trinidad State Junior College director of communications, greg.boyce@trinidastate.edu, 719-846-5530, office, 719-821-6397, cell.

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Opinion

God bless America ...

HOLLYWOOD — God Bless America, and how's everybody?
New Orleans rolled out the welcome mat for the city's spectacular annual Mardi Gras parade Tuesday night.
When I was in college at OU, my fraternity brothers and I attended Mardi Gras, and I learned a valuable lesson in the French Quarter. Never pick up a woman wearing a Super Bowl ring.
Hollywood movie studio mogul Harvey Weinstein was taken to jail following his guilty verdict Monday in Manhattan.
Before he could be processed, Weinstein complained of severe chest pains and was taken by ambulance to Bellevue Hospital. Fifteen minutes later, he took a turn for the nurse.



Argus Hamilton

The L.A. District Attorney said Harvey Weinstein will face more charges of rape in L.A. after the N.Y. case is finished. The first N.Y. jury vote could only agree on third-degree sexual assault.
In Hollywood third-degree sexual assault is defined as sex that was consensual, but you didn't get the part.
Forbes reported Michael Jackson and Elvis Presley were the two top-earning dead celebrities last year at 60 and 40 million.
Whitney Houston's hologram will be performing on a North American concert tour this summer. It's only right, a whole gram is what made her what she is today.
Berlin newspapers said German narcotics police in Saxony last weekend seized thousands and thousands of orange Ecstasy tablets that have Donald Trump's face on each tablet.
We must destroy every one of them.
The last thing anyone wants to see is for Germany to become Great Again.
President Trump was blamed for the spread of Corona Virus by the media and Democrats for not internationalizing America's effort to battle it Tuesday.
They're giving the Russians a much needed week off. Adam Schiff just announced he has proof that Trump colluded with the Coronans.
Wall Street endured the greatest two-day sell-off in market history on Monday and Tuesday as fears of the Corona Virus affecting business spread.
President Trump issued a statement to calm market jitters over the overseas pandemic. Trump said there are good people on both sides of the virus.

President Trump returned from India on Tuesday following a great reception there. A recent poll shows that Trump's approval rating in India is over 60%.
It just shows that in a country where there are no blacks, no Hispanics and no Muslims, Trump could get re-elected in a landslide.
Joe Biden's mind went wandering into fantasy again during his speech Tuesday.
Joe claimed he was arrested in South Africa 30 years ago while trying to meet Nelson Mandela right after he was released from captivity. Joe knows how conservatives just love those big game hunting posters.
Joe Biden told South Carolina voters five times he's running for re-election to the Senate and added that his son is the Attorney General.
He's a comedian's dream. I'm waiting for when Joe discloses that he was sitting on the front row when Don King gave his famous I Have a Dream speech.
United Airlines came in last of the major airlines in customer satisfaction in a recent survey of air passengers.
The last time I flew United, they lost my luggage and it was carry-on.
A graduating college senior arrived three hours late for a job interview with United and they hired him on the spot.
Modern Health recommended that people with healthy hearts who want to live a very long life maintain a regimen of fish and vegetables and exercise to get to the century mark.
Last week the oldest man on the planet died at the age of 112. Why does this keep happening?
Steven Spielberg said he's embarrassed and concerned that his adopted daughter Mikaela is going into porn.
She could have had a legitimate career in films if only she had some show business connections.
My guess is, they made her feel like the most unwanted adopted child since Prince Harry.

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Greedy wheel gets the grease

Sometimes, the prescription for pain is found in nature.
I'm not talking about herbal remedies, but a walk. A plain old walk. For me, it's a vast source of knowledge.
For me, it is the Rio Grande, which flows along oblivious to the seemingly endless water wars going on around it and how living creatures draw sustenance from it and its tributaries.
The legendary river originates in the high country of the San Juan Mountains. What happens at its origin rules what happens below.
As a rookie reporter in 1968, one of the first court cases I covered was an assault case involving two farmers and a headgate.
One of the men had begun to draw his irrigation water a bit too early and the other whacked him in the head with a shovel.
There was no intent to commit murder and no one died, but the shovel wielder was charged with attempting to kill.
Listening to him in the hallway, I think he was angry enough.
He had to pay the other man's medical bills.
Today, huge urban conglomerates peddle half-truths while fighting over

Native Writes



Sylvia Lobato

the San Luis Valley's water, which is produced by nature, owned by the users and pumped out of the underground aquifer. There is a busy water court.
The people who live here have girded for battle several times over the years as the thirsty suburbs sought to purchase water rights and then pump the precious resource to the consumptive Front Range. The courts have become the shovels, the taxpayer pays the tab ... The river flows across the broad, flat valley floor at about 7,500-8,000 feet in elevation, above an aquifer system that has long sustained extensive wetlands, identified as "marshes" by early explorers in the area.
Sitting on my rock, I would agree. It's soggy out there. Some folks have been drawing their water from cans and bottles that have piled up nearby, where an errant stream has pooled up.
Historic estimates show that, in this high, dry region, where the average rainfall on the valley floor is 6-to-8 inches per year, the aquifers and snowmelt from the mountains sustain more than 200,000 acres of internationally important wetlands.
These range from the lush riparian zone along the Rio Grande and its tributaries to extensive plateaus and expansive wetlands, often watered by agricultural water diversions.
The diverse wetlands support vast numbers of waterfowl, waterbirds and shorebirds and is a breeding ground for migrating flock of Greater Sandhill

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Reader feels behind in career trajectory

DEAR HARRIETTE: I constantly feel like I am behind the eight ball. I had a robust career that ended some years ago when my industry began to tank.
I have worked independently since then on a variety of projects. From the outside, I look successful, but my bank account tells a different story. Plus, I keep seeing people in my field who seem to be prosperous trying out new technology or aligning with big brands while I seem to be scrambling for crumbs.
I am beginning to feel like there's no more room for me and my talents and creativity. But I'm still in my 50s and have a family.
I have to keep working, but I'm not sure what to do to reinvent myself. I don't want to give up, but I need some guidance. — Second Act
DEAR SECOND ACT: Do not despair. You are not alone. In fact, statistics show that there are more seniors than 18 year olds in the United States. This is a time when our mature population should be valued more, and there are organizations out there that are trying to make that happen.
Open your eyes to the possibilities for people in your age group with your skills. Polish your resume, and highlight the things that you have excelled at over the years. Stop worrying about your contemporaries, and look for opportunities that feel right for you.
You must also work on your mindset. If you are feeling down, you will not attract the bounty that you want and deserve. To change your attitude, you can exercise more, drink a lot of water,

choose to think positive thoughts, surround yourself with people you love who are supportive of you, and seek professional help if you need it.
When you look for jobs, you can go to various online job boards, but be sure to narrow your search based on your skills and abilities.
Look for sites that specialize in your field, or go to jobs.aarp.org to check out a job board for older people that might have leads for you. For ideas on how to reinvent yourself, go to bit.ly/REINVENTSS.
DEAR HARRIETTE: I have been making many friends recently. A couple of days ago, I befriended a guy and we hit it off. We had many things in common, and we talked for hours.
However, there were some red flags that were going off when I was around him. He would make me uncomfortable and touch me in places I didn't want to be touched. I told him to keep his hands off, and he would comply but eventually continue anyway.
My biggest mistake was giving him my contact information. He texts me every day, from morning to evening, asking me too many personal questions.
I don't want to be mean to him, but whenever I tell him to leave me alone, he persists. I am scared, and I don't know what to do. — Always Followed
DEAR ALWAYS FOLLOWED: Block this person from your social media and your phone. Refuse to respond to his texts. Silence may work to make him realize you really are no longer interested in him.

Cranes who come here to mate.
Recorded history and prehistoric rock art show this has long been nature's cycle. New Mexico and Texas are constantly suing Colorado for more water, though increasing snowfall is not up to the courts.
The greatest job development around my church comes from nature, while greed greases its wheels.



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If it escalates, you may need to report him to the police to get this incident on the record.

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Lifestyle

Blue Rooster set to crow at Wildwood Sounds

CRESTONE — “Hey, let’s get together and play some music!” The stars aligned and Blue Rooster started to crow. Hailing from diverse educational, administrative, even full-time musician backgrounds.

Blue Rooster is comprised of Peter Taylor, harmonica; guitar and percussion, Eli Dokson; guitar, Dale Smith, drums and cajon; and John Hefty, electric bass. All four are accomplished vocalists and contribute to an eclectic mix of rock, n’roll, blues, soul and Americana covers, adding strong original compositions to their set lists.

Blue Rooster travels the length of the San Luis Valley, with occasional treks to Colorado’s Front Range and northern New Mexico, playing clubs

plus select festival dates and even car shows. Having come of age in the ‘Golden ’60s, all members are seasoned but sound, making a point to bring their best to audiences both large and small. “A room full of dancing, smiling people is what we’re after” is the Blue Rooster mantra, and the band does love to play. Check out Blue Rooster’s online presence at www.bluroosterband.org and on Facebook at “BlueRoosterBandCrestone”. Cockadoodle doo.

Tickets cost \$20 at the door — reserve by calling 719-657-4757 or email wshcv7@gmail.com. Doors open at 6:30 and music stars around 7 p.m. This is a sweetie, snackie potluck. Anyone can bring his or her favorite treats to share with coffee and tea on the house. Wildwood Sounds is lo-



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located at 850 Grande Ave. in Del Norte on Hwy 160. The venue will be hosting its 731st show and sports a perfect listening room with space for dancing.



El Paso County joins effort to say no to force wolf introduction

COLORADO SPRINGS — Wednesday, Colorado Stop the Wolf Coalition announced the latest Colorado county to pass a resolution against forced wolf introduction in the state.

El Paso County Commissioners voted unanimously on Tuesday to oppose forced wolf introduction. As one of the fastest-growing counties along Colorado’s Front Range, El Paso County Commissioners acknowledged that forcing wolves into Colorado will have negative impacts statewide. The resolution pointed out that El Paso County is not only home to agricultural and ranching businesses that would be negatively impacted by forced wolf introduction, but also hurt the county’s tourism industry, which draws millions of people every year to area trails and open spaces. “This is the right thing to do, the economic impact is clear in the state of Colorado, not only would it be a danger to the very important industries of ranching and farming in

our state, it also would be a danger to those that enjoy the outdoors so much,” said commissioner Stan VanderWerf. “And I don’t even get it, it’s not a natural species to the state of Colorado, so it isn’t even logical why anyone would want to introduce,” he concluded. El Paso County now joins Douglas and Elbert counties as high population counties along the Front Range that are officially opposing any efforts to force the introduction of wolves in Colorado.

The number of Colorado Counties now opposing forced wolf introduction stands at over 30, with that number expected to rise in the coming months. The list of Colorado counties opposed, and their resolutions, can be [found here](#). “We’re grateful for commissioner Stan VanderWerf’s leadership on this important issue, and the unanimous support from his fellow El Paso County commissioners.

“Our coalition was happy to work with them in providing the facts, grass-roots support, and

research they needed to pass a strong No Wolf Introduction Resolution,” said Denny Behrens, co-chairman of Colorado Stop the Wolf Coalition. “There’s a good reason why El Paso County, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and many other agencies have opposed introduction of wolves in Colorado. They’ve seen the data from other states that have tried this foolish idea before and the resulting devastating consequences.

Not only is wolf introduction a bad idea, but it’s not fair to the wolves that would be uprooted from their native lands and forced into our populated state,” concluded Behrens.

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In honor of Nonprofits in the San Luis Valley, we’ll be publishing a special edition on March 18th. This publication will be created and distributed through the Valley Courier, Monte Vista Journal, Del Norte Prospector, South Fork Times, Mineral County Miner, Center Post Dispatch, Conejos County Citizen, and the Valley Community Fund along with its member organizations.

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Lifestyle



Director Emily Barton teaches the cast a song while Melissa Faucette plays the accompaniment on the piano.

Courtesy Photo

“We are beyond excited to share our love of storytelling.”

—Emily Martin Sanford School music director

Seussical Jr. Will be a success at Sanford School

SANFORD — Sanford drama is preparing to take the stage again.

The auditions for Seussical Jr. were held Feb. 7 and over 40 students auditioned.

Emily Barton is directing the musical, which will be performed on May 1-2 at Sanford School.

“We had 40 kids between grades 3 and 12 come to auditions,” Barton said. “Everyone who auditioned this year showed us so much talent, and we saw big improvements from those who auditioned last year.”

“We are beyond excited to share our love of storytelling with these kids and show them how to give a compelling performance.”

After a huge success last year with Annie Jr., everyone is excited to get working on another musical.

The amount of talent that the students possess is amazing. Having a theater program really helps students explore another avenue of talent they might not have known they had.

This year, more students are expected to help backstage, along with a few high school students who have a chance to learn lights and sounds. Parents and other members of the community are great at supporting the efforts of these students. They help with costumes, props and other technical aspects of the show.

Seussical Jr. includes favorite Dr. Seuss characters like Cat in the Hat and Horton, but there are lots of other characters, too. Over 44 books or characters are referenced in the musical. Don't miss the musical performance and watch as one's favorite Dr. Seuss characters interweave together into one wild story.

Press release for report courtesy of Sanford School secretary Amy Larson

Popular classroom learning apps

It is impossible to ignore the immense popularity of digital learning tools in today's schools.

Teachers routinely turn to online tools and available applications to offer students all the resources they need to become well-rounded individuals.

According to research from Grunwald Associates, LLC, 71% of parents embrace mobile devices and feel they open up learning opportunities for students that didn't previously exist. The research also suggests that a similar percentage of parents would like teachers to recommend apps for students.

Navigating learning apps can be daunting due to the sheer volume of apps available. According to Apps for Education, there are more than 500,000 educational apps currently available for download.

Apps can be stimulating and fun, but finding quality resources may involve sorting through those that aren't necessarily valuable. The following are some apps parents may want to consider.

► **Memrise:** Learning a second or third language can be a boon to students of any age. Some schools may be limited in the number of languages they offer.

Therefore, an app may be a great resource for students looking to learn a new language. Memrise drills students on vocabulary, phrases, aural recognition and more.

► **Kahoot:** Kahoot is a platform to create games and review content. Players answer questions on their individual devices, while games are displayed on a shared screen. Kahoot can be an ideal

way for several students to prepare for a test in a digital study session.

► **Reading Eggs:** This comprehensive learning system covers essential components of reading: awareness, vocabulary, phonics, fluency and comprehension. Parents can see progress reports and know if and where extra attention may be necessary.

► **Edmodo:** This app is designed to streamline workloads for teachers and help make it easier for them to stay connected with the classroom and their students.

Parents can set up accounts and stay abreast of their children's activities, grades, messages and progress. Though it's not a learning app, Edmodo can be a valuable tool for classroom management.

► **Epic:** This online children's subscription book service offers immediate, on-demand access to high-quality reading materials for children ages 12 and under.

Voracious readers will always have content they can access, in addition to audio books, educational videos and educational quizzes.

► **Photomath:** This app enables students to snap pictures of complicated math problems and get step-by-step directions on how to answer them.

Instead of simply giving the answer, Photomath provides students with the tools to answer the problems on their own.

► **StudyBlue:** Students can create and share mobile flash cards, study guides, quizzes and choose from other study materials to help reinforce lessons.

Educational apps play a vital role in educating today's students. BS197059

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Lifestyle

Wolf Creek Ski Area going strong

PAGOSA SPRINGS—Wolf Creek Ski Area in Southern Colorado is celebrating its 80th anniversary of abundant powder and an atmosphere unique to the family owned and operated ski area.

Since commemorating the 75th season of Wolf Creek in 2014-15, various milestones, achievements, improvements and upgrades have been accomplished.

The 2014-15 ski season was one for the books. With Kingsbury Pitcher being inducted to the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, the installment of Wolf Creek's eighth chairlift named Elma an upgrade to the Fun Races with the construction of a Race Hutch and offering a snowboard version of Wolf Pups, named Wolf Riders.

In the five seasons since the 80th anniversary, Wolf Creek Ski Area has continued to organically evolve with: the addition of two new lifts; online ski school reservations; a lift ticket specific to ages 65 and older; an espresso bar atop the Continental Divide; and the development of the largest exploder system in North America; just to name a few.

Wolf Creek Pass saw its 100th year of travel in 2016 with \$9 million dollars in improvements during 2018-2019. In 2016, the Pitcher Family celebrated 40 years of operating Wolf Creek. The family has gone from hand-stamped lift and lesson tickets with metal wickets to a point-of-sale system with bar-coded tickets and a computerized system that also allows season pass holders to go directly to the lift.

The point-of-sale system has moved Wolf Creek Ski Area into e-signing season pass contracts and waivers and rental liability forms. This system only further complements the sustainable and eco-friendly practices the Pitcher's have implemented during the 45-year stewardship of its U.S. Forest Service Special use permit.

Wolf Creek Ski Area has also made its mark in the ski industry as the first ski area in the country to operate on 100% solar power during day use and other sustainable energy sources for night use.

Wolf Creek's 79th season was memorable with over 550 inches of snow and Wolf Creek Ski Area's second-earliest opening in history, Oct. 13.

Wolf Creek Ski Area's improvements from 2019-2020: The full-service Lynx Learning Center complete with rentals, lessons and tickets for beginner skiers; two new major trails, Orion's Beltway and Feather Duster; the introduction of the Charity Jane Express and the accompanying terrain

Raven Grill upgrade with sunroom and BBQ smoker. The Pitchers look forward to the anniversaries, milestones improvements and upgrades to come. Help commemorate the 80th season with some turns here at Wolf Creek.

View how Wolf Creek Ski Area came to be at Wolf Creek's YouTube Channel.

Report courtesy of a press release from Sarah Stephens-Sparrow, Marketing, Wolf Creek Ski Area, P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-5639, www.WolfCreekSki.com.



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Activity monitors for pets

Activity trackers are wearable electronic accessories that many individuals use to track their health and help them meet their fitness goals.

Though activity trackers are a useful tool for humans looking to improve their well-being, they may also be beneficial to pet owners looking for more insight into the health metrics of their furry friend.

Dr. Lori Teller, a clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, offers some insight on the benefits and drawbacks of these monitors, as well as whether an activity tracker is right for your pet.

Activity monitors for pets may be able to measure step count, quality of sleep, heart rate, respiration rate, ambient temperature and the pet's location via GPS.

"Owners who use their own trackers may find it fun to compare with their pet's information or use it as motivation to increase their pet's activity," Teller said.

Data collected from these activity trackers also can be useful in establishing trends in your pet's health.

"If a pet has maintained a certain level of activity and then it decreases, that could be reflective of early illness or an injury," Teller said. "Veterinarians could also use the activity data to measure response to treatment."

Activity trackers most commonly attach to a pet's collar.

For accurate data collection, it is essential that the tracker and collar fit correctly. Since some trackers are heavy, a proper fit can also decrease the likelihood

that a pet experiences discomfort from wearing the device.

These monitors also may encounter more challenges than their human counterparts.

"Because dogs and cats have four legs and a different walking motion than bipeds, measuring steps in the classical human sense is very difficult," Teller said. "The technology behind 3D accelerometers (used in pet activity monitors) measures motion instead of steps. This technology is used in research studies and appears to be reliable."

Though activity trackers for pets provide an innovative method for pet owners to engage with the health of their animal, Teller advises owners to exercise caution in how much trust they place in these devices.

"Owners should determine if an activity tracker will provide them with information that they want or that their veterinarian could use, especially when monitoring chronic conditions or response to treatment plans," Teller said.

"This is a relatively new area in veterinary medicine, so the data obtained from activity monitors should only be used as one method of assessing your pet's health," she said. "Activity monitors do not replace regular veterinary visits and common sense."

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the web at vetmed.tamu.edu/news/pet-talk. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

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Public Notices

Request For Bids

Alamosa Public Schools is seeking bids from qualified Asbestos Abatement Contractors for Asbestos Abatement at Ortega Middle School located at, 401 Victoria Street in Alamosa, Colorado. The following is a list of the work required but not limited to:

- 1) Asbestos Abatement of 7 rooms
- 2) Ceiling tiles, floor tiles and transite panels
- 3) Work must start May 26, 2020
- 4) Estimate of time required to complete work required
- 5) Coordinate with District Environmental Engineer
- 6) Contractor required to provide State Permit
- 7) Contractor to provide restroom facilities
- 8) Electrical and water will be available at NO cost to contractor
- 9) Written minimum 2 year warranty for all work.
- 10) Worker Compensation Certificate required (All certificates required before work starts)
- 11) Minimum \$1,000,000 Liability, vehicle coverage required with school district endorsement
- 12) Successful contractor must submit Back ground checks for all ON-SITE employees

All interested contractors must attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting to be held at the District Administration Office located at 209 Victoria Street on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Alamosa Public Schools reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and according to BOE policies is not required to accept the lowest bid. The deadline for sealed bids will be Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and must be addressed to Alamosa School District, Ortega Middle School Asbestos Abatement, 209 Victoria Street, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. No late bids will be accepted or opened. Questions can be directed to Charlie Jackson, Director of Maintenance at (719)-588-2093.
NO. 1314
Published in the Valley Courier on February 22, 25, 26, 27, and 28, and 2020

Request For Bids

Alamosa Public Schools is seeking bids from qualified Concrete Contractors for pouring Concrete Slabs at the Alamosa K-2 Elementary School located at 1707 West 10th Street, in Alamosa, Colorado. The following is a list of the work required but not limited to:

- 1) Removal and stock piling of landscape rock and boulders
- 2) Removal of sod, trees, shrubs and misc. plants is required
- 3) Compact sub grade for new concrete
- 4) Provide material and labor for approx. 3,050 sq. ft. of concrete slab work
- 5) Concrete to be 4500 psi with wire and fiber mesh and air
- 6) Control joints are to be included
- 7) Broom finished with curing compound
- 8) Protection of existing concrete is required
- 9) Colored concrete is part of this project
- 10) Contractor to provide restroom facilities
- 11) Electrical and water will be available at NO cost to contractor
- 12) Written minimum 2 year warranty for all work.
- 13) Worker Compensation Certificate required (All certificates required before work starts)
- 14) Minimum \$1,000,000 Liability, vehicle coverage required with school district endorsement
- 15) Successful contractor must submit Back ground checks for all ON-SITE employees
- 16) All interested contractors must attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting to be held at the District Administration Office located at 209 Victoria Street on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Alamosa Public Schools reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and according to BOE policies is not required to accept the lowest bid. The deadline for sealed bids will be Friday, March 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and must be addressed to Alamosa School District, Alamosa K-2 Elementary School Concrete Bid, 209 Victoria Street, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. No late bids will be accepted or opened. Questions can be directed to Charlie Jackson, Director of Maintenance at (719)-588-2093.
NO. 1316
Published in the Valley Courier on February 22, 25, 26, 27, and 28, 2020

221 HELP WANTED

CONEJOS COUNTY IS seeking a Heavy Equipment Operator/Driver/Laborer. Applicant must be able to operate a loader, grader, belly dump, and drive a semi, must have a class A Commercial Drivers License, clean driving record and pass a pre-employment drug screen. \$16.25/HR County application form required. Applications available at County Human Resources/Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos CO. or via email upon request at cricci@co.conejos.co.us. Deadline is Friday, March 6, 2020. Inquiries call (719) 376-6799.(3/6)

ALAMOSA HOUSING AUTHORITY IS seeking a qualified individual for a full-time Maintenance Laborer position. General: Under supervision performs work of semi-skilled nature in the area of housing maintenance and grounds. Clean/paint apartments, operate landscaping equipment, repair minor furnace problems, perform plumbing duties. Must be able to be on call for emergency maintenance requests. Job Qualifications: Working knowledge of maintenance of appliances, electrical, plumbing and grounds. Minimum of one year experience in electrical repair, plumbing, maintenance or similar, able to follow directions. Desirable but not required. Knowledge of common hand tools, carpentry, plumbing, etc. general mechanical understanding and ability, valid Colorado Driver's License good driving record, must be able to pass Colorado Background Investigation. Benefits include \$12.00 an hour, medical, dental, and vision. Apply at Alamosa Housing Authority at 213 Murphy Drive. Job will close on March 13, 2020 The Alamosa Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (3/13)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is now accepting applications for Anticipated K-12 Principal for the 2020-2021 school year. Start date will be July 2020, with a competitive salary based on experience, plus and attractive benefit package. Qualifications: Experience as a vice-principal or comparable administrative experience. Must hold a Colorado Administrative License. Interested individuals should submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@Southconejoss.com by March 13, 2020. (3/13#1)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is now accepting applications for the following Anticipated Teaching Positions for the 2020-2021 school year: Secondary math teacher, Teacher of grade 1, .5 Art, and .5 Social Studies. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Please submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@southconejoss.com by March 13, 2020. (3/13#2)

221 HELP WANTED

LOOKING FOR A career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st South West Bank is growing and hiring in the following positions, Teller, Loan Assistant, and Loan Processor, offering a strong benefits package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to <https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/> for more details & to apply.(3/5)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is seeking a current paraprofessional. Candidate must possess Early Childhood Credentials, have great communication skills, and the ability to multi-task. Interested individuals should submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@Southconejoss.com by March 13, 2020.(3/13#3)

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position for the 2020-2021 school year: English Teacher (AHS) Must possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teachers License Applications are available online at <https://alamosa.k12.co.us>. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE (3/3)

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221 HELP WANTED

GIVEN THAT THE present attorney for the Town of La Jara has announced his intent to retire effective April 1, 2020, the town is accepting applications from attorneys who might be interested in accepting this position. This is not a full-time position. The successful applicant must be a graduate of an accredited law school and in good standing with the Colorado Supreme Court with no prior grievances to the Disciplinary Committee. The successful applicant will be expected to attend in person all regular and special meetings of the Board of Trustees. Compensation is negotiable by mutual agreement. Please submit Letter of Intent together with supporting documentation to include a resume, personal information, past experience, if any, in municipal government and not less than three references. Please submit application by no later than March 20, 2020, to the Town Clerk, 719-274-5363, PO Box 273, La Jara, CO 81140. (3/12)

221 HELP WANTED

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

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221 HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Fifth Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The person in this position will teach both Science and Language Arts. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by March 23, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996. (3/12)

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. Open until filled. (3/3 #1)

221 HELP WANTED

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) full time Manassa and La Jara Elementary music teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. NCSD offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Applications are available at the Administration office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejoss.com. Application deadline is until position is filled. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE(3/4)

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) full time custodian offering a competitive benefit package with up to \$915 towards health insurance. Applications are available at the Administration Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejoss.com. Please call 719-274-5174 with questions. Application deadline is until positions are filled. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE (2/28)

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRAND OPENING
DEL Norte Community Acupuncture Clinic Every Thursday 3:00pm to 6:00pm \$30.00 For Flu Prevention, Pain, Digestive issues, Trigger Point Therapy and Dry Needling. For Appointment call Jim Fox L.AC 360-821-9006, 99 6th St., Del Norte CO. (3/11)

2020 COLORADO CAUCUSES will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 @ 2:00PM. Doors open at 1:00 Meeting Room 128 Alamosa Family Recreation Center for all Alamosa County Precincts Questions admin@alamosademocrats.org Info www.alamosademocrats.org Ron Brink Chair Alamosa County Dems 719-480-3265. (3/7)

BIDS REQUESTED FOR Residential Light Installation A total of 23 ceiling light mounts and electrical power to be installed in eight apartments. Must be a licensed electrician and possess proof of Work Mans Comp and Liability Insurance. Bids must be submitted by noon March 10th, 2020. Please contact Saguache County Housing Authority, 719-849-0356 (3/5)

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS The East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District is accepting bids for a lease on an 80-acre parcel of farm ground located on Road 12 South, Alamosa, CO, along with 2 shares of Common Wealth Water. If a multi-year lease is proposed, please state proposed terms of lease. Bids should be a minimum of \$5,000 per year together with payment of water assessments. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 9, 2020. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 1092, Alamosa, CO 81101 or hand delivered to 10 Costilla Blvd. Alamosa, CO. Bids will be opened at the Board's regular meeting on March 12, at 6:00 p.m. at 10 Costilla Blvd. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.(2/29)

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIDS BEING SOUGHT for garage door installation at the Bus Garage of the Upper Rio Grande School District. For more information, please contact the Administrative Offices at 719-657-4040. Bids due by April 1.(4/1)

112 - BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

221 HELP WANTED

THE BOE OF Center Schools is now accepting applications for Substitutes for Pre-School and Toddler Classrooms for the remaining 2019-2020 School Year. Qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. All candidates must be able to pass background checks. Current or former Head Start or Early Head Start parents encouraged to apply. For information and application materials please call (719) 754-3442 or visit the District's website at www.center.k12.co.us and click on the Employment Opportunities and "Non-Certified Staff Application". Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.(2/29 #1)

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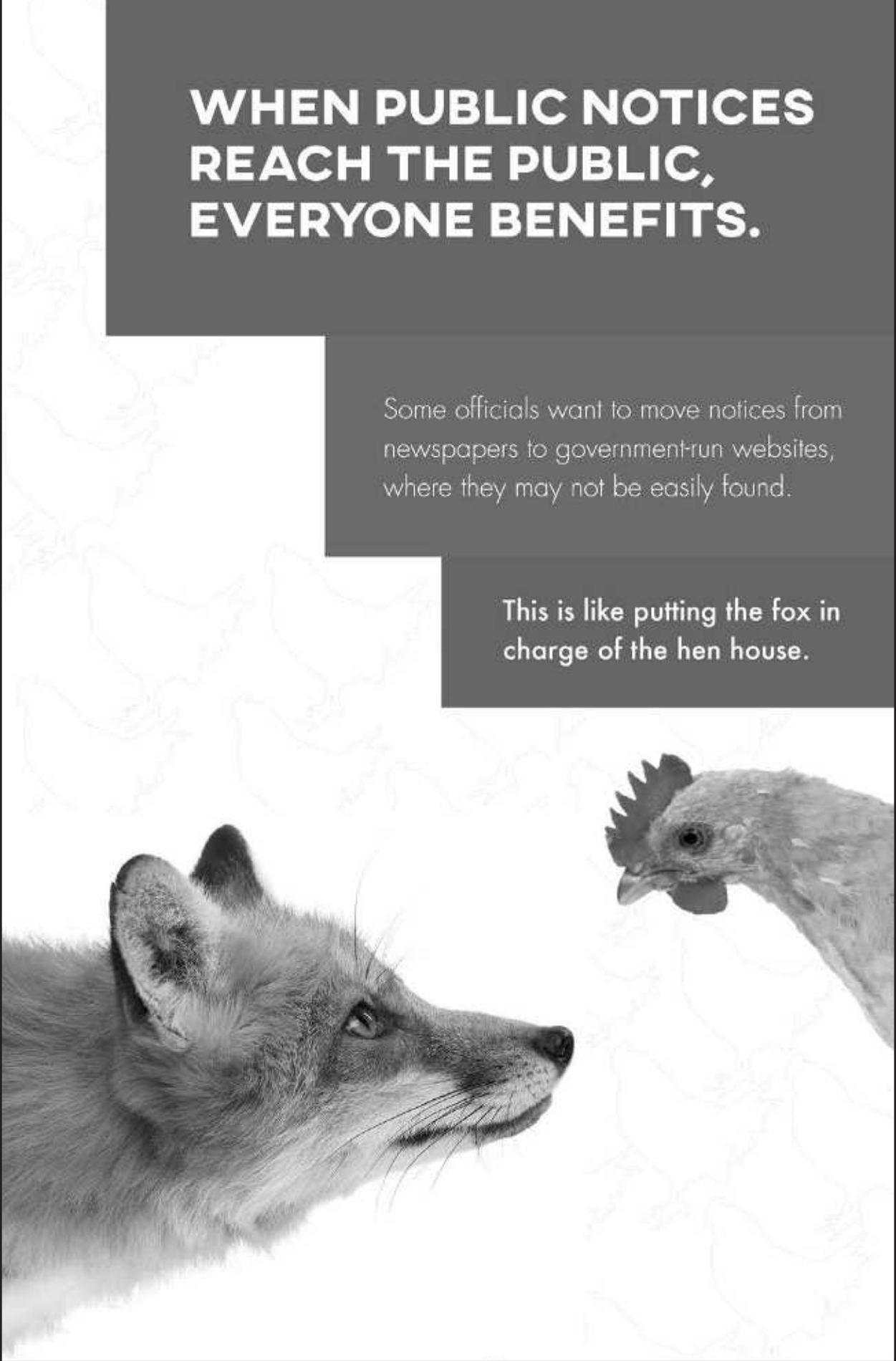
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- 17 Pet shop buy
- 19 Wildcatter
- 21 Brownish pigment
- 22 Checkout units
- 23 Totally stupid
- 24 All-out fights
- 26 Daisy Mae's creator
- 28 Postal meter unit
- 29 Comets, to an ancient
- 30 Bow and scrape
- 35 Fragrant compound
- 37 Terrifies
- 43 Smell
- 45 Evita or Juan
- 46 "My Way" composer
- 47 Stop working
- 48 Sharp point
- 49 Threshold
- 51 Library sect.
- 53 Jackie's tycoon
- 54 Jiffy
- 55 Before now

ALLEY OOP

Panel 1: "I'M GLAD YOU HID THIS CRATE, ALLEY. IT WAS A GOOD PLAN." "IS THIS ENOUGH TEA, DOC?" "PERFECT." "GREAT, THEN LET'S GET OUT OF HERE." "NOT SO FAST. WE HAVE ONE MORE QUICK STOP." "OOOH, LET ME GRAB ANOTHER CRATE OF POTASSIUM." "NO!"

ARLO & JANIS

Panel 1: "THE SMART THING TO DO WOULD BE TO WAIT!" "THERE'S NO HURRY, AND MAYBE PRICES WILL BE BETTER IN THE SPRING!" "HAVE YOU NOTICED WE COMMUNICATE BETTER WHEN WE'RE WALKING?" "I'M A LOT LESS LIKELY TO FALL ASLEEP!" "OF COURSE!"

BIG NATE

Panel 1: "THANKS, WHITEY, YOUR HUG ACTUALLY WORKED! I DON'T FEEL NERVOUS ABOUT THE GAME ANYMORE!" "IT'S ONLY A GAME, RIGHT?" "EXACTLY! IT'S ONLY A GAME..." "... AGAINST AN UNDEFEATED TEAM WITH FOUR SIX-FOOTERS, EACH OF WHOM IS AVERAGING A TRIPLE-DOUBLE FOR THE SEASON!" "BAD STATS TIMING, FRANCIS." "SORRY. WHITEY, GET BACK HERE."

THE BORN LOSER

Panel 1: "HERE'S A FUN FACT—THE SUN IS THE BEST SOURCE OF VITAMIN D, WHICH OUR BODIES NEED." "DOES ANYONE THINK THE MOON PROVIDES SOMETHING OUR BODIES NEED? WILBERFORCE?" "CHEESE!"

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Panel 1: "LOOK, GORDON—IF YOU REALLY LIKE FULLYSON, WHY DO YOU ACT LIKE SUCH A DWEEB WHEN SHE'S AROUND?" "WHY DON'T YOU GET, YOU KNOW... NORMAL?" "BECAUSE I'M BORING WHEN I'M NORMAL!" "NOBODY WANTS TO GO OUT WITH A BORING, NORMAL, ORDINARY GUY." "THAT'S NOT TRUE!" "YEAH!" "MARTHA GOES OUT WITH MIKE, DOESN'T SHE?!"

FRANK & ERNEST

Panel 1: "WE CLOCKED YOU ON THE VINE AT 15 OVER THE SPEED LIMIT." "LAW OF THE JUNGLE IS NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE."

GARFIELD

Panel 1: "BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!" "JON NEVER GETS MY JOKES EITHER."

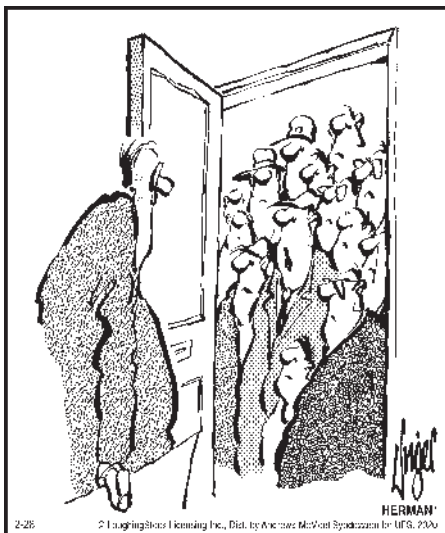
THE GRIZZWELLS

Panel 1: "WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THAT PET ROCK I GAVE YOU FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY A FEW YEARS AGO?" "IT RAN AWAY." "FINE! IT RAN AWAY. I THREW IT AWAY! WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?" "I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT WAS A COLLECTOR'S EDITION ROCK!" "NOT TO MENTION, OOO PICK OF THE LITTER."

PEANUTS

Panel 1: "HERE ARE SOME MORE RULES ABOUT THE DAISY HILL PUPPY CUP AWARD." "EACH NOMINEE MUST SUBMIT FIVE LETTERS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES STATING WHY HE SHOULD BE NAMED 'THE NEIGHBORHOOD DOG OF THE YEAR'." "DON'T ASK ME TO WRITE A LETTER FOR YOU! I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND YOU FOR 'DOG OF THE MINUTE'." "WHAHH!" "AND CRYING WON'T HELP!!"

HERMAN



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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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TODAY'S CLUE: A quote by P. Dinklage

Previous Solution: "I am an actor, I do a movie, that's the end of it. You have to realize we are just clowns for hire." — Leonardo DiCaprio

Woman feels little connection to mom begging her for money

DEAR ABBY: I was born into a poor family, and my father gave me up for adoption to his well-to-do sister. My narcissistic adoptive mother severely abused me physically, mentally and emotionally as a child, and tormented me financially as an adult. I no longer speak to her.

My biological mother has been attempting to have a relationship with me as her daughter. But I don't regard her as my mother. I don't feel anything toward her. All those years of abuse have left me feeling...jaded.

My biological mother is still poor, and she constantly asks me for money to help my nieces and nephews with their needs. I understand that they are blood, but I work hard for my money and cannot afford to support them financially. They have had plenty of opportunities in the past to better their lives but decided to live off handouts. How do I find validation that I am a person and not just a piggy bank? -- JADE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR JADE: Considering the circumstances in which you were raised, it may not be easy. A way to find some of that validation would be to start establishing some boundaries in your life. If you can afford to see a licensed mental health professional, you

would benefit greatly by scheduling some sessions. Not only will it help you to get your priorities straight, it may also help you to feel less guilty about saying no to relatives with ulterior motives.

DEAR ABBY: I felt compelled to write after seeing your Dec. 15 response to "Anywhere, USA," the hosts seeking guidance about how to respond to the daughter of longtime friends who had recently visited. The daughter had emailed asking for a report on her parents' habits and conduct during their trip.

As a caregiving daughter myself, knowing many other caregiving adult children and belonging to a few support groups for caregivers, I believe inquiring of family friends and other relatives about their loved ones is not wrong or invasive. Our loved ones behave differently in different situations. How they negotiate changes and social situations without the caregiver present may provide important clues and information regarding their mental/cognitive status.

Caregivers try to give their loved ones as much freedom as safely possible. Gaining information about the visit would possibly give you clues regarding the ability to travel independently or health professional, you not, and whether they can



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still negotiate social and public situations appropriately. These are examples of things that a caregiver will never observe without the eyes of others.

Many caregivers out there read your column, and others who have aging, declining friends with caregiving kids. People must not hesitate to say something when they notice a change in behavior.

-- LOYAL READER IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR READER: I'm printing your letter because it is representative of the response I received about "Anywhere, USA's" letter. You raise an important issue about how it "takes a village" to band together and to share observations about changes in older people's comportment beyond simple aging.